



Warwickshire County Athletics Association

THE 26th ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
HELD AT COVENTRY GODIVA HARRIERS' HEADQUARTERS
ON WEDNESDAY 18th NOVEMBER 2015 at 7:30 p.m.

Present: -

Stewart Barnes	(President & Coventry Godiva)
Sara Habib	(Chairman & Kenilworth Runners)
Jeremy Eastaugh	(Outgoing Treasurer & Leamington C & AC)
Pat Taylor	(Secretary & Nuneaton Harriers)
Jimmy Atkins	(Kenilworth Runners)
Ian Riley	(Royal Sutton Coldfield)
Ray Morgan	(Leamington C & AC)
Tony Mackness	(Northbrook AC)
Bob Carey	(Sphinx)
Alan Edwards	(Leamington C & AC)
Keith Richards	(Coventry Godiva)
Tony French	(Northbrook AC)
Bill Adcocks	(Coventry Godiva)
Paul Hawkins	(Stratford upon Avon)
Becky Freeman	(Solihull & Small Heath)

Recognition of those who have supported the County

I would like to start by recognising Terry Taylor who passed away this year. He was a committed member of Nuneaton Harriers and married to Pat Taylor, our WCAA Secretary. Peter (Pete) Burns of Coventry Godiva Harriers has died aged 85.

Please can we take a minute to remember Terry Taylor, and all those who are not with us who gave so much to the sport and the County.

Our thoughts also go out to Janet Paul and husband Doug (both have made significant contribution to the County and to their club Birchfield Harriers) and both are not in good health, we wish them a speedy recovery.

Apologies for absence

Margery Ewington, Mike Green, Phil Gould, Stewart Harris and Lijana Kaziow

Acceptance of the minutes of the 2014 AGM and matters arising.

Minutes Accepted and nothing arising.

The Annual Report by the WCAA Chairman, Sara Habib

1. Highlights

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.

A number of County athletes have produced excellent performances over the last year including some at the very highest level, with the two most significant of which, being considered for the Ellis trophy

Other individuals worthy of note include:

Stewart Harris of Rugby and Northampton A C, who was recently awarded 'The Services to Athletics Award' for the West Midlands Region, and followed this with the same award for England Athletics.

Also Basil Heatley was added this year to England Athletics Hall of Fame.

We had some excellent Club results too:

At the Midlands Counties Cross Country Championships Birchfield Harriers were the 3rd Senior Women's team.

Birchfield Harriers also won the Midland Counties Ladies 4 Stage Road Relay event.

Also worthy of note was Knowle and Dorridge being recognised in the West Midlands Region Awards as Club of the Year and David Reed (Sparkhill Harriers) as Coach of the Year.

The Warwick Vase is awarded to the team who score the most points at the County Track & Field Championships this year the winners are Coventry Godiva Harriers.

Jack Hartley Memorial Trophy is awarded to the best performance by any athlete in the County Track and Field Championships, and was won this year by Jordan Broome Coventry Godiva Harriers.

The Coronation Cup is awarded to the athlete who achieves the best performance over 1500m at the County Track and Field Championships was won this year by Adam Visram Cipolletta, of Solihull and Small Heath.

2. Volunteers

Many people, too numerous to mention, who help and support the County Association also do a lot of work for their Clubs, the Midland Counties, the UKCAU, the Networks and the West Midlands Council. When I took on this role and as I attend other AGMs I am always taken by a critical number of people who feel like the engine room for our sport. Thank you.

I personally worry about the future of many events if we do not get fresh volunteers to learn from these experienced hands and continue to ensure continued development.

The current County Association was formed in February 1990 (relatively recently) by merging a Men's Association with a Women's Association. It is worthy of mention that Margery Ewington

was elected as Officials Secretary at the November 1993 AGM. She has been responsible for Officials for 22 years, which is quite remarkable. She and her husband Barry are also the mainstays of Nuneaton Harriers and that Club has more than punched its weight for the County over the years.

I would also personally like to mention and thank Ray Morgan, who has helped me a lot in my first year.

