



**Warwickshire County Athletics Association**  
MINUTES OF THE 30<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING  
HELD AT COVENTRY GODIVA HARRIERS CLUBHOUSE  
ON WEDNESDAY 13 NOVEMBER 2019 AT 7.30pm

**Attendees**

Cath Muth, Becky Freeman, Bob Carey, Keith Richards, Tony Mackness,  
Katie Lea, Margaret Murphy, Ray Morgan, Stewart Barnes, Graham Heeley, Bill Adcocks,  
Alan Edwards.

1. Apologies for absence: Sally Anderson, Mary Hodges, Ian Riley
2. The minutes of the AGM held on Wednesday 15 November 2018 were accepted, with no amendments.  
Matters arising. (K&D nominated Jo Tork as Chair of the WRRRL on behalf of the Club).

**3. Chairman's Report by Cath Muth**

I took up the role of Chairman 12 months ago and have been very impressed by the quality of competition put on by the County. This has been down to the hard work of a small number of individuals who work diligently behind the scenes to ensure these events are of the highest standard.

From the Cross Country Championships to the Track and Field Championships and of course the very popular Graded Open meetings WCAA has quite rightly built a reputation for putting on high quality meetings. These could also not go ahead without the help from all the officials and I would like to thank all those who have helped over the last year. Thanks also go to the team managers who look after our teams at various events and of course to Ray Morgan who looks after our website.

Looking at performance our athletes have seen significant success this summer. With representation at the European U20 championships and at the World Championships it has been a season to savour. Cassie-Ann Pemberton, who holds a number of County records, was part of the gold medal winning 4x100m team at the European U20 championships and Sarah McDonald and Elliot Giles made the semi-final of their 1500m events and Andrew Pozzi also made the semi-final in the 110m hurdles at the World Championships. Kare Adenagan has also been selected for the World Para Championships in Dubai later this month.

100m	Nick Pryce (5 <sup>th</sup> ) 10.66
200m	Nick Pryce (2 <sup>nd</sup> ) 21.14
	Morgan Ahmed (7 <sup>th</sup> ) 22.08
110m Hurdles	Jake Porte (1 <sup>st</sup> ) 14.01
400m Hurdles	Efekemo Okoro (2 <sup>nd</sup> ) 50.34
Long Jump	Alex Farquharson (4 <sup>th</sup> ) 7.19m
Hammer	Craig Murch (1 <sup>st</sup> ) 72.33m

Five of these athletes then went on to represent England in the Home International, again at Sportcity in Manchester.

200m	Nick Pryce (6 <sup>th</sup> ) 21.51
110m Hurdles	Jake Porte (1 <sup>st</sup> ) 14.04
400m Hurdles	Efekemo Okoro (1 <sup>st</sup> ) 50.86
Long Jump	Alex Farquharson (3 <sup>rd</sup> ) 7.38m
Hammer	Craig Murch (3 <sup>rd</sup> ) 71.88m

I look forward to another great year in 2020 and I know the preparations are well underway for the 2020 Cross Country Championships.

#### **4. Financial Report by WCAA Treasurer, Tony Mackness**

Tony reported on another successful year for the County Association.

In summary:-

Total income was £15,618.85

Total expenditure £12,962.76

Surplus £ 2,655.80

The balance at 30<sup>th</sup> September 2019 is £25,670.20

The major portion of the income was from the Cross-Country and Track and Field Championships and the Open Graded meetings .

The major items of expenditure were the Inter-Counties Cross-Country and U13/15 Track and Field match at Hull, and the purchase of more vests.

Tony was thanked for his stewardship of the County's finances and the clear presentation of the accounts at each Committee meeting.

#### **5. Affiliation Fees**

The Treasurer proposed no change in the affiliation fee of £20 per Club for the period 1<sup>st</sup> October 2019 to 30<sup>th</sup> September 2020. This was accepted unanimously.

