



# Warwickshire County Athletics Association

## **THE 27th ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING** **HELD AT COVENTRY GODIVA HARRIERS' HEADQUARTERS** **ON WEDNESDAY 16th NOVEMBER 2016 at 7:30 p.m.**

### **Recognition of those who have supported the County**

I would like to start by recognising contributors to the sport who are no longer with us.

Tom McCook was a past President of Birchfield. He was well known in the athletics world for his journalism.

Betty Downs also a former President of Birchfield Harriers. She had been a member of Birchfield for over 50 years, having also worked as a track judge at numerous meetings.

Dave McNamee was not of Warwickshire, but was well known, particularly his contribution to MCAA and the Birmingham League.

### **Attendees**

#### **Present: -**

Stewart Barnes	( President & Coventry Godiva )
Sara Habib	( Chairman & Kenilworth Runners )
Tony Mackness	( Treasurer & Northbrook AC )
Pat Taylor	( Secretary & Nuneaton Harriers )
Graham Heeley	( Endurance Officials Secretary & Sparkhill )
Bob Carey	( WCAA Trophies & Sphinx AC )
Katie Lea	( Promotions Secretary & Rugby / Northampton )
Ray Morgan	( Leamington C & AC )
Alan Edwards	( Leamington C & AC )
Keith Richards	( Coventry Godiva )
Tony French	( Northbrook AC )
Bill Adcocks	( Coventry Godiva )
Becky Freeman	( Solihull & Small Heath )
Mary Hodges	( Past President )
Nathan Blundell	

### **Apologies for absence**

Ian Riley Royal Sutton Coldfield, Stewart Harris (LVP)

## **Acceptance of the minutes of the 2015 AGM and matters arising.**

2015 Minutes were accepted

Proposed Alan Edwards  
Seconded Ray Morgan

### **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 their races. In addition the County has grown the Open Graded Track and Field meetings with a good degree of success, and Ray Morgan will give a more detailed updated on this later.

A number of County athletes have produced excellent performances over the last year, with the most significant being considered for the Ellis and the Endurance Trophy.

Other individuals worthy of note include:

The para-olympian, Kare Adnegan , who won silver in the 100m T34 and Bronze medals in the 400m and 800m T34

The Warwick Vase is awarded to the team that scores the most points at the County Track and Field Championships. This year it was won by Stratford upon Avon for the very first time. This breaks the stranglehold of Coventry Godiva Harriers, Birchfield Harriers and Rugby and Northampton AC who previously were the only clubs to have won the trophy.

The Jack Hartley Trophy for the best overall performance at the Championships was awarded to Craig Murch of Rugby and Northampton AC for his hammer throw of 66.96 which broke his own County record. Craig caused a delay to the shot put competition for safety reasons because one of his throws was marked in the shot put landing sector!!

#### **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.

As always we need to get fresh volunteers to learn from these experienced hands and continue ensure continued development.

I cannot possibly list everybody, but I would like to make a few mentions.

This year Becky Freeman will step down as Team Manager Co-ordinator. Becky has been solely in charge of seniors team management (XC and Track) since 2006, she has also managed teams herself and helped John Nash with the U13/U15 track inter county match, and has gone well above and beyond the Team Manager Co-ordinator role. She was also Chairman from 2011-2014. I know from participation in the Ladies Midland Cross Country League, that Becky also provides a significant organisational support to the MCAA. In short Becky has done and continues to do a lot for our sport.

I would also like to thank Richard Carney who has ably supported the County not only as a past President and Vice President in the past, but also having supported the website since it was set up. We are still in need of a replacement for this important role.

I would also personally like to mention and thank Ray Morgan and Stewart Barnes, and all the officers of the County, who have continued to support me in my role as Chairperson. I do comparably very little; they do all the hard clever work!

### **3. WCAA Championships**

#### **Cross Country**

The XC Champs were once again combined with those of Worcestershire and were hosted at Warley Woods an excellent spectator venue.

2016 saw record entries and the most finishers ever.

Planning and preparations went well. There were a number of key learning points including the entry cut-off date 16<sup>th</sup> December 2015 worked well with most entries in by the dead line. 2017 deadline will be 14<sup>th</sup> December 2016. In addition the slightly amended timetable worked well, with an earlier finish. The presentation timetable worked very well and It has been suggested that the last race presentation should be brought forward to 3.30pm since many of competitors had left. This has been scheduled for 2017.

