



# Warwickshire County Athletics Association

**THE 23<sup>RD</sup> ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**  
**HELD AT COVENTRY GODIVA HARRIERS' HEADQUARTERS**  
**ON WEDNESDAY 21<sup>ST</sup> NOVEMBER 2012 at 7:30 p.m.**

## Agenda

1. Apologies for absence.
2. Acceptance of the minutes of the AGM held on Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> November 2011 and matters arising.
3. The Annual Report by WCAA Chairman, Rebecca Freeman
4. The Financial Report by WCAA Treasurer, Jeremy Eastaugh
5. Affiliation Fees for 2012-13  
The Treasurer and Officers propose no increase in the County fee for the coming financial year.
6. Election of Officers and Officials.
7. Any Constitutional Changes.
8. Any other business - at the discretion of the Chairman.
  - a) The Ellis Trophy.
  - b) Date of the 2013 AGM – Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> November 2013.

**Minutes of the 23<sup>rd</sup> Annual General Meeting at Coventry Godiva Headquarters**  
**On Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> November**

**Present at Meeting**

Rebecca Freeman	WCAA Chairman & Solihull
Jeremy Eastaugh	WCAA Hon Treasurer & Leamington C and AC
Ray Morgan	WCAA Vice President & Leamington C and AC
Goeff Wheeler	WCLL Hon Endurance Secretary & Centurion RC
Alan Edwards	WCAA LVP & Leamington C and AC
Bill Adcocks	Coventry Godiva Harriers
Stewart Barns	WCAA Vice President & Coventry Godiva Harriers
Ian Riley	WCAA & Royal Sutton Coldfield AC
Margery Ewington	WCAA LVP & County Officials Secretary and Nuneaton Harriers
Barry Ewington	Nuneaton Harriers
Graham Healey	WCAA LVP & Sparkhill Harriers
Bob Carey	WCAA Trophies & Sphinx
Pat Taylor	WCAA Hon Secretary & Nuneaton Harriers

**Apologies for absence**

Keith Richards	WCAA President Elect & Coventry Godiva Harriers
Richard Carney	B.R.A.T.
Mike Crust	Kenilworth Runners
Gordon Horne	Coventry Godiva Harriers
Stewart Harris	WCAA LVP
Mike Doyle	WCAA LVP & Sparkhill Harriers

**Acceptance of the minutes of the 2011 AGM and matters arising.**

No matters arising and minutes accepted.

**WCAA 2012 AGM Agenda Item 3**

**The Annual Report by the WCAA Chairman – Rebecca Freeman**

**1. General**

In competition terms it has been a hectic time. In June, Helsinki hosted the European Championships and, as we are all aware, there was the small matter of an Olympic and Paralympic Games, which took place in August and September in London and many people from the County were involved either competing or officiating. In the coming twelve months we have the World Championships in Moscow to look forward to.

The County Association has continued to support the Warwickshire Road Race League (WRRL) which has gone from strength to strength. The results and other useful information are available on a specific web site (reached through the County website) and all of the athletes can now see all of their performances in all of the races. The new League notice board was available at all races although the amount of interest it generated was disappointing. The new arrangements for presenting the County medals at the Championship races has been well received and is something that will be continued in coming seasons.

A number of County athletes have produced excellent performances over the last year including some at the very highest level.

We had some excellent Club results too:

- At the Midlands Cross Country Championships, held at Wollaton Park, Royal Sutton Coldfield won the U17 Womens title and Birchfield Harriers took the U20 Womens title.
- Coventry Godiva were second to Tipton in the Birmingham Cross Country League. Rugby and Northampton won Division 2 and recently established club Knowle and Dorridge were second in Division 3.
- Birchfield Harriers ladies retained the UK Womens League title.
- The Birchfield Ladies also had an excellent victory at the National Cross Country Relays at Mansfield.

### **3. Volunteers**

There are many people, too numerous to mention, who help and support the County Association and who also do a lot of work for their Clubs, the Midland Counties, the UKCAU, the Networks and the West Midlands Council.

Several Warwickshire technical officials were chosen to officiate at this year's Olympic Games. Congratulations to Graham Heeley, Stewart Barnes, Rob Mulgrue, Stuart Paul, Dave Sprayson, Paul Nash and Mary Hodges.