3. WCAA Championships Cross Country

The XC Champs were once again combined with those of Worcestershire. Birmingham Running and Tri-Athlon hosted at Cofton Park which is an excellent venue.

Entries were very healthy being the second highest for the last 13 years. The number of finishers was also the second highest over the last 13 years and the four highest years have been 2012-2015.

We had a last minute issue with the supply of a generator but otherwise the planning and preparations went well. We must make an effort to use the County marquee to make the presentations more 'professional.'

The general organization on the day was good. Birmingham Running and Tri-Athlon's set up and management of the courses and general set up was excellent. The weather was poor but that's the joy of Cross Country!! We had an issue with a poorly casual spectator who suffered from the cold.

The athletes' bib numbers included their name which went down well.

Financially the meeting had lower costs than the last time we were at Cofton Park because we didn't use Birmingham City Council for the generator, rain cover and course equipment. Even so BCC charged £430. The event surplus is £1600 not counting medals, trophies and engraving. The Worcestershire share of the costs is £707.

Next year we will continue to combine the event with Worcestershire and the championships will be held on 9th January 2016 at Warley Woods.

Track and Field

The track and field champs were held at the Pingles Stadium hosted by Nuneaton Harriers for the second year running. It was a combined Championship with those of Leicestershire & Rutland.

The preparations and format of the meeting were the same as the year before apart from three changes.

- A new entry system. The new system proved less "user friendly" than the old one and we are working with the supplier on improvements.
- We applied a stricter 45 minute registration cut-off which did not cause any problems for athletes but did help the meeting run more smoothly.
- We introduced new, less expensive but better medals which were very well received.

The meeting generally ran very well although there were some issues as there always are in a meeting as complex as this. An athlete was refused a run in the 100m because of an error with registration and the winner of the Senior Men's 800/1500 was found to be ineligible for Warwickshire.

Entries were up for the third year running and were the highest since 2009. There is a trend towards more entries from younger athletes and fewer from seniors which is reflected nationally.

The meeting made a surplus of just over £5000 which was £400 less than the year before because of higher costs. The Warwickshire share (63%) of the surplus is £3200 which is £300 down on last year (approximately).

Next year the Championships will be held with Leicestershire at Saffron Lane, Leicester.

2015 3000m Championships

The 3k track championships were held at Edmondscote Stadium, Leamington Spa, hosted by Leamington C & AC.

There were over 40 entries which were split into three races. Agnes McTighe of Stratford (U15G) ran 9.25.61, which placed her second on the UK all time list, 3 seconds behind Emelia Gorecka and an all time World Best for an age 13.

The 3k champs were bolstered by open graded races which were very well received. 83 on the night entries indicates that we should hold more open graded events.

Warwickshire Road Race League

2015 saw a very successful WRRRL overall races reporting increased entries where capacity restrictions aren't already saturated.

The Facebook page has been a success with latest updates being posted for example on race entries numbers and runners feedback. This allows race organisers and runners direct contact avoiding information sitting in an email not distributed by clubs fast enough.

Members at the AGM voted to increase the league to 12 races with 7 to count so next season will be the biggest yet. The winner of the league (and age categories) will be declared Warwickshire County champion giving even more prestige to the league.