## **6. Election of Officers and Officials**

### **Warwickshire County A A Proposed list of Appointments**

Chair	Cath Muth
President	Bob Carey
Vice President and President Elect	Graham Heeley
Hon. Secretary	Keith Richards
Hon. Treasurer	Tony Mackness

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

Officials Secretary	Maggie Murphy
Promotions Secretary XC	Katie Lea
Promotions Secretary T&F	Katie Lea
Team Managers Coordinator	Vacancy
Webmaster	Vacancy
Trophies and Medals Secretary	Bob Carey
Trustees	Ian Riley and Maggie Murphy
Auditors	Matthew Hargreaves and Keith Richards
WRRRL Chair and Endurance Secretary	Massey Ferguson R C, Dave Goodwin is the contact.
Records Secretary	Vacancy

The nominees were all accepted unanimously.

We will try to recruit members to fill the vacancies.

### **Life Vice Presidents**

The following have previously been elected as Life Vice Presidents

Maureen Blore, Norma Blaine, Alan Edwards, Stewart Harris, Ken Bull, Graham Heeley, Mary Hodges, Dyfrig Rees, Bob Carey, Ian Riley, Margery Ewington, Richard Carney, Stewart Barnes, Keith Richards, Les Barnett, Henry Mortimer

### **Past Life Vice Presidents**

Margaret Babbington, Ted Clifford, Ken Dare, John Walker, Marianne Lingen, Peter Milton, Norman Walker, Frank Kirby, Janet Paul, Edna Walker, Mike Doyle

## **7. Constitutional changes**

Ray Morgan presented the proposed revision.

“Not less than six weeks’ notice of the convening of the AGM shall be sent to all Members, Trustees, Auditors, Officers and Officials. The Notice shall invite nominations for Officers, Officials, Vice Presidents, Life Vice Presidents and Auditors and invite proposals for changes to the Constitution. Nominations and Proposals should be made at least two weeks before the AGM so that the Committee can consider them and advise the Nominee/Proposer on them to give him/her an opportunity to revise or withdraw them. Nominations for Officers, Officials and Auditors will not be considered unless explicitly endorsed by the nominee and would not normally be considered if made at the AGM without prior notice.”

This 'revision' was approved unanimously.

## **8. Application of Coventry Tri Club to join the County**

The application met the County requirements and had been approved by the Committee with no objections at the September Committee Meeting.

We are pleased to welcome the Club to membership of Warwickshire CAA.

## **9. Ellis Trophy and Endurance Trophy**

The Outgoing President, Becky Freeman proposed Jack Gray (Cambridge and Coleridge) for the Endurance Trophy and Lewis Byng (Stratford upon Avon A C) for the Ellis Trophy. The qualification period for these awards is as the 1st October 2018 to 30th September 2019, and therefore does not include the World Athletics Championships in Doha.

## **10. Any Other Business.**

The date of the next AGM is 11th November 2020

The meeting closed at 20.10 with thanks to Coventry Godiva Harriers for the use of their Club room.

**NEWBOLD REVEL WCAA XC CHAMPS**  
**5<sup>TH</sup> January 2019**

Warwickshire had 800 entries compared to 681 entries last year although er are not sure if this could be attributed to the distance travelled last year, it being much closer this year. There were no paper entries and 283 Worcestershire entries.

The referee reported the event had run smoothly with no significant problems and it was a very good course for athletes. The course was set out and marked well and no competitors went astray. All tripping hazards were marked with white paint. The carpets worked well on the wooden bridges and cattle grid. There were lots of positive comments from runners about the course and the facilities. I did have one observation that the senior ladies race seemed a little short and one comment that the funnel could have been a little longer.

The officials were organised very well, however, Maggie thought more communication was needed with the referee before the competition to confirm who was doing what beforehand

No serious injuries were recorded and Medevent covered the event well providing 3 medics instead of 2 at no extra cost. We now have 2 new flags with first aid signage on them.

