



Warwickshire County Athletics Association

MINUTES OF THE 25th ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING HELD AT COVENTRY GODIVA HARRIERS' HEADQUARTERS ON WEDNESDAY 19th NOVEMBER 2014 at 7:30 p.m.

Present: Keith Richards (Retiring President & Coventry Godiva)
Becky Freeman (WCAA Chairman & Solihull & Small Heath)
Jeremy Eastaugh (Treasurer & Leamington C & AC)
Bill Adcocks (Coventry Godiva)
Ian Riley (Royal Sutton Coldfield)
Mike Doyle (Sparkill Harriers)
Margery Ewington (County Officials Secretary & Nuneaton Harriers)
Barry Ewington (Nuneaton Harriers)
Stewart Barnes (LVP)
James Atkins (Kenilworth Runners)
Sara Habib (Kenilworth Runners)
Phil Gould (Kenilworth Runners)
Graham Heeley (County Endurance Officials Secretary & Sparkhill)
Bob Carey (WCAA Trophies & Sphinx)
Ray Morgan (Leamington C & AC)
Tony French (Northbrook)
Alan Edwards (Leamington C & AC)
Pat Taylor (WCAA Secretary & Nuneaton Harriers)

Apologies for Absence

Geoff Wheeler, Paul Bearman, Stewart Harris and Paul Hawkins.

Acceptance of the minutes of 2013 AGM and matters arising

Acceptance proposed by Ray Morgan, seconded by Keith Richards unopposed.

Rebecca Freeman WCAA Chairman's Annual Report

We lost two long serving a dedicated members of the West Midlands athletics communities this year in John Walker and Trevor Marsay, both familiar figures at athletics events. A minutes silence was held

General :In competition terms it was a busy time. At the end of July and the start of August the Commonwealth Games took place in Glasgow and a number of people from the County were involved competing, officiating or volunteering. Just 10

days after the last race at Hampden Park the European Championships started in Zurich. In the coming twelve months we have the World Championships in Beijing to look forward to in the build up to Rio in 2016.

The County Association has continued to support the Warwickshire Road Race League (WRRL) which continues to grow and go from strength to strength. The results and other useful information are available on a specific web site which can be reached through the County website and all of the athletes can see all of their performances in all of the races.

County Highlights

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 Newbold Comyn, Leamington Rugby & Northampton won the U13 Boys title and Birchfield Harriers the U17 Men's title.

Bourneville Harriers were winners in Division 2 in the Birmingham Cross Country League.

Birchfield Harriers won the Midland Ladies 6 Stage Road Relay event.

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.

It is not possible to list everybody in the extremely long list of volunteers (unpaid workers) however it is important to recognise the effort they make to create the sport which gives great pleasure to our athletes and their supporters.

WCAA Championships

Cross Country

The Championships were staged jointly with Worcestershire and the event was hosted by Halesowen C&AC at a very muddy Halesowen.

In both of the senior races, the winner won their first Senior County titles with Nicola Sykes (Bourneville Harriers) winning the Ladies race and Jack Gray (BRAT) winning the Senior Men's title. The other age group winners were: Orlando Corea (Masters), George Goodwin (U20), Oliver Paulin (U17), Tom Dodd (U15), Hallam Cox (U13), Claire Grice (Masters), Katie Ingle (U20), Anne Kenchington (U17), Georgia Curry (U15) and Agnes McTighe (U13).

Coventry Godiva and Stratford-upon-Avon AC both took 2 team titles, with Bourneville Harriers, Solihull & Small Heath Harriers, Birchfield Harriers, and Leamington C&AC, Nuneaton Harriers and BRAT winning one each. The 2015 Championship will again be a combined championship with Worcestershire hosted by BRAT at Cofton Park on Saturday 3rd January 2015.

Track and Field

The championships were held at Pingles Stadium, Nuneaton over the weekend of the 17th & 18th May. The stadium staff and facilities, combined with the good weather, produced an excellent event. This was the fourteenth 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 Rory Dwyer (Stratford-upon-Avon AC) for his high jump of 2.13m a championship record in the U17 men's age group. The County again 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 2015 Championships has been agreed and it will revert to the bank holiday weekend of 23rd & 24th May 2015 when it will again be at Pingles Stadium.

Road

In the Ladies championships there was a different winner at each distance and the winners were: Eleanor Fowler (Nuneaton Harriers -10m), Kate Wright (Stratford-upon-Avon - half marathon), Nicola Sykes (Bournville Harriers – 5k), Kim Fawke (Centurion RR – 10m) and Zoe Chandler (Stratford-upon-Avon AC – 5m).