Final awards and results are listed:-

				FEMALE		MALE	
Overall Winners							
1	DANIELLE BRYAN	Kenilworth Runners	1192	1	ANDREW SIGGERS	Kenilworth Runners	2993
2	AMANDA DEAVY	Northbrook AC	1186	2	OLIVER PAULIN	Coventry Godiva Harriers	2987
3	IMOGEN PEACE	Kenilworth Runners	1178	3	STEPHEN PAGE	Kenilworth Runners	2978
Under 20s							
1	KIRSTY SMITH	Kenilworth Runners	792	1	OLIVER PAULIN	Coventry Godiva Harriers	800
				2	JOSEPH MCLEOD	Coventry Godiva Harriers	798
				3	RYAN BAKER	Kenilworth Runners	783
Seniors							
1	DANIELLE BRYAN	Kenilworth Runners	1198	1	STEPHEN PAGE	Kenilworth Runners	2989
2	NATALIE BHANGAL	Leamington C&AC	1189	2	WILL JOHNSON	Spa Striders	2985
3	LAURA PETTIFER	Kenilworth Runners	1183	3	PAUL EDWARDS	Spa Striders	2978
Masters O35							
1	AMANDA DEAVY	Northbrook AC	1197	1	ANDREW SIGGERS	Kenilworth Runners	1200
2	IMOGEN PEACE	Kenilworth Runners	1192	2	JASON BROTHERHOOD	Coventry Godiva Harriers	1182
3	LOUISE ANDREWS	Kenilworth Runners	1177	3	KEV HOPE	Kenilworth Runners	1181
Masters O45							
1	CAROLYN WILKINSON	Spa Striders	1200	1	TIM HUTCHINSON	Stratford-Upon-Avon AC	1200
2=	LORRAINE HOBBS	Knowle & Dorridge	1188	2	GRAHAM TAYLOR	Stratford-Upon-Avon AC	1190
2=	SUSAN COX	Spa Striders	1188	3	PAUL DAVIES	Centurion RC	1188
Masters O55							
1	JANE HUNT	Knowle & Dorridge	1198	1	STEVE HOWES	Solihull & Small Heath AC	1197
2=	JUDE BAUM	Spa Striders	1194	2	THOMAS HEALY	Centurion RC	1195
2=	HEATHER FOOKS	Solihull & Small Heath AC	1194	3	NICK TAWNEY	Leamington C&AC	1192
Masters O65							
1	PAULINE DABLE	Kenilworth Runners	1200	1	DAVID PETTIFER	Kenilworth Runners	1200
				2	DAVID JONES	Stratford-Upon-Avon AC	1195
				3	MICK EDWARDS	Sparkhill Harriers	1190
Overall Teams							
1	KENILWORTH RUNNERS		162	1	KENILWORTH RUNNERS		174
2	SPA STRIDERS		150	2	SPA STRIDERS		144
3	LEAMINGTON C&AC		147	3	COVENTRY GODIVA HARRIERS		134
Masters Teams							
1	SPA STRIDERS		166	1	KENILWORTH RUNNERS		180
2	KENILWORTH RUNNERS		161	2	LEAMINGTON C&AC		134
3	KNOWLE&DORRIDGE RC		140	3	CENTURION RC		133

Road Championships

This year there was one County Championship 10 mile Race at the Rugby 10

Results were as follows:-

Toby SPENCER	MSEN	Coventry Godiva Harriers	1st overall male
Will JOHNSON	MSEN	Spa Striders RC	2nd overall male
Steve MARR	MV35	Kenilworth Runners	3rd overall male and 1st M35
Joseph McLEOD	M20	Coventry Godiva Harriers	1st M20
Alex ATKINSON	MV45	Kenilworth Runners	1st M45
Steve HOWES	MV55	Solihull & Small Heath AC	1st M55
Anthony NORMAN	MV65	Nuneaton Harriers	1st M65
Nathalie Bhangal	LSEN	Leamington C&AC	1st overall female
Sally BAKER	L45	Rugby Tri Club	2nd overall and 1st L45
Imogen PEACE	LV35	Kenilworth Runners	3rd overall and 1st L35

Penelope BARBER	LV55	Tipton Harriers	1st L55
Pauline DABLE	LV65	Kenilworth Runners	1st L65

The Committee have canvassed opinion on the road championships from athletes, coaches and race organisers. Some athletes suggested one focussed road championship race, with another suggestions of marathon distance to the championships.

Race organisers overwhelmingly fed back they felt little benefit from hosting the championships. Following consultation and discussion at the committee we are recommending that the county qualified winners of the overall WRRL will be the county road championship winners. This was noted at the WRRL AGM.

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 Agnes McTighe (Stratford AC) who finished 2nd in the U13 Girls race.

Other notable performances:- Senior Women Jane Evans 16th and Nicola Sykes 20th, with the Senior Women's team finishing 7th overall on the day.