The 2017 event will be held at Newbold Comyn jointly with Worcestershire on 7<sup>th</sup> January 2017

#### **Track and Field**

It was Leicestershire & Rutland's turn to host the track and field Championships which were held at Saffron Lane. There were a number of organisational difficulties before and during the meeting but hopefully they were not evident to the athletes and so didn't spoil their enjoyment of the event.

Entries were slightly down on 2015. It is of concern that there is a trend towards greater participation and better performances by the younger athletes while the numbers and achievement of seniors are in decline. Even so the highlight of the meeting was the hammer throwing by Craig Murch of Rugby and Northampton AC which broke his own County record and earned him the Jack Hartley Trophy.

The meeting realised an income of about £2315, with a surplus of £1309, which was down approximately £700 on 2015 mainly because of extra costs associated with photo finish and a reduced grant from EA.

#### **2016 3000m Championships**

The 3000m track championships were held during the last Open Graded meeting in August at Leamington. The races were run to Championship conditions, which arguably confused the athletes because all of the 3000m races held in previous open graded meetings were graded. Championship conditions required more races with smaller numbers, although the senior mens race had a good field and was very competitive.

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

2016 saw a yet another successful WRRL.

The final awards and results are listed, including the Warwickshire County Champion:-

Overall Male Medallists				Overall Female Medallists					
1	ALISTAIR SMITH	Coventry Godiva Harriers	3500	1	SARAH ROSE	Kenilworth Runners	1398		
2	OLIVER PAULIN	Coventry Godiva Harriers	3482	2	CAROLYN WILKINSON	Spa Striders	1378		
3	JOSEPH READ	Knowle & Dorridge	3479	3	SUSIE STANNARD	Spa Striders	1374		
Male Age Group Category Medallists				Female Age Group Category Medallists					
1=	OLIVER PAULIN	Coventry Godiva Harriers	M20	800	1	BELLA DOXEY	Kenilworth Runners	L20	800
1=	JOSEPH MCLEOD	Coventry Godiva Harriers	M20	800	2	LOUISE SHORE MARSTON	Massey Ferguson RC	L20	798
3	STANLEY DOXEY	Kenilworth Runners	M20	797					
1	ALISTAIR SMITH	Coventry Godiva Harriers	MSEN	3500	1	VIRGINIA SILIO	Massey Ferguson RC	LSEN	1384
2	JOSEPH READ	Knowle & Dorridge	MSEN	3490	2=	FIONA EDWARDS	Spa Striders	LSEN	1379
3	STUART LUMSDEN	Northbrook AC	MSEN	3471	2=	FELICITY SHARP	Knowle & Dorridge	LSEN	1379
1	KEV HOPE	Kenilworth Runners	MV35	1390	1	SARAH ROSE	Kenilworth Runners	LV35	1400
2	STEVE MARR	Kenilworth Runners	MV35	1385	2	SUSIE STANNARD	Spa Striders	LV35	1389
3	JASON BROTHERHOOD	Coventry Godiva Harriers	MV35	1372	3	MELISSA VENABLES	Spa Striders	LV35	1383
1	PAUL DAVIES	Centurion RC	MV45	1393	1	CAROLYN WILKINSON	Spa Striders	LV45	1400
2	RICHARD DIXON	Knowle & Dorridge	MV45	1386	2	THERESA WOOLLEY	Centurion RC	LV45	1389
3	MARC CURTIS	Kenilworth Runners	MV45	1380	3	JENNY JEEVES	Leamington C&AC	LV45	1388
1	STEVE HOWES	Solihull & Small Heath AC	MV55	1400	1	HEATHER FOOKS	Solihull & Small Heath AC	LV55	1398
2	THOMAS HEALY	Centurion RC	MV55	1397	2	JANE HUNT	Knowle & Dorridge	LV55	1395
3=	MICHAEL WILLIAMS	Kenilworth Runners	MV55	1386	3	SANDRA STOKES	Spa Striders	LV55	1381
3=	PETER FELLOWS	Northbrook AC	MV55	1386					
1	DAVE PETTIFER	Kenilworth Runners	MV65	1400	1	PAULINE DABLE	Kenilworth Runners	LV65	1400
2	GRAHAM LAWRENCE	Solihull & Small Heath AC	MV65	1393	2	SALLY SLEVIN	Massey Ferguson RC	LV65	1388
3	ADRIAN LLOYD	Centurion RC	MV65	1383					
	Overall Male Team	Kenilworth Runners				Overall Female Team	Spa Striders		
	Masters Male Team	Kenilworth Runners				Masters Female Team	Spa Striders		
	Ever Present					Ever Present			
	Wayne Briggs	Kenilworth Runners				Theresa Woolley	Centurion RC		
	Andrew Wadsworth	Sparkhill Harriers				Susan Cox	Spa Striders		