Norma Pugh, Stuart Paul and Les and Thelma Barnett were recognised for their services to Athletics with Achievement Awards presented by the West Midlands Region of England Athletics. Birchfield Harriers also received an award at the same event for Development Club of the Year.

I would also like to take this opportunity to thank Richard Carney who is stepping down as from his role as Honorary Promotions Secretary. Richard has been doing this very important role for as many years as I can remember, and the time and effort it takes to organise a successful Cross country or track and field meeting is often forgotten as all the activity happens before the meeting takes place. Richard has also decided to leave the Executive committee and will leave a big gap as we all appreciate his honest and balanced views on the issues that face us as a County. I would like you to join me in taking this opportunity to wish Richard all the best for the future.

It is not possible to list everybody and these are just a few examples from an extremely long list of Volunteers (unpaid workers) to illustrate the effort they make to create the sport which gives great pleasure to our athletes and their supporters.

Please read the "Bear" to follow our Members' progress in and out of competition.

### **4. WCAA Championships** **Cross Country**

The Championships were staged at Solihull Sixth Form College for the first time. Well done and many thanks to Knowle and Dorridge Running Club who as a recently formed club took on the organisation of what was a successful event.

Danielle Stewart (Cov Godiva) won her first Senior title in the Ladies race and Phil Hinch (Tipton) made the most of James Walsh's absence to win the Senior Mens title. The other age group winners were: Orlando Corea (Masters), Matthew Rose (U20), Abdi Abdi (U17), Charlie Davis (U15), Tom Dodd (U13), Imogen Peace (Masters), Mallory English (U20), Katie Ingle (U17), Sian Rainsley (U15) and Karys Amory (U13).

taking two each. Birchfield, Stratford, Royal Sutton Coldfield and Leamington won one each.

Unfortunately after speaking with Worcestershire they are not able to combine with us next January and the Championships will be held at Newbold Comyn at Leamington. Many thanks to Noel Butler and the team at Leamington for agreeing to host at short notice.

### **Track and Field**

The championships were held at Saffron Lane, Leicester over the weekend of the 12<sup>th</sup>/13<sup>th</sup> May. The stadium staff and facilities, combined with the good weather, produced an excellent event. This was the twelfth year that the Track and Field Championships have been held in conjunction with Leicestershire and Rutland AA.

The Warwick Vase was won by Coventry Godiva. The Jack Hartley Trophy for the best individual performance was awarded to Jake Porter of Birchfield Harriers for his performance in the U20M 110m Hurdles and his time of 13.9s was a new County record. For the second time we recognised the top performances by individuals in each age group. All the results can be found via the results link on the County website.

The date of the 2013 Championships has been moved to the end of May and will be held over the weekend of 24<sup>th</sup>/25<sup>th</sup> May 2013 when will again be at Saffron Lane.

### **Road**

Eleanor Fowler of Nuneaton Harriers won the 5k, 5m, 10k, 10m and half marathon championships completing a clean sweep of all the County titles available on the Road. Many congratulations to Eleanor on a stunning series of performances over the season. In the Mens championship Harvey Speed of Coventry Godiva took two titles (5m and 10k). Toby Spencer (Coventry Godiva – 5k), Alistair Smith (Coventry Godiva – 10m) and Richard Simkiss (Kenilworth Runners – half marathon) took the others. Several Masters took multiple titles but the “stars” were Dawn Compton who also completed a clean sweep of titles in her age group and Graham Lawrence with three titles.

502 men and 293 women from Warwickshire Clubs participated in the Warwickshire Road Race League during 2012. It is pleasing to see the number of clubs represented in the results. Richard Simkiss of Kenilworth Runners retained his individual title and Eleanor Fowler of Nuneaton Harriers won the individual titles. Kenilworth Runners retained the mens trophy and Spa Striders won the womens team trophy.

## **5. Inter County Competition – WCAA Teams.**

### **Cross Country**

The Championships were again held at Cofton Park which once again proved to be a superb venue for the event. The most notable performance on the day came from the U17 Womens team who made it onto the podium in third place behind Surry and Sussex. First counter was Katie Ingle (RSC) in 9<sup>th</sup> place, followed by Naomi Richardson (Cov Godiva), Megan McBrien (RSC) and Rebecca Robinson (RSC)

Other notable performances:- U13B Tom Dodd, 15<sup>th</sup> and SM team 8<sup>th</sup>.

