



Warwickshire County Athletics Association

MINUTES OF THE 28th ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
HELD AT COVENTRY GODIVA HARRIERS' HEADQUARTERS
ON WEDNESDAY 15th NOVEMBER 2017 at 7:30 p.m.

Agenda and summary

1. Apologies for absence.
2. The minutes of the AGM held on Wednesday 15th November 2017 were accepted.
3. The Annual Report by WCAA Chair, Sara Atkins, was accepted. See attached.
4. The Financial Report by WCAA Treasurer, Tony Mackness, was accepted. The auditors have approved the accounts a copy of which is available on request to the Treasurer.
5. Affiliation Fees for 2018-19
The Treasurer and Officers proposal not to increase the County affiliation fee was accepted.
6. Election of Officers and Officials.
An application by Balsall Common Running club to affiliate to the County was accepted. A list of elected officers is attached.
7. Any Constitutional Changes.
The meeting accepted a proposal from the Committee for a new trophy be awarded to best Club overall in the County XC Championships (an equivalent to the Warwick Vase) to be called the Heeley Trophy.
The meeting also accepted a proposal from the Committee for a new trophy to be awarded to the winner of the 10m Road Race Walking Championship to be called the Richards Trophy.
8. Any other business - at the discretion of the Chairman.
 - a) The Ellis Trophy was awarded to Andrew Pozzi of Stratford Upon Avon AC.
 - b) The Endurance Trophy was awarded to Katrina Wooton of Coventry Godiva Harriers AC.
 - c) Date of the 2018 AGM – Wednesday 14th November 2018.

The supporting paperwork presented to the meeting follows.

The meeting closed at 21.05

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The Annual Report by the WCAA Chairman, Sara Atkins

I would like to start by recognising contributors to the sport.

Charlie Kelly has been given a well-deserved "Lifetime Achievement " award by the West Midlands area of EA.

Graham Heeley has had a serious health issue, but happily is now recovering, however during this period his wife sadly past away. Our thoughts are with Graham and we are grateful for his continued support to the County and out sport.

1. Highlights

The County Association has continued to support the Warwickshire Road Race League (WRRL) which continues to be well attended by athletes. In addition the County has continues to grow the Open Graded Track and Field meetings with great success, and expanding to accommodate an additional fixture in September.

A number of County athletes have produced excellent performances over the last year.

Warwickshire athletes worthy of note:

(note not all necessarily qualify for the county)

European Indoor Championships

Sarah McDonald	Birchfield Harriers	1500m	6 th
Andy Pozzi	Stratford-upon-Avon	60m Hurdles	GOLD

European U23 Championships

Kyle de Escofet	Birchfield Harriers	4x100m	SILVER
Alex George	Birchfield Harriers	5000m	DNF (STRAIGHT FINAL)
Katie Stainton	Birchfield Harriers	Heptathlon	7 th
Diani Walker	Birchfield Harriers	4x100m	DNF (HEAT)

Commonwealth Youth Games

Jack Sumners	Stratford-upon-Avon	110m Hurdles	SILVER
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European U20 Championships

Gina Akpe-Moses	Birchfield Harriers	100m	GOLD
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World ParaAthletics Championships

Kare Adenegan	T34	Coventry	100m Wheelchair	SILVER
Kare Adenegan	T34	Coventry	400m Wheelchair	BRONZE
Kare Adenegan	T34	Coventry	800m Wheelchair	BRONZE
Mickey Bushell	T53	Birchfield Harriers	100m Wheelchair	SILVER
Ben Rowlings	T34	Coventry	400m Wheelchair	5 th
Ben Rowlings	T34	Coventry	800m Wheelchair	6 th
Laura Sugar	T44	Birchfield Harriers	100m	5 th
Laura Sugar	T44	Birchfield Harriers	200m	(2 nd in HEAT 2)
Didn't compete in final				

World Athletics Championships

Tamara Armoush	Birchfield Harriers	1500m	(Heat 14 th)
Elliot Giles	Birchfield Harriers	800m	
Matthew Hudson-Smith	Birchfield Harriers	400m	
Matthew Hudson-Smith	Birchfield Harriers	4x400m	BRONZE
David Lima	BRAT	100m	Heat 7 th
David Lima	BRAT	200m	Semi 4 th
Sarah McDonald	Birchfield Harriers	1500m	
Danny Talbot	Birchfield Harriers	200m	6 th

World University Games

Jennifer Nesbitt	Worcester	10'000m	5 th
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April 22-23rd IAAF World Relays – Nassau (BAH)

Theo Campbell	Birchfield Harriers	4x400m	SILVER
Jarryd Dunn	Birchfield Harriers	4x400m	SILVER
Matthew Hudson-Smith	Birchfield Harriers	4x400m	SILVER
Daniel Talbot	Birchfield Harriers	4x100m	DNF (1 st in HEAT)

June 10th European 10,000m Cup – Minsk (SVK)

Katrina Wootton	Coventry	10'000m	11 th (First Brit)
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I am pleased to announce that the Warwick Vase for the best overall performance by a Warwickshire Club again went to Stratford Upon Avon AC who retained it with an impressive margin, after winning it for the first time last year.