## Inter County Competition – WCAA Teams.

### Cross Country

The Championships were again held at Cofton Park on 12<sup>th</sup> March, which once again proved to be a superb venue for the event.

In 2017 the championships will be held in a new venue, in the grounds of Prestwold Hall, Loughborough.

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, over the weekend of 30<sup>th</sup> and 31<sup>st</sup> July.

The women were overall 5<sup>th</sup> in Division 2, the men were 1<sup>st</sup> in Division 2 moving them up to division 1 for 2017.

It was our turn to host the U13/U15 Inter County and Nuneaton Harriers did as excellent job as always. After a couple of years a little below par the Warwickshire team returned to form this year with a win in three of the four age group categories and a confident overall victory.

Zac Elliott of Birchfield Harriers was awarded the athlete of the match trophy for the U15 Boys track events for his 80m Hurdles in 11.38.

Well done and a big thank-you to John Nash, Becky Freeman, the referees, chiefs, technical officials, volunteers, stadium staff and Harriers (too numerous to mention individually) who made it a very successful and well run event.

## **Road**

There was no UKCAU road championship in 2016.

## **Fell**

The 2016 running of UK Inter-Counties Fell Running Championships was held on 14<sup>th</sup> May 2016 at Ras Moel Ellio.

The Course was 9 miles with just over 3000ft of climb with a 1km downhill averaging -33% gradient towards the end, just to finish the legs off of the runners!

The ladies were led home by Mel Price in 10<sup>th</sup> place, followed by Emma Gould in 11th followed by Marie Matthews (33<sup>rd</sup>) finishing the team event in 5<sup>th</sup> place.

The men finished the team race in 15<sup>th</sup> place and were led home by Connor Carson, by Lloyd Biddell and Richard Simkiss.

Many thanks to Pete Matthews who organised the selection and also managed the team on the day. Emma Gould will be taking ably on the role as Team Manager going forward.

**WARWICKSHIRE COUNTY ATHLETICS ASSOCIATION**

**TREASURERS REPORT AS AT 30.9.2016**

Prepared by Tony Mackness

	<b>Lloyds Current</b>	<b>Lloyds Entries</b>	<b>Santander</b>
Opening Balances as at 1.10.2015	£2,539.62	£803.20	£18,664.35
Balances as per latest statement 30.9.2016	£1,093.00	£3,153.20	£18,757.98
Payment Requests Pending	1400.33		
Chqs not yet banked/cleared-Income	£-		£-
Chqs not yet presented - Expenditure	£234.60	£-	£-
<b>Revised balances</b>	<b>-£541.93</b>	<b>£3,153.20</b>	<b>£18,757.98</b>
Movement	-£637.92	-£3,081.55	£2,350.00
			£93.63

<b>Description</b>	<b>Income</b>	<b>Expenditure</b>	<b>+</b>	<b>-</b>
AFFILIATION FEES	420.00	100.00	320.00	
INTEREST RECEIVED	93.63		93.63	
MISCELLANEOUS	0.00	404.19		404.19
XC CHAMPIONSHIPS	3608.06	2049.33	1558.73	
ROAD RACE LEAGUE	500.00	140.00	360.00	
ROAD RACES	0.00		0.00	
INTER COUNTIES EVENTS	0.00	140.80		140.80
INTER COUNTIES FELL RACING		54.00		54.00
INTER COUNTIES U13/U15		1329.07		1329.07
TRACK & FIELD CHAMPIONSHIPS	2315.00	1005.34	1309.66	
VEST PURCHASES		789.45		789.45
OPEN GRADED MEETINGS	2060.00	1964.60	95.40	
GRANTS AWARDED		1509.06		1509.06
GRANTS RECEIVED	0.00		0.00	
MEDALS		0		0.00
INSURANCE		148.77		148.77
	8996.69	9634.61	3737.42	4375.34
<b>BALANCE INCOME / EXPENDITURE</b>				<b>-637.92</b>

