

Minutes

Annual General Meeting of the Warwickshire Road Race League held of Wednesday 6th November 2019

Attendance

Darren John (Chair WRRL), Jo Tork (Chair WRRL, Linda Whitehead, Keith Whitehead (Knowle & Dorridge RC)
Debbie Streets, Martin Dorrill, Stewart Underhill, Tom Dable, Pauline Dable, Laura Pettifer, Helen Baker, Melanie Beasley (Kenilworth Runners)
Tony Mackness, Roger Ladbury, Darren Taplin (Northbrook AC)
Andy Rea, Jamie Thomas (Centurions)
Helen Rowe, Alison Lowe, Daniel Connolly, Dave Goodwin, Anne-Marie Goodwin, Cal Oddy, Lorraine Harris, Cathy Keay (Massey Ferguson RC)
Nick Wilson (Nuneaton Harriers)
Keith Richards (Godiva & WCCAA Secretary)
Bryan Ashford (Rugby & Northants AC)
Sally-Anne Tully, Emma Handley, Bob Carey (Sphinx AC)
Stewart Barker (Warwickshire)
Chris Hitchman, Alan Edwards, Ray Morgan (Leamington C&AC)
Susan Cox, Sean Lonergan, Chris McKeown (Spa Striders)
David Mandrell (Stratford upon Avon AC)
Paul Yeoman, Steph Ashford, Marian Poole, Melanie Hughes (Balsall Common RC)

Apologies

Apologies were received in advance from Sarah Bland (Stratford upon Avon AC) and Anthony Morgan

Minutes of Previous Meeting

The Minutes of the AGM held on the 5th November 2019 were accepted without amendment.

Matters Arising from the Minutes

None

Chair's Report

The chair this year was occupied by Knowle & Dorridge RC. Firstly a big thank you to the members of the committee including Bob Carey, Anthony Morgan, Jo Tork, Mel Venables, Dave Goodwin and Ray Morgan. As chair there was very little that was actually needed to be done and everything ran very well in the background.

During the WRRL season there have been glowing reports and going through the statistics provided the trend in races and total performance has seen the number

increasing. Given the increase in entries brings about its own challenges which are on the agenda and will be discussed at length further.

Rather than go through a whole load of statistics at this time, this information is available on the WRRL website for clubs and individuals to go through should they wish.

Mention was also made by a member from Massey Ferguson RC that races were selling out way in advance of their dates but this is helpful with sorting out arrangements beforehand, advance entry is felt to be a better way to organise the event so that on the day the only requirement from organisers is to actually put the race on rather than sort out entries.

Awards Presentation

Jo Tork presented the winners' awards and trophies for the 2019 league season. The list of awards presented is attached as Appendix I. A good number of award winners were at the meeting to collect their awards. Awards for those not present were collected by members of their respective clubs.

Thank you to Bob Carey for organising the awards and trophies.

Election of Officers

An invitation was made at the meeting for any individual to offer to stand for election as League Chair. As no-one took up the invitation, the role of League Chair will pass to Massey Ferguson RC as per the decision made at the 2017 AGM.

Bob Carey, Anthony Morgan, Mel Venables, and Dave Goodwin all indicated their readiness to remain on the committee and, as there were no other nominations, were all elected unopposed, with Bob Carey continuing to assist with trophies (WCAA Trophy Officer).

Proposal for Rule Changes

Race promoters should offer slower paced runners one of two opportunities depending on which is most appropriate for the promoter and the course. Either allow the slower paced runners to start 15 minutes early, or, start at the same time as the main body of the race but be advised that a cut-off for the race may apply. In the latter case the athletes will be allowed to continue and finish but without the support of marshals and at their own risk.

The meeting agreed that this would be taken forward as an action to be considered over the next 12 months.

Matters raised with the WRRL season

- Different races within the WRRL operate different entry processes
- Races within the WRRL have different race limits and are often sold out

- Races in the WRRL are open to all – should there be a guaranteed entry to WRRL members

Ryton 5 and Monty 5k now operate an online entry system for the 2020 season. The meeting recognised that different race limits were in place and were often directly related to the course they were being run on but that race organisers should try to utilise the maximum number of athletes as their licence allowed. Currently only Two Castles guarantee entry to WRRL members who have taken part in 4 WRRL races or more. East Midlands operate a season ticket option but the meeting recognised that making this a rule for the WRRL races would create difficulties.

Fixtures for the 2020 season

1	Massey Ferguson 10k	Monday 13 th April 2020
2	Ryton 5	Thursday 21 st May 2020
3	Sphinx 5m	Wednesday 10 th June 2020
4	Two Castles 10k	Sunday 14 th June 2020
5	Arden 9m	Sunday 21 st June 2020
6	Northbrook 10k	Sunday 12 th July 2020
7	Monty 5k	Sunday 26 th July 2020
7	Stratford 6m	TBC (suggestion to be held in August 2020)
8	Kenilworth Half Marathon	Sunday 13 th September 2020
9	Balsall Common 10k	Sunday 20 th September 2020
10	Rugby 10	Sunday 4 th October 2020

There was a proposal at the meeting by Nuneaton Harriers AC that their 10k race was added to the League for 2020. Unfortunately the date for 2020 clashes with Kenilworth Half Marathon and the meeting agreed that the Kenilworth Half Marathon would be favoured ahead of the proposed 10k. However, it was noted that the Kenilworth Half Marathon had had to bring their date forward by one week in 2020 so going forward this may not be an issue.

