

Minutes

Annual General Meeting of the Warwickshire Road Race League held on Monday 5 November 2018

Attendance

Tony French, Tony Mackness, Roger Ladbury, Natasha White (Northbrook AC)

Stewart Underhill, Laura Pettifer, Dave Pettifer, Anthony Young, Jane Kidd, Pauline Dable, Tom Dable (Kenilworth Runners)

Eleanor Fowler (Nuneaton Harriers)

Emma Bish, Matt Leydon, Chris McKeown, Sean Lonergan (Spa Striders)

Sara Slevin, Kelli Sahan, Stuart Sahan, Lesley Keighley, Sandy Keighley, Helen Rowe, Cal Oddy, Cathy Keay, Marie Edmunds, Anne-Marie Goodwin, Dave Goodwin, Brenda Lee (Massey Ferguson RC)

Bryan Ackford (Rugby & Northants AC)

Ray Morgan, Richard Merrell, Phil Gould (Leamington C&AC)

Chris Sharp, Rosie Marsh (Knowle & Dorridge)

Jeanette Robathan, Eric Robathan, Thomas Hedley, Adrian Lloyd, Andy Rey (Centurion)

Paul Yeoman, Jill Fedeski (Balsall Common RC)

Bob Carey (Sphinx AC)

Apologies

Apologies were received in advance from Alan Edwards (Leamington C&AC) and Sally Anderson (Knowle & Dorridge)

Apologies were received at the meeting from Alex Montgomery (Leamington C&AC)

Minutes of Previous Meeting

The Minutes of the AGM held on 6 November 2017 were accepted without amendment.

Matter Arising from the Minutes

None

Chair's Report

The Chair this last year was occupied by Northbrook AC. All well and good but it ended up as a secondary sub Committee of our 10k Sub Committee. A bit confusing but since there was not a lot to do by the Committee we seem to have got through it OK.

Firstly, a big thank you to Anthony Morgan for all his work on the website. It is a big job but is progressing well. I am sure he would be quite happy to receive any comments and/or ideas for improvement.

Also thank you to Ray Morgan who stepped down from the Committee last year but is still available for his encyclopaedic knowledge.

Most things went well through the season and as far as I know the races were well organised and, as usual, well attended by Warwickshire Athletes. The one major problem was the sad cancellation of the Brat 5k. This happened when we were well into the summer and whilst we did consider putting together a replacement, it would have run foul of the League Rules.

I do not want to go into a whole load of statistics as this information is on the website for Clubs to do their own analysis, but I just want to point up some interesting tables that Anthony has come up with.

1. The Number of performances per race with Ranking in order of totals
2. Total number of runners per Club
3. Number of races entered by eligible runners.

These are included in Appendix I - attached.

Awards Presentation

Tony French presented the winners' awards and trophies for the 2018 league season. The list of awards presented is attached as Appendix II. Award winners had been notified prior to the meeting and invited to attend. 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. Thanks 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 Knowle & Dorrige AC as per the decision made at the 2017 AGM. The meeting agreed to invite nominations for Chair to be made in advance of the 2019 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).

Proposals for Rule Changes

A proposal that:

The League recommends that races adopt the following "best practices"

had been submitted in advance by Ray Morgan, who was invited to provide further details at the meeting. Best practices are:

1. The Sphinx method of handling funnel blockages.
In the event of an incident in the finish funnel, (eg a collapsed athlete) the funnel be immediately moved sideways so that the athlete can be attended to and finishing runners can be diverted away.
The meeting agreed that this practice be adopted where possible, but noted that in some race situations this may not be practicable.
2. Radios rather than mobile phones be used for on-course communications (WCAA had 20 radios)
Radio communication means that all race officials with radios are aware of messages.
Discussion ensued about coverage of different radio frequencies.
3. Parkrun watches (RM has 3).
Suggestion to use recording watches to record race finish times to avoid need for trained timekeepers.
that some races already use chip timing and other recording watch systems.
4. Bar coded bib numbers (RM has two bar code readers).
Suggestion is to use race bibs with bar codes so as to avoid any problems with recording athletes' finishing positions.
Race sponsoring clubs reported that some races use branded bib numbers;
Massey Tractor 10 already uses a similar system.

The meeting thanked Ray for his suggestions.

A proposal that:

The Rules be clarified to cater for a situation where teams tie on points for the top place.

The meeting agreed that the Rules be amended so that in this event the tying teams' points for the whole season be aggregated to decide the winning team.

Note: Subsequent to the meeting it was noted that this eventuality is covered by Rule 7.2.d which was introduced at the AGM in 2017.

Fixtures for the 2019 Season

The races below were proposed for inclusion the 2019 League season.

