

AGM of the Warwickshire Road Race League

12th November 2025 (virtual on Zoom)



Attendees:

Chair - Kat Robertson (League Manager, Spa Striders), Tony Mackness (WRRL Treasurer, Northbrook AC), Eric Fowler (WRRL Hon Sec), Graham Heeley (Sparkhill Harriers), Rebecca Freeman (Solihull and Small Heath AC), Dave Ashbourne (Leamington C&AC), Lennon McKenzie (WCAA Officials Secretary), Katie Lea (Rugby and Northampton AC), David McGuffin, Stewart Barnes (Coventry Godiva Harriers), Matt Leydon (Spa Striders), Brian Acford (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), Helen Rowe (Massey Ferguson RC), Scott Kirton (Massey Ferguson RC), Richard Clarke (Kenilworth RC)

Apologies for absence:

Geoff Heaps (Lily Mae Foundation), Margaret Murphy (Rugby & Northampton AC), Richard Carney (BRAT Club), Chris Wellings (Knowle and Dorridge)

Acceptance of the minutes of the AGM held on 13th November 2024

The minutes of the AGM were published on county association website. Unanimously accepted as a true record.

Report on 2025 season – Kat Robertson, League Manager

It has been a good season with 9 races including the welcome new fixture promoted by Massey Ferguson in Coventry Memorial Park. There were 30 ever-present awards, up 7 on last year; over 1200 runners participated. 24 clubs are affiliated although not all promote or have regular participants. KR will contact those clubs that seem not to be so involved, including some further into Birmingham to find out how they can become more engaged. Race promoters and organisers were thanked and particular thanks extended to Anthony Morgan and Matt Leydon for their work on results.

Team winners were as follows;

Spa Striders won senior men and masters men. Kenilworth won the women's team and Northbrook masters women. Northbrook have not previously won a team competition so it is good to see a new name on the trophy. An awards night will be held on 21st November. Awarded trophies are individually engraved which makes these personal to the winners.

The new role of League Manager provides clearer leadership and KR identified a need to review and update some of the rules which were last changed in 2017. KR will lead a committee to produce proposals and welcomed input from anyone with suggestions. A decision already sanctioned for the 2026 season is that ever-present medals will again be awarded.

Financial Report - WRRL Treasurer Tony Mackness

9 race promoter's fees of £45 had been received giving an income of £405. The cost of trophies had been just £168, partly due to a change of supplier, so the league account showed a small surplus.

Proposal for fees - 2025 season

A promoter's fee of £45 per race (unchanged from 2025)

Approved (all votes in favour, none against and no abstentions)

Election of Officers

- League manager: Kat Robertson (Spa Striders)
- Secretary: Eric Fowler (Mercia Fell Runners)
- Treasurer: Tony Mackness (Northbrook AC)
- WRRL Results: Anthony Morgan (with support from Terry Moynihan, Matt Leydon and Kat Robertson)

Proposed WRRL fixtures 2026

Date	Race	Venue	Promoting club
Sun 12 th April	Massey 5k	Coventry Mem. Pk	Massey Ferguson RC
Thur 21 st May (eve)	Ryton 5	Ryton Pools	Spa Striders
Weds 3 rd June (eve)	Sphinx Summer 5	Coventry Mem. Pk	Sphinx AC
Sun 14 th June	Two castles 10k	Warwick/Kenilworth	Kenilworth Runners
Sun 28 th June	Arden 7	Solihull	Knowle and Dorridge AC
Sun 12 th July	Northbrook 10k	Allesley, Coventry	Northbrook AC
Fri 14 th Aug (eve)	Stratford summer 6	Stratford upon Avon	Stratford AC
Wed 19 th Aug (eve)	CoBS Summerfield 5k	Summerfield Pk	City of Birm. Striders
Sun 6 th Sept	Kenilworth ½ mara	Kenilworth	Kenilworth Runners
Sun 13 th Sept	Balsall Common 10k	Balsall Common	Solihull & Small Heath AC
Sun 27/9 or 4/10	Rugby 10 mile	Barby	Rugby & Northampton AC

There are 2 new fixtures for 2026; The CoBS 5k in Summerfield Park slots in 5 days after the Stratford 6. K&D have been hampered by the development of HS2 so they have done well to propose the Arden 7.

Dave Goodwin asked if the scoring been determined with 11 races. KR proposed that 7 races should count as a proportionate number in the series as this would ensure that any potential winners would have head-to-head meetings.

The proposal to use the best 7 race results was agreed unanimously.

Any other business

Steve Howes asked whether the league would use 5-year age-categories in 2026. Several club representatives agreed that this could be a positive change for the league although there was some concern about the additional cost for awards. Matt Leydon confirmed that the results system would not require significant amendment to be able to identify athletes by 5-year age-categories. Brian Acford suggested that the number of awards in each age-group should be proportionate to the number of entrants.

KR agreed to work with others to compile analysis of the number of finishers in each age-group to identify the potential number of additional awards. An Extraordinary General Meeting will be called early in 2026 to formally agree any changes.

Richard Clarke advised that Kenilworth RC are considering how the league race can best be accommodated within the 2-Castles event. The number of entries may be increased for 2026. Proposals will be shared with league clubs.

Date of the 2026 AGM - Wednesday 11th November 2026 (to follow WCAA meeting)