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 Inter County Championships were once again staged at Bedford, over the weekend of 1st and 2nd of August and for the first time this year it was combined with the England Athletics Championships with the AAA of England prestigious-trophies. The main issue was confusion around the entry criteria and also with the entry system which was changed after it had opened. Additionally the organisers accepted entries on behalf of the County without informing the County contact which added to the confusion. On the day there were also issues with the hammer competition particularly around the number of competitors and qualification for the final and the fact that the competition was held outside the main arena. The other element that is lost with the CAU competition being held with the Championship is that of the team and every position counting towards the team result. However the standard of competition was higher and I am sure that the issues experience this year will be resolved before the 2016 championships which take place on 30th and 31st of July. Jake Porter was 3rd in the CAU competition and 4th in the England Athletics event, Sophie Cook finished 4th= in the pole vault and Craig Murch, Men's Hammer finished 6th.

The Men were 5th in Division 2 and the Women finished 10th= in Division 2.

The 2015 U13 & U15 Intercounties match took place at Barnsley on 12th September. After winning the overall event in 2014 the team were second in 2015 to the team from Leicestershire & Rutland. Warwickshire came second in the U13 Girls, U15 Girls and U15 Boys sections and were third in the U15 Boys.

There were three Best Athlete awards for Warwickshire athletes Oliver Cresswell (Stratford AC) won the U15 Boys Track award for his win in the 80m Hurdles in 11.5 sec, Eloise Nowill (Rugby & Northampton AC) won the U13 Girls Field award for her win in the High Jump with a height of 1.53 metres and Chloe Pettitt (Birchfield Harriers) won the U13 Girls Track award for her win in the 800m in a time of 2 min 25.50 sec.

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

Road

There was no UKCAU road championship in 2015.

Fell

The 2015 running of UK Inter-Counties Fell Running Championships was held in Betws-Y-Coed over a course that is loosely based on that used in this years World Mountain Running Championships.

The female course was made up two 5km laps with a total of 462m of elevation and the men's race was made up of a 7km lap followed by a 5km loop for a total of 575m of climb.

What looked to be a fairly easy course on paper proved to be quite the opposite with a tough climb at the start of each lap which then led onto some alpine'esq flowing single track joined together by forest fire road.

The ladies were led home by Emma Gould in 12th place, followed by Andrea Deathridge (3rd LV40), Marie Voice and Eloise Lee finishing the team event in 5th place.

The men finished the team race in 14th place and were led home by Phil Gould, who was closely followed by Matt Elkington (8th U23), Pete Matthews and Ben Beaumont.

Many thanks to Pete Matthews who organised the selection race and also managed the team on the day.

Affiliation Fees for 2016-17

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

It should be noted we are proposing a fund for clubs who are members of the WCAA for the development of the sport and their athletes. Applications can be made for up to £5,000 and must be received by 1 March 2016. Application form available on WCAA web site.

Election of Officers and Officials for 2015-16

The current Officers and Officials are listed below. Tony MacNess has been proposed by Northbrook AC as Treasurer. No other Nominations/Volunteers have been received.

As previously mentioned Margery Ewington will be stepping down as Officials Secretary and Jeremy Eastaugh is stepping down as County Treasurer we would like to thank them for all their work for the county.

President	Stewart Barnes
President Elect	Ray Morgan
Hon Secretary	Pat Taylor

Hon Treasurer Tony Mackness
Hon Chairman Sara Habib

Officials of the County Association.

Hon Officials Secretary	VACANT
Hon Promotions Secretary XC	Katie Lea
Hon Promotions Secretary T&F	VACANT
Team Managers Coordinator	Rebecca Freeman
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

Life Vice Presidents . (asked for nominations none put forward)

The following have previously been elected Life Vice Presidents

Maureen BLORE,	Alan EDWARDS,	Norma BLAINE,	Ken BULL,
Mike DOYLE,	Stewart HARRIS,	Janet PAUL	Graham HEELEY,
Mary HODGES,	Dyfrig REES	Edna WALKER,	
Henry MORTIMER,	Ian RILEY	Les BARNETT,	
Margery EWINGTON	Richard CARNEY	Stewart BARNES	

(17 in Total)

Past Life Vice Presidents

Margaret BABBINGTON	Ted CLIFFORD	Ken DARE
Marianne LINGEN	Peter MILTON	Norman WALKER
Frank KIRBY	John WALKER	(8 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, Nick Price, Simon Gale, Eddie Cockayne,
Robert Pinton, Pauline, Dable, Bob Carey and Brian Higson.