In the Men's championship Andrew Siggers of Kenilworth Runners took two titles (10m and half marathon). George Goodwin (Rugby & Northampton – 5k), Daniel Clarke (Coventry Godiva – 10k) and Andrew Savery (Leamington C & AC – 5m) took the others. Several Masters took multiple titles but the “stars” were Dave Pettifer of Kenilworth runners who won 4 out of 5 titles and Phil Gould (Kenilworth Runners) and Howard Anderson (Coventry Godiva) with three titles.

A total of 865 athletes from Warwickshire Clubs participated in the Warwickshire Road Race League during 2014, split into 561 men and 304 women – similar numbers to 2013. It is pleasing to see nearly all of the clubs affiliated to the County represented in the results. Andrew Siggers of Kenilworth Runners and Jo Kirby of Spa Striders won the individual titles. Kenilworth Runners retained the men's trophy and Spa Striders retained the women's team trophy.

Inter County Cross Country Championships

The Championships were again held at Cofton Park on a different course to previous years, but which once again proved to be a superb venue for the event. The most notable performance on the day came from the U20 Women's team who finished in 5th place. First counter was Zoe Chandler (Stratford) in 23rd place followed closely by with Megan McBrien (RSC) in 24th, Aimee Hopcroft (Birchfield Harriers) and Megan Blake (Solihull & SHAC) making up the team.

Other notable performances:- Senior Women Nicola Sykes, 11th; U13 Girls Agnes McTighe, 14th and U20 Men George Goodwin, 15th.

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

Track and Field

The Senior UKCAU Championships were once again staged at Bedford, and the event took place over the weekend of 23rd & 24th August. For the second successive year the County sent a small squad of athletes to the event with 4 male athletes and 3 female athletes. Matt Roberts was 2nd in the high jump with a jump of 2.00m, Remy Barrett Women's 100m; Hayley Murray, Women's Hammer and Craig Murch, Men's Hammer all finished 6th. Nicholas Pryce finished 7th in the Men's 200m final. Dionne Samuels, Women's 100m hurdles and Thomas Appleyard, Men 400m were the other athletes selected to compete.

The Men were 6th in Division 2 and the Women finished 10th in Division 1.

The 2014 U13 & U15 Inter County match took place at Hull on 13th September. After finishing behind Leicester for the last 3 years the team were back on form and won the overall event on the day. Warwickshire won all four sections, to finish with a very comprehensive victory. From the total of 74 events contested, Warwickshire athletes were in the top three places in 60, with 25 first place, 25 2nd's and a total of 20 new pb's were set.

The best performance of the day from a Warwickshire athlete was Zachary Elliott (Birchfield Harriers), who won the Best Athlete award for the U13 Boys Field with a jump of 5.17m in the Long Jump.

Many thanks to John Nash for managing the youngsters and for the officials who made the long journey to Hull to support the team.

Road

There was no UKCAU road championship in 2014.

Fell

The 2014 Inter County Fell championship took place on 18th May at Witton Park, Blackburn. In the women's race Marie Voice (Kenilworth Runners) finished 37th and Eloise Lee (BRAT) finished 41st. Emma Gould (Birchfield Harriers) did not finish following a nasty fall on a gravel path. Several gashes to her hand saw her win a trip to A&E. This was early on and she was in 10-15th place at the time. There were 57 finishers in the women's race, with Yorkshire winning the team race

In the men event Andrew Siggers (Kenilworth Runners) finished 18th and Pete Matthews (BRAT) 64th. There were 96 finishers in the men's race, with Middlesex winning the team race.

1. And finally...

I am very grateful to everyone who has helped me over the past three years while I have been in the privileged position of being Chairman of the County. It has been an interesting and on occasion challenging time, but on the whole an enjoyable time and I hope that you have seen 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! The Association is fortunate to have Officers who are very enthusiastic, passionate and experienced and work hard as a truly excellent team to make sure that the County events are successful year on year.

Rebecca Freeman, Chairman WCAA

Vote of thanks was given for a full and comprehensive report from Graham Heeley seconded by Bill Adcocks.

The Financial Report by the WCAA Treasurer, Jeremy Eastaugh.

Our financial year ended on September 30th 2014 very much in line with the previous year. We had a surplus of £264. Last year we ran at a cash surplus of £381 (we showed a loss of £3,525 after writing down medal and vest stocks).

The WRRL levy has been increased to £50 for 2015. I recommend that the WCAA Affiliation Fees to be left at £20: whilst our surplus is not large we do cover our expenses with income from the two major events we run and have substantial reserves.