The best overall Track and Field performance in the whole Championships is awarded the Jack Hartley Trophy. This year it again went to Craig Murch, who also won it in 2013 and 2016. Craig is the first County male athlete to get a hat trick of "Hartleys" in its 47 year history.

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 Pat Taylor will step down as Secretary and Phil Gould as Endurance Secretary. I will be stepping down as Chair. I would also personally like to mention and thank Ray Morgan who has covered very frequently for me this year and all the officers of the County, who have continued to support me in my role as Chairperson. I do comparably very little; they continue to do all the hard clever work

WCAA Championships Cross Country

The XC Champs were once again combined with those of Worcestershire and were hosted at Leamington on 7th January.

XC - entries were the high and the meeting went very well. The honours were shared over a number of clubs. Thanks to Worcestershire for hosting.

The 2018 event will be held at Warley Woods jointly with Worcestershire on 6th January 2018

Track and Field

The Track and Field Championships were held in conjunction with Leicestershire and Rutland on the 13th and 14th of May at Nuneaton.

It was our last combined event with L&R. Entries were the highest for years.

The result highlights are below.

1st	Stratford Upon Avon AC	799 points
2nd	Birchfield Harriers	542 points
3rd	Coventry Godiva Harriers	450 points
4th	Rugby&Northampton AC	350 points

The best performance awards for individuals in each age group went to:

Senior Men	Craig Murch	Rugby&Northampton AC Hammer	67.44
Senior Women	Hayley Murray	Rugby&Northampton AC Hammer	56.28
U13 Boys	Jake Minshull	Coventry Godiva Harriers 800m	2.18.98
U13 Girls	Isabel Male	Royal Sutton Coldfield AC 200m	26.85
U15 Boys	Elliot Harris	Solihull & Small Heath AC 80m H	11.35
U15 Girls	Jasmine Walker	Royal Sutton Coldfield AC Javelin	34.97
U17 Men	Jack Sumners	Startford Upon Avon AC Long Jump	6.73
U17 Women	Cassie-Ann Pemberton	Birchfield Harriers 100m	11.94
U20 men	Mustafa Mahamuud	Birchfield Harriers 200m	21.76
U20 Women	Nichole Birmingham	Birchfield Harriers Shot Putt	11.43

2017 3000m and 5000m Championships

5000m had a strong men's field, however numbers were very low for women. The Open Graded meetings continued to be a success with numbers slightly up on last year

Warwickshire Road Race League

2017 saw a yet another successful WRRL. The 2017 season finished its 11 race programme with the Rugby 10 mile race in September. Well done and many thanks to all of the promoting clubs for making the League possible.

There were technical hitches this year which prevented us from displaying the results on the County web site. As an alternative the results were published on Facebook.

Individual Overall placings - females

Laura Pettifer	Kenilworth Runners	1794
Melissa Venables	Spa Striders	1788
Carolyn Wilkinson	Spa Striders	1775
Jenny Jeeves	Leamington Cycling and Athletic Club	1773
Rosie Marsh	Knowle & Dorridge RC	1754
Esther Illman	Kenilworth Runners	1748

Individual overall placings - males

Paul Andrew	Leamington Cycling and Athletic Club	2998
Chris Sharp	Knowle & Dorridge RC	2989
Steve Marr	Kenilworth Runners	2978
Ben Taylor	Kenilworth Runners	2970
Simeon Howson	Leamington Cycling and Athletic Club	2968

Age/gender group category winners

Bella Doxey	Kenilworth Runners	FU20
Esther Illman	Kenilworth Runners	FSEN
Laura Pettifer	Kenilworth Runners	FV35
Carolyn Wilkinson	Spa Striders	FV45
Gail Audhali	Kenilworth Runners	FV55
Ruth Calderbank	Stratford Upon Avon AC	FV65
Sally Slevin	Massey Ferguson RC	FV75
Stanley Doxey	Kenilworth Runners	MU20
Chris Sharp	Knowle & Dorridge RC	MSEN
Paul Andrew	Leamington Cycling and Athletic Club	MV35
Tim Hutchinson	Stratford Upon Avon AC	MV45
Brian Miller	Leamington Cycling and Athletic Club	MV55
David Pettifer	Kenilworth Runners	MV65
Alexander Davidson-Elliott	Birchfield Harriers	MV75

Team Results

Spa Striders won the female Masters team competition

Kenilworth Runners won the male Masters and both overall team competitions.

