



THE 36th ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
HELD ONLINE BY ZOOM on Wednesday 12th November 2025 at 7:30 p.m.

Attendees:

Chair - Cath Muth, (Chair of WCAA, Birchfield Harriers), Graham Heeley (Past President, Sparkhill Harriers), Tony Mackness (WCAA Treasurer, Northbrook AC), Lennon McKenzie (Officials Secretary), Kat Robertson (WRRM Manager, Spa Striders), Eric Fowler (WCAA Hon Sec, Mercia Fell Runners), Katie Lea (Promotions, Rugby and Northampton AC), David McGuffin (Promotions), Stewart Barnes (Coventry Godiva Harriers), Rebecca Freeman (Solihull and Small Heath AC), David Ashbourne (Leamington C&AC), Matt Leydon (Spa Striders), Brian Axford (Rugby and Northampton AC), Dave Goodwin (Massey Ferguson RC), Sally Anne Tully (Sphinx), Carol Blower (Leamington C&AC), Peter Sugden (Stratford upon Avon AC), Natalie Horlor (Balsall Common RC), Nav Akhtar (City of Birmingham Striders), Iestin Rimmer (CoBS), Ann Virgo (Royal Sutton Coldfield AC), Steve Howes (Solihull and Small Heath AC), Hannah Rowe, (Stratford)
(14 affiliated clubs represented)

Item 1 Apologies for absence:

Maggie Murphy (WCAA President), Richard Carney (BRAT Club), Chris Wellings (Knowle and Dorridge)

Item 2 Acceptance of the minutes of the 2024 AGM held on 13th November 2024.

The minutes were published on the County web site soon after the meeting and no corrections were submitted. The minutes were unanimously accepted as a true record.

Item 3 The Annual Report by WCAA Chair

Many thanks as always to our hard-working committee, volunteers and team managers who give a huge amount of time organising county events.

The year has been our usual busy season firstly hosting the cross-country championships at a new course at Solihull Riding Club and the track and field championship at Nuneaton.

Our new venue for the cross-country championships went well, although we did have to change the course at short notice due to heavy rain which meant we were unable to use the stream crossing. Our biggest issue with these championships was the lack of marshals, and it was touch and go whether we had enough to put on the event. I would like to thank Kenilworth Runners for their very prompt response to our call for help and they provided a large number of volunteers which was greatly

appreciated. My thanks go to Katie Lee who is such an important member of our team and her efforts, ably supported by a officials and others made this the excellent event that it is was.

Warwickshire will host the cross-country at Solihull again in December 2026 and the races will be held on Sunday so that more volunteers can be available to assist with setting out the courses on the Saturday. All help will be appreciated.

We had full teams representing Warwickshire at the Inter Counties with some excellent performances. Aron Gebramariam won the U20 race and there were some strong runs in the U15 boys with Archie Lane in 7th and Sam Lambert 11th. Warwickshire was also the most successful county in the U13/U15 inter counties competition and it was great to see the young athletes perform so well. It would be remiss of me not to thank our team managers who put in a lot of work in the background of these events.

The track and field championships was again a very well run, highly successful event. It is the reputation of this event that attracts so many athletes and we had a record entry once more this year. Thanks go to David McGuffin and Katie Lea who have taken the mantle of the organising this event, supported by a large team of volunteers and officials.

It was also a highly successful track and field championships with a record entry. This was very encouraging and hopefully shows the sport is back on track after all the disruption of the last three years.

For a number of years, I have been raising the issue of the lack of volunteers and I am afraid the position is only getting worse. My fear is that we will not be able to put on these events in future unless we have more help. We seem to be in a situation in the current environment whereby parents and others are not prepared to give any time to assist but expect events to run smoothly and on time.

We have positions that are still vacant at WCAA and despite advertising on social media and to clubs we are still lacking assistance in several areas. We have a new officials secretary and are happy to see someone step forward to take on this role. However, we still need more help. I would ask all those parents whose children enjoy a great experience at our events if they could spare some time to ensure that other athletes get the same opportunities in future. My report seems to say the same every year but continues to fall on deaf ears which is very disappointing.

We did have representation from Warwickshire athletes at major championships with Matthew Hudson-Smith and Elliot Giles selected for the World Championships. Unfortunately, both had a disappointing championship, for different reasons. The World Para Championships saw more medal success for Kare Adenegan and we congratulate her on this success,

It has been a good year for the County and my greatest wish is that we will get more help to ensure we continue to deliver competitive events for our athletes.

Cath Muth, WCAA Chair

Item 4 Treasurers report for year ended 30.9.2025

Tony Mackness WCAA Treasurer showed the accounts on screen and gave the following report.

The accounts for the period 1.10.2024 to 30.9.2025 show a net Surplus of £2610.17 (for comparison during 2023/2024 there was a Deficit of £1066.39)

Bank balances at year end were:

Lloyds Current Account	£10441.64
Santander	£ 18,582.53
TOTAL BANK BALANCE	£29,024.17

Note: The previous Lloyds entries account was closed in January 2025 and the balance moved to the current account. This was triggered because the bank introduced new fees per account and entry revenues can be tracked without the need for a separate account.