Parking went very well and was operated very efficiently. The pre-race signage and local notices seemed to work. Post event there was almost no litter left behind which was very pleasing to see. Only one bag was collected, mostly from people on the day.

All races ran smoothly and to time. There was a slight typo on one of the start times but this did not cause any real problem. There were 2 disqualifications for not wearing club vests.

We had plenty of marshals, which was very pleasing considering it was a new venue. The estate manager was very pleased about how well it all went. It was tidied up to make it easy for him on the Monday morning.

There was a problem with the results due to the use of 2 funnels and inputting. This did not affect the top positions or the team result. It was resolved in a couple of days.

Memorial tree: WCAA are planning to plant a tree by way of thanks to the venue and this is being arranged

Overall it was a very successful championship

**Katie Lea**  
**WCAA Championship Secretary**

**Track and Field Championships**  
**Nuneaton 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> May 2019**

This year's event was held by Warwickshire alone and we were very happy with the support we received. Most importantly, the number of athletes who entered was high – slightly down on the previous year but otherwise the highest since 2006. There are still some events that fail to attract numbers e.g. 400m Hurdles and Steeplechase so we are currently looking at a way of giving athletes in these events a better level of competition.

The standard of competition was high with a number of records broken and feedback from the athletes was good.

The Pingles stadium and its staff were excellent as were the officials and volunteers. Lunches were impressive and very welcome so thanks to Katie Lea for keeping our officials happy.

The Full On Sport system for entries is very good although it could be improved by them (and by us for ease of use). For example, call the 1500m Steeplechase the Chase 1500m so that people don't enter it in mistake for the 1500m flat. Also merge Quadkids with the main event so that there is just one system. The Full On Sport system makes entries and their processing much simpler especially because it checks the validity of URNs.

The timetable had a couple of mistakes, but we adjusted it and nobody was inconvenienced.

The pre-meeting admin from registration to seeding and then paperwork flow through to announcements, results and presentation all went very well. The layout at Nuneaton lends itself to ease of use in this regard. The post-meeting admin for results, web site, awards also went very well. In summary, the meeting was very efficient.

There was an issue with recruitment of officials possibly because their numbers are reducing, demands on them are increasing or the clash with the BAL – or maybe all 3? There is no definite answer to this question, but we are pleased that this clash will not happen in 2020.

So, all in all we had an efficient and enjoyable event, one which we should be proud of.

**Katie Lea**  
**WCAA Championship Secretary**

### **U13/U15 Inter County match at Hull 14<sup>th</sup> September 2019**

The match produced a very good result for us. Our organisers were fearful that the distance might put off some of the younger athletes but in the event we won the U15B age group and won the overall competition and so retained the trophy. Although we are not absolutely sure, the team manager John Nash has stated that Warwickshire have won this trophy 16 of the 20 times we have entered. Jake Minshull also won one of the athlete-of-the-match awards (track, U15B for his 80mHur)

The coach worked well however, far fewer athletes used it than had promised to. I believe we ended up with 12 – but also their supporters, John and Becky.

This is a brilliant event that works very simply and so very well. Next years it will be in Lincolnshire (venue to be decided) on Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> September.

### **Ray Morgan September 2019**

#### **Race Walking**

The County Road walks were held in onjunction with the Midland Championships at Stourport-on-Severn on 17 February 2019.

The results were as follows:

U13G 2k 1 Kelsey Tozer Birchfield 12.39 U15

3k Gabrielle Birch Birchfield 21.47

SW 5k 1 Louisa Davidson Birchfield 34.47 2 Karen Williams Birchfield 38.25

SM 10k 1 Steve Arnold Nuneaton 60.23 2 Paul Hawkins Stratford -upon-Avon 62.33

3 John Constandinou Birchfield 63.42 Team Constandinou, Julian Barnett and David Fall

**Keith Richards  
Race Walking Secretary**