Inter County Competition – WCAA Teams.

Cross Country

The Championships were again held at Prestwold Hall, Loughborough in March 2017.

The Senior Men and Ladies ran well, with positions of 9th and 10th respectively.

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 29th and 30th July.

The women were overall 4th in Division 2, the men were 10th in Division 1, with a combined position of 11th overall.

The U13/U15 Inter County went very well building on the previous year's success, with the Warwickshire team the overall winner, and winning two out of eight age categories and two athlete of the Match Awards.

Fell

The 2017 running of UK Inter-Counties Fell Running Championships was held on 13th May 2017 at Broughton Heights. It was attended by Matthew Elkington from Warwickshire who came 20th in the Senior and U23 men's race.

Race Walking

The County finished 3rd in the Inter-Counties 10 k walk at Coventry on 30th April, Steve Arnold, John Constandinou and David Fall.

Election of Officers and Officials for 2017-18

The Officers and Officials elected at the 2017 AGM are listed below. Pat Taylor has stepped down as secretary after 8 years of service. Phillip Gould will be stepping down after 4 years as Endurance Secretary. Sara Atkins thanked Pat Taylor and Phillip Gould for all their hard work. She also recognised and thanked Maggie Murphy, Sally Anderson and Nathan Blundell for all their support in their first year on the Committee.

President	Becky Freeman and Bob Carey were proposed. Becky was elected.
Vice Presidents	Bob Carey, Graham Heeley, Mike Doyle
Hon Secretary	Keith Richards
Hon Treasurer	Tony Mackness
Hon Chairman	Vacant

Officials of the County Association.

Hon Officials Secretary	Maggie Murphy
Hon Promotions Secretary XC	Katie Lea
Hon Promotions Secretary T&F	Katie Lea
Team Managers Coordinator XC	Sally Anderson
Website	Dave Ashbourne
Hon Trophies and Medals Secretary	Bob Carey
Trustees	Ian Riley and Graham Heeley
Auditors	Matthew Hargreaves and Keith Richards
WRRL Chair and Hon Endurance Secretary	Northbrook AC.
Records Secretary	Jo Hutchinson

Life Vice Presidents.

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
Keith RICHARDS	Bob CAREY	17 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			

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

- Cross Country Simon Kinson, Nick Price, Eddie Cockayne, Robert Pinton, Bob Carey,
- Brian Higson, Laura Gould, Stuart Albutt?
- Juniors track John Nash
- Seniors track in view of the Inter-Counties has become part of the England Championships and athletes enter themselves no Team Manager is required.
- Race Walking Keith Richards
- Fell Running Emma Gould

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Ellis and Endurance Trophies

It falls to me as President of the Association to choose the athletes who most deserve the Warwickshire Endurance Trophy and the Ellis Trophy. As other Presidents before me have pointed out, it is very difficult to compare different disciplines and different events. For example, how do you compare indoor hurdles races, outdoors flat races, Para events, jumps, throws and relays!!

Katrina Wooton of Coventry Godiva Harriers gets my verdict for the Warwickshire Endurance Trophy. She finished 11th overall but first British athlete at the European 10,000m Cup in Minsk. Arguably her performance at Ladywell was even better. She ran 31.45.63 for a PB which put her at the top of the UK rankings, 11th UK all time, 4th in Europe and 8th in the Commonwealth. That performance cannot be recognised by UKA because it was a mixed race but it is certainly recognised by me.

I was very tempted to let Kare Adenegan, another Coventry athlete, keep the Ellis trophy which she was awarded last year. She had an incredible season particularly at the World ParaAthletics Championships.

However I have chosen Andrew Pozzi of Stratford AC, another previous Ellis winner. He reached the semi finals of the World Championships and missed the finals by a very small margin. I think that was his best achievement this year but some might argue for his gold medal at the European Indoor Championships.

I am sure that Andrew will join me in recognising and congratulating everybody at Stratford AC for the progress that the Club has made in recent years. Stratford is a small town of less than 50,000 people but athletes from their catchment area have reached major Championships and been awarded a variety of international vests. The Club retained the Warwick Vase this year by a huge margin. Well done to everybody there.

Ray Morgan
President WCAA