Affiliation fees

Income = £480 from 24 clubs for WCAA affiliation and £405 from 9 clubs for Warwickshire Road Race promoters fees. Expenditure = £205 to affiliate the County Association to England Athletics

Cross-country Championships

The 2024 XC championships were held at Solihull Riding School on 14th December 2024 in conjunction with Worcestershire. Costs are shared by the two counties in proportion to the number of entries. Total income was £5227 with entry income up by £568. Total costs were £4337, including trophies. The net Surplus for the event was £989.

Track & Field Championships

The Track and Field championships were held at Pingles, Nuneaton over the weekend of 10th/11th May. There were slightly fewer entries which contributed to an income of £9,037. A grant of £500 was made by England Athletics. WCAA also wish to thank Coventry Runner for their sponsorship of the bib numbers (£270).

The surplus on the event was £2706, down on the previous year because entry income was very slightly less, there was £200 less in event sponsorship and significantly higher costs.

Inter county events

Costs of £962 were incurred for Inter County Events including the cross-country at Nottingham and the U13/U15 inter-counties T&F match which provides an important opportunity for young athletes.

Miscellaneous expenditure

Costs of £272 were incurred

County website Costs	£79.13
Postage	£12.99
President's chain	£151.20
Bank charges (7 months)	£29.75

Our biggest miscellaneous expense this year was the purchase of engravable bars for the chain of office.

Audit opinion

The accounts have been audited by Hargreaves - Ward Ltd and there are no findings of significance, and the accounts have been signed off. They made the following statement: *"Nothing has come to our attention to refute that the financial statements presented to us represent a true and fair view of the income, expenditure and surplus for the year reviewed and of the financial position at the year-end"*

The full accounts are available from the Treasurer on request.

Tony Mackness was thanked for his diligent work as Treasurer and in preparing the accounts.

The accounts were unanimously approved.

Proposal - the Treasurer and committee propose the Club Affiliation fee remain at £20 per club.
TMc noted that there are sufficient reserves so there is no need to increase the affiliation fee.
The proposal was accepted unanimously.

Item 5 Election of Officers, Officials, Trustees, Auditors, Vice President

Incumbents had indicated a willingness to continue in role. The Chair did not receive any new nominations so no positions are contested.

The position of Trophies Secretary remains vacant

EF highlighted that the committee had followed up on actions from the last AGM and welcomed Lennon McKenzie as Officials Secretary and that his appointment had been enacted with England Athletics. The role of Endurance Secretary has been renamed as WRRM Manager and Kat Robertson has taken up that position within year so those positions are to be consolidated by this AGM. Elections for all positions were unanimously confirmed en-bloc.

The following Officers and Officials were duly elected.

President	Maggie Murphy
President elect	Katie Lea
Hon Chair	Cath Muth
Hon Secretary	Eric Fowler
Hon Treasurer	Tony Mackness
Hon Officials Secretary	Lennon McKenzie
Hon Promotions Secretary x2	Katie Lea and David McGuffin
Team Managers' coordinator	Keith Burgess
Website secretary	Eric Fowler
Hon Trophies and Medals Secretary	vacant
Social media Secretary	Olivia Lea
Trustees	Ian Riley and Maggie Murphy
Auditors	Matthew Hargreaves
WRRM Manager	Kat Robertson

Item 6 Constitutional Changes.

None proposed.

EF highlighted that WCAA will reset the age groups for young athletes' competitions to comply with UKA Rules with effect from April 2026.

Item 7 Team Manager's Reports

CM reported that the inter-counties cross-country in March at Nottingham had seen several individual successes (see notes above). There was a good team spirit and athletes liked the course and venue at Wollaton Park.

BA highlighted that the inter-counties fixture will move to January in 2027 which means that other counties will need to move their championships to December 2026.

RF reported on U13/U15's Inter Counties track and field competition at Nuneaton in September. It was effectively a 'home' match but with Leicestershire as hosts. There were many 'new' athletes on the team that have not represented Warwickshire previously so provided great experiences for them. There was a close finish in the team competition with Warwickshire emerging as the top county and

also having two individual athlete-of-the-match winners in the U15 girls. Thanks were extended to officials who supported the team at this fixture which falls late in the season.

Item 8 The Ellis Trophy and the Endurance Trophy

These awards are usually advised by the Trophies Secretary and as the role is vacant there are no recommendations – the committee agreed to consider potential awards.

Item 9 Any other business

EF asked all clubs to notify any changes to contact details to ensure that communications are correctly distributed.

BA asked if the age-group change in April means that existing records for track and field will be 'frozen'. EF reported that the committee has considered this and that winners in the 2026 championships will also set new age-group records. Existing records will be archived.

RF asked that if there are any cross-country trophies to be returned then clubs do so as soon as possible so they may be engraved before the championships in December.

Date of the 2026 AGM- Wednesday 11th November 2026

Meeting closed at 20:09