Congratulations and thanks to all of the athletes who represented the County and thanks to the team of managers who supported the athletes.

### **Track and Field**

The Senior UKCAU Championships were once again staged at Bedford, although the event was moved to the end of August and took place over the weekend of 25<sup>th</sup>/26<sup>th</sup> August. The track events from 800m upwards for both men and women were held as part of the British Milers Club

managers and the officials. It also caused some confusion as it wasn't clear who was running in the Championship event as competitors were spread over a number of races. Removing these races from the main programme meant that some of the atmosphere over the weekend was lost.

Two athletes won their events Matt Roberts in the High Jump and Sineade Gutzmore in the Triple Jump. Other notable performances were: 2<sup>nd</sup> Remy Barrett, Womens 100m, 3<sup>rd</sup> Hayley Murray, Womens Hammer and 5<sup>th</sup> Kerry Murch, Womens Javelin.

The Men were thirteenth overall with 19 points and the Women were tenth with 30 points.

The 2012 U13/U15 Intercounties match took place at Grantham on the 9<sup>th</sup> of September. After dominating for a number of years and finishing second last year the team were disappointed to finish 4<sup>th</sup> on the day behind Leicester, South Yorkshire and Derbyshire. The best performance of the day from a Warwickshire athlete was Harry Morby of Birchfield who won the Best Athlete award for the U15 Boys Field with a throw of 46.16m in the Javelin. Other winners were: U15 Boys Reuben Esien, 80m Hurdles, Tom Dodd, 800m, U15 Girls 4 x 200m Relay, Grace Dempsey, High Jump, Annabelle Pask, Long Jump, Felicity Bee, Javelin, U13 Girls Emily Madden-Forman, 70m Hurdles.

Many thanks to John Nash for managing the youngsters.

## **Road**

There was no UKCAU road championship in 2012.

## **6. And finally.....**

I am very grateful to everyone who has helped me over the past year while I settle into the role of Chairman and try to fill the very big gap that was left by Ray standing down. It has been an interesting and on occasion challenging time but I am enjoying the role and hope that you see an improvement to the events that the County support.

I would like to thank the other Officers and team managers of the Association for their support, encouragement and wise words, they know who they are! The Association is blessed with Officers who are very enthusiastic and very experienced and make a truly excellent team.

A Vote of Thanks was proposed by Graham for a comprehensive report.

## **The Financial report by the WCAA Treasurer, Jeremy Eastaugh.**

### **WCAA TREASURER'S REPORT 2011 – 2012**

Our financial year ended on 30th September 2011 with a **deficit of £96.**

This is the first year we have collected The Road Race League levy, 10 clubs at £30 each, £300. Our medal expense for the 2012 awards was £299, I propose that the levy be increased to £50 to cover medals and other miscellaneous costs.

I would recommend that there be no alteration to Affiliation Fees for the time being, although this should always be under constant review.

The two major Championships that are promoted by the County rendered a surplus of £2,020 less than 2010 (£3,078): Track & Field £725 (£1,725) and Cross Country £1,295 (£1,354).

to draw 28 vests from our stock of 243 yet we need to order 46 more vests for 2013. I would suggest that the £2,790 vest stock is redundant and be written off.

The Santander Community Account stands at a very healthy £18,545 (£18,525). I propose to open a new account attracting better interest, we currently earn .1%, with myself and Graham Heeley as joint signatories.

I would apologise that the accounts have yet to be audited.

I present the Balance Sheet to the Annual General Meeting.

Jeremy Eastaugh  
Hon. Treasurer

### **Matters Arrising from report**

Warwickshire Road Race levy to be discussed at Officers Meeting prior to WRRL AGM.  
Bob to price the cost of trophies before we ask for higher fees.

Bill Adcocks proposed that we write off redundant stock of vests and Becky seconded, this was passed. There are a large amount of small vests, Ray suggested that we contact Guillam to ask if they would be of any use for school events. This action will be taken.

### **Affiliation Fees for 2012-13**

The Treasurer and Officers propose no increase in the County fee for the coming financial year.

## Election of Officers and Officials for 2012-13

The current Officers and Officials are listed below. Nominations/Volunteers are invited for all of the positions listed with the exception of President, President Elect and Trustees.