The accounts for the period 1.11.2015 to 30.9.2016 show a net deficit (i.e. Expenditure greater than income) of £ 637.92

Bank balances at year end were:

Lloyds Current Account	-£541.93	
	£3,153.2	
Lloyds Entries Account	0	£2,611.27
Santander		£18,757.98
TOTAL BANK		£21,369.25

### **XC Championships Warley Woods 9th January 2016**

This event provided our main sources of income. Held jointly with Worcestershire County Athletics a surplus of £1558.73 was generated (£929 surplus previous year)

### **Track And Field Saffron Lane Leicester 14/15th May 2016**

The track and field meeting, hosted jointly with Leicestershire Athletics generated a surplus of £1,309.66 compared to a surplus of £2,042 the previous year.

Whilst the surplus was down against last year, it should be noted that the EA grant was £500 this year compared to £750 last year. Additionally we had to pay for Photo finish, which was free last year, and entries were down slightly too.

### **Open Graded Meetings**

Four meetings were held May through to August at Leamington.

Entries were low in May at £292 but the remaining fixtures averaged £590

Overall this event generated a surplus of £95.40

Discussions are underway to increase the number of meetings in 2017

### **U13/U15 Pingles Nuneaton 9th September 2016**

There is no income from this event, but expenditure of £1,329 was incurred

### **Grants Awarded**

WCAA made a total sum of £5,000 available and invited affiliated clubs to request support.

The committee reviewed all requests received (14) and ranked them in order of merit.

10 were awarded funding totalling £4,487.46, of which £1,509.06 has been claimed to date.

NOTE: No grants were awarded in 2015.

### **For comparison the 2014/2015 accounts showed a surplus of £ 1233**

I do not propose to increase the WCAA affiliation fee, which is currently £20.

We have at the moment 22 affiliated clubs which generates £440. With the surplus from XC championships and the T&F championships together with a healthy bank balance I see no reason for an increase.

The accounts have been audited by Matthew Hargreaves, and there are no issues to report.

### **Affiliation Fees for 2017-18**

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

Proposed Graham Heeley    Seconded Ray Morgan    Accepted unanimously

If clubs do not pay their Affiliation Fee before County XC in January they will not be able to compete.

This year the county offered a fund (up to £5,000) for clubs who are members of the WCAA for the development of the sport and their athletes. We were pleased to receive and award funds to a number of successful applications from a variety of member clubs.

The County are still awaiting a number of receipts/claims from successful applicant and will apply a deadline of 1 January 2017 for all applications to be made.

## **LAA application to join the County**

The Officers thank the members for responding to the application from the Leamington Athletics Academy (LAA) to join the County Association. During the discussion at the AGM concerns were raised regarding the nature of the Leamington Athletics Academy as a professional business and their support of competition in the county. The LAA were asked to attend the AGM to support their case but no one attended. The AGM accepted the Officer's recommendation that at this time it would not be appropriate for LAA to become a member of the County Association.

Proposed Bill Adcocks      Seconded Tony French      Agreed unanimously

## **Election of Officers and Officials for 2016-17**

The Officers and Officials elected are listed below.

Nathan Blundell was nominated as Promotions Secretary T&F and Sally Anderson as Team Manager Co-ordinator for Cross Country. Margaret Murphy will be taking on the role as official secretary (Track and Field). Ray Morgan is the new President; Sara Habib thanked Stewart Barnes for all his work as President. Becky Freeman was proposed to take on the role as Vice President, a fitting appointment given all her work for the County. No other Nominations/Volunteers have been received.

I would like to also recognise and thank Katie Lea and Tony Mackness for all their support in their first year on the Committee.

Note :- Since the meeting Mike Ellis has offered to take over the management of the County web site.