After discussion, the meeting were keen to include the Nuneaton 10k into the WRRL race calendar and an agreement was made as to whether the Nuneaton Harriers AC were in a position to change their date for 2020. It was agreed that if they were able to do so by the 1st April 2020 then this race would be included in the WRRL calendar for 2020 but if not and there were no clashes in 2021, the race would be included in the WRRL for 2021.

Chair of WRRL for 2021

Volunteers to chair the WRRL for 2021 were invited and Rugby & Northants AC accepted.

AOB

It was highlighted that races are run under UKA rules and that headsets are a definite no no. Also sponsor bibs should not be folded over. It is the race director that is ultimately responsible and that all athletes must follow instructions given to them by

marshalls. Some races are have had complaints of being short of the distance but all races are measured on a path/road with no shortcuts. If a race has over 300 athletes then there is a requirement for an adjudicator and a referee.

Date of Next Meeting

This was not discussed during the meeting but the chair would propose Monday 2nd November 2020.

Appendix 1 – List of Awards

Overall Female Medallists

1. Kelly Edwards	Leamington C&AC	1800
2. Rachel Gifford	Knowle & Dorridge RC	1794
3. Natalie Bhargal	Leamington C&AC	1792

Female Age Group Medallists

1. Rachel Gifford	Knowle & Dorridge RC	FSEN	1200
2. Natalie Bhargal	Leamington C&AC	FSEN	1196
3. Mairi Walker	Spa Striders	FSEN	1185
1. Emma Handley	Sphinx AC	FU20	800
1. Kelly Edwards	Leamington C&AC	FV35	1200
2. Laura Pettifer	Kenilworth Runners	FV35	1188
3. Janine Thomas	Centurion RC	FV35	1185
1. Emma Garnett	Kenilworth Runners	FV45	1199
2. Louise Andrews	Kenilworth Runners	FV45	1189
3. Susan Cox	Spa Striders	FV45	1186
1. Sally Eason	Northbrook AC	FV55	1195
2. Jane Hunt	Knowle & Dorridge RC	FV55	1192
3. Jeanette Robathan	Centurion RC	FV55	1179
1. Ruth Calderbank	Stratford Upon Avon AC	FV65	1199
2. Linda Whitehead	Knowle & Dorridge RC	FV65	1196
3. Pauline Dable	Kenilworth Runners	FV65	1192

Overall Female Team Kenilworth Runners

Masters Female Team Kenilworth Runners

Ever Present Females

Debbie Streets	Kenilworth Runners
Helen Baker	Kenilworth Runners
Helen Rowe	Massey Ferguson RC
Susan Cox	Spa Striders

Overall Male Medallists

1. Ian Allen	Spa Striders	2998
2. Chris Sharp	Knowle & Dorridge RC	2992
3. Rob Michaelson-Yeates	Knowle & Dorridge RC	2986

Male Age Group Medallists

1. Ian Allen	Spa Striders	MSEN 3000
2. Ben Taylor	Kenilworth Runners	MSEN 2988
3. Stanley Doxey	Kenilworth Runners	MSEN 2987
1. Dominic Priest	Leamington C&AC	MU20 800
2. Oliver Flippance	Kenilworth Runners	MU20 799
3. Oliver Lunn	Kenilworth Runners	MU20 798
1. Chris Sharp	Knowle & Dorridge RC	MV35 1200
2. Rob Michaelson-Yeates	Knowle & Dorridge RC	MV35 1195
3. Chris McKeown	Spa Striders	MV35 1190
1. Trevor Wilkinson	Spa Striders	MV45 1188
2. Marc Curtis	Leamington C&AC	MV45 1177
3. Darren Taplin	Northbrook AC	MV45 1175
1. David Leadley	Kenilworth Runners	MV55 1200
2. Roger Holmes	Kenilworth Runners	MV55 1193 - Tie
3. Paul Rutter	Kenilworth Runners	MV55 1193 - Tie
1. Dave McLean	Sphinx AC	MV65 1200
2. Dave Pettifer	Kenilworth Runners	MV65 1197
3. Stan Alexander	Kenilworth Runners	MV65 1193

Overall Male Team Kenilworth Runners

Masters Male Team Kenilworth Runners

Ever Present Males

Martin Poole	Balsall Common RC
John Savin	Centurion RC
Anthony Young	Kenilworth Runners
Adam Lowe	Massey Ferguson RC
Robert Egan	Spa Striders
Jack Edwards	Sphinx AC
David Maundrell	Stratford Upon Avon AC