1	Massey Tractor 10k	Sunday 21 April
2	Monty 5k	TBC (subsequently confirmed as Thursday 9 May)
3	Ryton 5	Thursday 23 May 7.30pm entry on night
4	Two Castles 10k	Sunday 9 June (£7 reduction for WRRL members with 4 or more in 2018)
5	Sphinx Summer 5	Wednesday 12 June
6	Arden 9	Sunday 16 June
7	Northbrook 10k	Sunday 14 July
8	Stratford 6	Saturday 20 July (TBC)
9	BRAT 5k	Wednesday (first or second week in August 2019)
10	Kenilworth Half Marathon	Sunday 1 September
11	Balsall Common 10k	Sunday 22 September
12	Rugby 10	Sunday 6 October

Proposed Race 11 is a new race proposed by Balsall Common Run Club. Representatives of BCRC presented an outline of the event, explained the actions to be taken after feedback from the non-League 2018 race, and answered questions from the floor about availability on the day of race certificates and H&S file. It was pointed out that the proposed date is the same weekend as the Midland Road Relays. The BCRC suggestion to run the WRRL race separate from the main race did not find favour with the meeting. BCRC were thanked for their presentation and a motion to include the race in the 2019 League season was agreed unanimously.

After discussion about the distribution of races in the race calendar the meeting agreed to include all twelve races in the 2019 League season with the proviso that race promoters must confirm that their race will proceed and confirm the race date by 1 April 2019.

Financial Statement and Promoters' Fees for 2019

Tony Mackness gave details of income (promoters' fees) and expenditure (awards and trophies) for the 2018 season. The proposal to keep the promoters' fee at £30 was agreed unanimously.

Any Other Business

Stuart Harris will retire as adjudicator next year and an appeal was made for people to step forward to become adjudicators.

Brian Ackford apologised for confusion caused by incorrect information appearing on the website about the number of qualifying races following the cancellation of the BRAT 5k.

Date of Next Meeting

The 2019 Annual General Meeting will take place on Monday 4 November 2019.

Appendix I – attached

Appendix II

List of Awards

Overall Female Medallists

1	Eleanor Fowler	Nuneaton Harriers	1797
2	Natasha White	Northbrook Athletic Club	1787
3	Laura Pettifer	Kenilworth Runners	1782

Female Age Group Medallists

1	Natasha White	Northbrook Athletic Club	FSEN	1195
2	Rosie Marsh	Knowle & Dorridge RC	FSEN	1191
3	Marie Edmunds	Massey Ferguson RC	FSEN	1175
1	Annie Cox	Stratford Upon Avon AC	FU20	800
2	Bella Doxey	Kenilworth Runners	FU20	797
1	Eleanor Fowler	Nuneaton Harriers	FV35	1199
2	Laura Pettifer	Kenilworth Runners	FV35	1192
3	Clare Hinton	Spa Striders	FV35	1178
1	Jenny Jeeves		FV45	1199
2	Carolyn Wilkinson	Spa Striders	FV45	1189
3	Louise Andrews	Kenilworth Runners	FV45	1186
1	Jane Kidd	Kenilworth Runners	FV55	1200
2	Theresa Woolley	Centurion RC	FV55	1195
3	Jeanette Robathan	Centurion RC	FV55	1182
1	Pauline Dable	Kenilworth Runners	FV65	1196
2	Lesley Keighley	Massey Ferguson RC	FV65	1192
3	Cal Oddy	Massey Ferguson RC	FV65	1182

Ever Present Female

Jeanette Robathan Centurion RC

Overall Female Team Leamington C&AC

Masters Female Team Kenilworth Runners

Overall Male Medallists

1	Chris Sharp	Knowle & Dorridge RC	2994
2	Ben Taylor	Kenilworth Runners	2988
3	Paul Andrew	Leamington C&AC	2978

Male Age Group Medallists

1	Ben Taylor	Kenilworth Runners	MSEN	2999
2	Steven Dunsby	BRAT	MSEN	2988
3	Chris McKeown	Spa Striders	MSEN	2985
1=	Gregory West	Leamington C&AC	MU20	800
1=	Dean Mawby	Leamington C&AC	MU20	800
3	Liam Perkins	Coventry Godiva Harriers	MU20	795
1	Chris Sharp	Knowle & Dorridge RC	MV35	1197
2	Paul Andrew	Leamington C&AC	MV35	1191
3	Allen El-Sour	Sphinx AC	MV35	1165
1	Richard Merrell	Leamington C&AC	MV45	1197
2	Jason Hill	Leamington C&AC	MV45	1188
3	Pawel Langer	Sphinx AC	MV45	1187
1=	Thomas Healy	Centurion RC	MV55	1197
1=	Roger Homes	Kenilworth Runners	MV55	1197
3	James Abrams	Sphinx AC	MV55	1192
1	David Pettifer	Kenilworth Runners	MV65	1197
2	Adrian Lloyd	Centurion RC	MV65	1188
3	Thomas Dable	Kenilworth Runners	MV65	1174

Ever Present Males

1	Ben Taylor	Kenilworth Runners
2	Nicholas Williams	Kenilworth Runners
3	Anthony Young	Kenilworth Runners
4	Peter Barzetovic	Nuneaton Harriers
5	Ryan Baker	Kenilworth Runners
6	Eric Robathan	Centurion RC
7	Stuart Sahan	Massey Ferguson RC
8	Richard Cawley	Northbrook Athletic Club

Overall Male Team Leamington C&AC

Masters Male Team Kenilworth Runners