President	Ray Morgan
President Elect	Becky Freeman
Hon Secretary	Pat Taylor
Hon Treasurer	Tony Mackness
Hon Chairman	Sara Habib

### **Officials of the County Association.**

Hon Officials Secretary	Maggie Murphy
Hon Endurance Officials Secretary	Graham Heeley
Hon Promotions Secretary XC	Katie Lea
Hon Promotions Secretary T&F	Nathan Blundell
Team Managers Coordinator XC	Sally Anderson
Website	Mike Ellis
Hon Trophies and Medals Secretary	Bob Carey
Trustees	Ian Riley and Graham Heeley
Auditors	Matthew Hargreaves and Keith Richards
Hon Endurance Secretary	Phil Gould

### **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,	Graham HEELEY,	Mary HODGES,
Dyfrig REES	Henry MORTIMER,		Ian RILEY,
Margery EWINGTON,	Les BARNETT,	Richard CARNEY,	Stewart BARNES
15 in total			



## **Past Life Vice Presidents**

Margaret Babbington	Ted Clifford	Ken Dare	John Walker
Marianne Lingen	Peter Milton	Norman Walker	Frank Kirby
Janet Paul	Edna Walker		
10 in total			

Vice Presidents. Becky Freeman (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.

U13/U15 track	John Nash and Becky Freeman
Seniors track	VACANCY
Race Walking	Keith Richards
Fell Running	Emma Gould

Volunteers are also needed to support the Track and Field Championships.

## **Constitutional Changes**

No rule change proposals.

## **County Best Performance Trophies**

### **Report by Stewart Barnes**

#### **Warwickshire Endurance Performance of the Year Trophy**

The award is for the single PERFORMANCE of the year across the world. This year we have not had a performance outside the UK. A couple of athletes came into consideration:

Toby SPENCER (Coventry Godiva Harriers) who finish 5<sup>th</sup> representing England in the Home Countries Half Marathon Championships (66 minutes 38 seconds) being the second Englishman home.

The other athlete being Mel VENABLES (Spa Striders) for her winning of the UK 100k Championships in March in Perth in a time of 8 hours 15 minutes 54 seconds.

A difficult decision, but in the end I have chosen Mel VENABLES.

#### **ELLIS TROPHY**

An award for the best Track and Field performance of the year across the world. This year two performances have been considered:

Andrew POZZI (Stratford Upon Avon) for his performance in the Semi-Final of the 1100 Hurdles in the Olympic Games in Rio de Janeiro finishing 5<sup>th</sup> in 13.67 seconds after a 13.50 3<sup>rd</sup> placing in the heats.

The other athlete under consideration is Kare ADENEGAN (Coventry Godiva Harriers) who, in the Paralympic Game, again in Rio de Janeiro, took the silver medal in the T34 (Cerebral palsy – Wheelchair) Classification in 18.29 seconds, a personal best. It is for that performance that I award the ELLIS TROPHY for. Kare also took bronze medals for the both the T34 400 metres (personal best of 61.67 seconds) and T34 800 metres again with a personal best performance of 2 minute 02.47 seconds.

### **Warwickshire County Fixtures for 2017**

7 <sup>th</sup> January 2017	County Cross Country Championships Newbold Comyn
11th March 2017	UKCAU Inter County Cross Country Championship, Preswold Hall, Loughborough
14 <sup>th</sup> May	County T&F Championships at Nuneaton
29/30 July 2017	UKCAU Inter Counties Senior T&F Championship – venue tbc
9 <sup>th</sup> September 2017	U13/U15 Inter County match – venue tbc

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

The 2017 programme, subject to final confirmations from the race promoters and possible date changes will be:-

Sunday 16 <sup>th</sup> April	MFRC Easter 10k
Sunday 30th April	Monty 5k
Thursday May 25th	Ryton 5m
Sunday 11 <sup>th</sup> June	Two Castles 10k
Wednesday June 14th	Sphinx 5m
Sunday 18th June	Arden 9m
Sunday 9th July	Northbrook 10k
Saturday 22 <sup>nd</sup> July	Stratford 6m
Wednesday 9th August	BRAT 5k
Wednesday 23 <sup>rd</sup> August	Coventry Godiva Harriers Autumnal 5m
Sunday 3rd September	Kenilworth Half Marathon
Sunday 17 <sup>th</sup> September	Rugby 10m

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