The two major Championships that are promoted by the County rendered a surplus of £2,531 which is more than 2013 (£1,731): Track & Field £1,133 (£7) and Cross Country £1,398 (£1,724)

It may be worth noting that whilst the XC entries were down at £2,935 (£3,144) our expenses were higher at £1,537 (£1,420)

The T&F income is significant at £6,294. We have a separate account specifically for T&F entries, details are available from the Treasurer.

The Association awarded County vests to the value of £929. Medals to the value of £2,450

The Santander Community Account stands at a very healthy £18,580 (£18,562).

The accounts have yet to be audited

Matters Arising

Affiliation fee to be left at £20 proposed by Ray Morgan seconded by Stewart Barnes.

Election of Officers and Officials for 2014-15

President Keith Richards handed over Chain of Office to incoming president Stewart Barnes.

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	Stewart Barnes
President Elect	Ray Morgan
Hon Secretary	Pat Taylor
Hon Treasurer	Jeremy Eastaugh
Hon Chairman	Rebecca Freeman (Becky has indicated that she will be standing down)

Officials of the County Association.

Hon Officials Secretary	Margery Ewington
Hon Promotions Secretary	VACANT
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	Phil Gould
Hon Endurance Officials Secretary	Graham Heeley

All Officers and Officials were willing to stand again except our chairman Rebecca Freeman, nominations for this post were requested and Ray Morgan nominated Sarah Habib (Kenilworth) seconded Phil Gould.

Ray Morgan proposed that all the above including Sara Habib as (Chairman) be accepted, seconded by Barry Ewington.

Sarah Habib took over as Chairman.

We still require Promotion Secretary and had a discussion about splitting it into two jobs (Cross Country & Track and Field).

Rebecca needs a Team Manager for U15 girls for next year. Due to work commitments she is unable to look after the team, if no body volunteers by January there will be no team next year.

Sara is to contact clubs to explain that we need volunteers to help with, Team Managing, Putting on Events and Officiating .

Life Vice Presidents.

The following have previously been elected Life Vice Presidents

Maureen Blore	Alan Edwards	Norma Blaine	Ken Bull
Stewart Barnes	Mike Doyle	Stewart Harris	Janet Paul
Graham Heeley	Mary Hodges	Dyfrig Rees	Edna Walker
Henry Mortimer	Ian Riley	Les Barnett	Margery Ewington
Richard Carney			

(17 in Total)

No New Life Vice Presidents

Past Life Vice Presidents

Margaret Babbington	Ted Clifford	Ken Dare
Frank Kirby	Marianne Lingen	Peter Milton
John Walker	Norman Walker	Winnie Dalton

(9 in total)

Vice Presidents.

Ray Morgan
(1 in Total)

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

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

Constitutional Changes

None put forward for consideration

The Ellis Trophy 2014

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 2013 and 31 October 2014.

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

The individual who has been awarded the Ellis trophy for 2014 was a winner at the Warwickshire County Championships in the U17 Mens High Jump. His jump of 2.16 was a championship record for his age group and also bettered the Senior High Jump

record by 6cm. He was 2nd in the England Athletics U20 Championships even though he is an U17. He was 1st English Schools, UK Schools Games, EA and Midlands indoor and out. He also won EA and Midlands 100m hurdles titles and the Midlands 60m Hurdles indoors.

All in all a very impressive competitor, decent sprint times and a 6.92 long jump.

After deliberation the nomination to the President of the Warwickshire County Athletics Association's to be the 2014 recipient of Warwickshire's Ellis Trophy:-

Stratford-upon-Avon AC's RORY DWYER

Keith Richards (WCAA President)

Warwickshire County Fixtures for 2015

3rd January County Cross Country Championships Cofton Park, Birmingham.
Hosted by BRAT
7th March UKCAU Inter County Cross Country Championship, Cofton Park
23rd / 24th May County T&F Championships, Pingles Stadium, Nuneaton
1st/2nd August UKCAU Inter Counties T&F Championship, Bedford
12th September (tbc) U13/U15 Inter County match

Warwickshire Road Race League fixtures

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

Massey Ferguson 5m
Regency Run 10k
Two Castles 10k
Sphinx 5m
Arden 9m
Stratford 6m
Northbrook 10k
BRAT 5k
Godiva Autumnal 5m
Kenilworth Half Marathon
Rugby 10m

Any Other Business Tony French asked when a decision will be made as to which events will be invited to host WRRL events?, an Officers meeting is to be arranged before the end of the year to discuss which events to choose.

Bob Mathews has been inducted into The Hall of Fame.

Officials Course to be held in March all information will be on the web site.

Sara's first job as Chairman is to set up a Warwickshire County Facebook site.

Vote of Thanks was given to retiring chairman Rebecca Freeman for her three years of dedication and hard work in her role.

Date of the 2015 AGM

Wednesday 18th November