Road VACANCY

U13/U15 track John Nash and Becky Freeman
Seniors track VACANCY

Race Walking Keith Richards
Fell Running Pete Matthews

The Committee would like to propose the election of King Heath RC to the Association (statement of support attached). We will formally notify the membership through the AGM minutes and allow 28 days for any comments to the Officers.

Constitutional Changes

No rule change proposals.

It should be noted that we have deposited the County records with Warwickshire Record office – they can be viewed by anyone providing an appointment is made. They will also be viewable online. Please let us know if you have any old documents of interest for uploading.

The Ellis Trophy 2011

The Ellis Trophy for 2015 is awarded to Meghan Beesley of Birchfield Harriers for her performance at the World Athletics Championships at Beijing in China. Meghan reached the semi final of the 400 mtrs Hurdles and achieved a new Personal Best time of 54.53 seconds.

It was a difficult decision between Meghan and Sue Harrison of Leamington Cycling and Athletics Club. Sue competed in the World Ultra Distance 100 kilometre Championships in Winschoten, Netherlands finishing in 10th position in a personal best time of 7 hours 39 minutes 50 seconds.

A great deal of deliberation and consultation has taken place to come to this decision and I am grateful to those I did consult, that said the decision was unanimous.

Stewart Barnes

Warwickshire County Fixtures for 2016

9th January County Cross Country Championships Warley Woods
12th March UKCAU Inter County Cross Country Championship, Cofton Park
14th / 15th May County T&F Championships, Saffron Lane, Leicester
30th/31st July UKCAU Inter Counties T&F Championship, Bedford
10th September U13/U15 Inter County match - Nuneaton

Warwickshire Road Race League fixtures

The 2016 programme, subject to final confirmations from the race promoters, will be :-

27/03/2016 Massey 5 mile
26/05/2016 Ryton 5mile
08/06/2016 Sphinx 5mile
12/06/2016 Two Castles 10k
19/06/2016 Arden 9mile
25/06/2016 Stratford 6mile
10/07/2016 Northbrook 10k
10/08/2016 BRAT 5k
24/08/2016 Godiva 5mile
04/09/2016 Kenilworth Half Marathon
02/10/2016 Rugby 10mile
Plus the Leamington Monty Race – date and distance to be confirmed

Appendix

Statement in support of admission of Kings Heath Running Club to Warwickshire County Athletics Association

Kings Heath Running Club was set up in September 2010 by a small group of people who wanted to be able to run safely through the streets and parks of Kings Heath in the winter months. Since then, we have developed the range and depth of our running enormously. Our members have participated in Fell races, international marathons, ultra marathons and the Adidas Thunder run. We work closely with our local parkrun, Cannon Hill, providing pacers on a regular basis and our provision of volunteers included a full takeover of the event when we had 50 marshals and cheerers on the course.

We are now in our second cross country season: our women run in the MCAA Cross Country League, and our men and women run in MCAA XC Championship races and Road Relays. We intend to send teams to the English XC Nationals in February. We have recently sent three members on an EA Course for Endurance officials, and they will officiate their first MCAA Event in November. Having won a funding grant from the Barrow Cadbury Trust, we are using this money to train 14 Leaders in Running Fitness and 3 Coaches in Running fitness.

Since the club formed, over 1,100 people have run with us. Roughly 50% of those who participate in our weekly runs are paid-up members. We currently have 114 paid-up members but many more run with us regularly: in the interests of inclusivity we allow anyone to run with us, for as long as they like, for free. 59% of our members are women. Initial club subs are £42, with renewal costing £22. We do not have junior members.

As a club we are not the fastest and we are not the biggest, but we are getting faster and we are getting bigger. We pride ourselves on our commitment, enthusiasm, positivity and supportiveness of runners of all abilities. We hope to demonstrate these qualities at the forthcoming Warwickshire County XC championships.

Mike Green
Races secretary
Kings Heath Running club

Next Years AGM Wednesday 16th November