### Officers of the County Association.

President	Keith Richards
President Elect	Stewart Barnes
Hon Secretary	Pat Taylor
Hon Treasurer	Jeremy Eastaugh
Hon Chairman	Rebecca Freeman

### Officials of the County Association.

Hon Officials Secretary	Margery Ewington
Hon Promotions Secretary	Richard Carney
	<b><u>(Richard has indicted that he will be standing down)</u></b>
Team Managers Coordinator	Rebecca Freeman
"The Bear" Newsletter Editor	Keith Richards
Hon Trophies and Medals Secretary	Bob Carey
Trustees	Ian Riley and Graham Heeley
Auditors	Gareth Dixon and Keith Richards
Hon Endurance Secretary	Geoff Wheeler

### Life Vice Presidents.

The following have previously been elected Life Vice Presidents

Maureen Blore,	Alan Edwards,	Norma Blaine,	Ken Bull,
Winnie Dalton,	Mike Doyle,	Stewart Harris,	Janet Paul,
Graham Heeley,	Mary Hodges,	Frank Kirby,	Dyfrig Rees,
Edna Walker,	Henry Mortimer,	John Walker,	Ian Riley,
Les Barnett,	Margery Ewington,	Richard Carney,	
(19 in Total)			

### Past Life Vice Presidents

Margaret Babbington,	Ted Clifford,	Ken Dare,
Marianne Lingen,	Peter Milton,	Norman Walker,
(6 in total)		

### Vice Presidents.

Stewart Barnes,	Ray Morgan,
(2 in Total)	

Team Managers (for information only – they are appointed by the Team Managers Coordinator)

Cross Country	Simon Kinson , Nick Price, Simon Gale, Eddie Cockayne, Robert Pinton, Bob Carey, Helen Bebbington and Brian Higson.
Road	Tom and Pauline Dable (there are currently no Inter County road races)
U13/U15 track	John Nash and Becky Freeman
Seniors track	Becky Freeman
	<b><u>(Becky has indicted that she would like to stand down)</u></b>
Race Walking	Keith Richards
Fell Running	Eddie Cockayne

A Thank You Plaque is to be presented to Nick Price our outgoing President.

All the above positions were proposed by Graham Heeley and seconded by Ray Morgan.

None put forward for consideration

### **The Ellis Trophy 2012**

This trophy is awarded to an athlete with a Warwickshire County qualification of any age, in any discipline and in any event, who it is considered has competed with distinction on the national and international stage during the period between 01 November 2011 and 31 October 2012.

It is pleasing to note that there were many fine performances by Warwickshire athletes in the past year.

These include:-

3 Warwickshire - qualified athletes who competed in the 2012 Olympic Games.

Andrew Pozzi Stratford-upon-Avon AC competed on Tuesday 7th August in the 110m hurdles, but was still troubled by an injury sustained in winning the UKA Trials, failed to complete his heat.

Luke Lennon-Ford was a reserve for the 4x400m Relay.

Brendan Boyce, Coventry Godiva Harriers walked for Ireland in the longest athletic event, 50k, at 09.00 on Friday August 10, and finished 29<sup>th</sup> in a pb of 3.55.01.

After deliberation the nomination to the President of the Warwickshire County Athletics Association's to be the fourth recipient of Warwickshire's Ellis Trophy:-

### **Stratford-upon-Avon AC's ANDREW POZZI**

**Nick Price (WCAA President)**

### **Warwickshire County Fixtures for 2013**

5 <sup>th</sup> January	County Cross Country Championships Newbold Comyn, Leamington. Hosted by Leamington C & AC
9 <sup>th</sup> March	UKCAU Inter Counties Cross Country Championship at Cofton Park
24 <sup>th</sup> /25 <sup>th</sup> May	County Track and Field Championships at Saffron Lane, Leicester
7 <sup>th</sup> September (tbc)	U13/U15 Inter Counties match

### **Warwickshire Road Race League fixtures**

Some (tbc) will be invited to also host County Championships

7th April	Regency Run 10k
9th June	Two Castles 10k
12th June	Sphinx 5m
23rd June	Arden 9m
29th June	Stratford 6m
14th July	Northbrook 10k
15th Aug	BRAT 5k
21st Aug	Godiva Autumnal 5m
1st Sep	Kenilworth Half Marathon
29th Sep	Rugby 10m

**2013 AGM to be held on Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> November**



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