

Warwickshire Road Race League
Annual General Meeting
18th January 2023; 20:00 – via Zoom



Minutes of Meeting

Attendees – Ray Morgan (Chair; Leamington C&AC); Becky Freeman (Secretary; Solihull & SHAC); Tony Mackness (Treasurer; Northbrook RC); Bob Carey (Trophies & Medals Secretary; Sphinx RC); Matt Leydon (Spa Striders), Sally-Anne Tully (Sphinx RC); Jo Tork (K&D RC); Bryan Ackford (R&N AC) (left meeting at 20.30); Alan Edwards (Leamington C&AC); Dave Goodwin (Massey Ferguson RC); Scott Kirton (Massey Ferguson RC).

RM welcomed everybody to the meeting and thanked everyone for attending. He said that he would be chairing the AGM and that BF would be taking the minutes.

1. **Apologies for Absence** – none received.
2. **Acceptance of the minutes of the last AGM held on 24/11/2021** – The minutes were posted on the WCAA web site and a request was made that people review the minutes and raise any issues prior to the meeting. No issues were raised so the previous minutes were accepted unanimously as a true record of the WRRL AGM held on 24/11/2021.
3. **Annual Report** – Dave Goodwin presented a verbal report of the season and it was generally felt that it was a good season and there were no issues. RM shared the overall results with the meeting and pointed out that the outcome in a number of categories was close and that in 8 categories 1 point separated medallists and that the Club competition was also very close in the age group categories. It was felt that the League was motivating people and BC pointed out that the numbers competing was producing good competition. BA commented that at the time the league was formed the aim was to increase the number of people running and it had achieved that.
4. **Presentation of the Awards for the 2022 season** - BC has distributed the medals and trophies. Thanks to Bob and congratulations to all of the people who have achieved an award. The lists of award winners is available on the County web site.
5. **Propositions for Rule changes**
RM outlined the current set up of the WRRL where the League has its own management committee and noted that in the past, after the long standing chair of the League stood down that it had been difficult to find a Chair. In recent years the League had drawn a Club out of the hat and given the responsibility for appointing a Chair to them. The WCAA Committee proposal was that the management of the League moves to the WCAA Committee. The Chair, Secretary, Treasurer and Trophies Secretary of WCAA would perform those same duties for the League. The WCAA Committee would co-opt a Results Secretary (currently Anthony Morgan) to continue to score the various races in the League. There would also be the option to co-opt others as required as is currently done by the League (currently Terry Moynihan and Matt Leydon are co-opted).

BA stated that he thought that this was a good idea but that there were a few things that needed to be considered:

- How do events get selected?
- How do results get done? Will AM continue to do this role?

RM responded that previously WRRL AGM has decided which events will be in the League and under this proposal in future the WCAA Committee would decide and put forward a proposal at the full WCAA AGM for clubs to vote on.

RM also mentioned that presentation of medals could take place at a CrossCountry fixture.

BA proposed an amendment to the original proposal to add in that 'A meeting would take place prior to the WCAA AGM to agree the races that would form the League for the coming season'.

The amended proposal was accepted unanimously.

11 For; 0 Against; 0 Abstentions

ACTION: Cath Muth to check that Anthony Morgan is happy to continue to produce the results for the League and that if required Terry Moynihan is happy to be co-opted.

ML confirmed at the meeting that he is happy to be co-opted as required.

No further Rules Changes were received prior to the meeting.

RM thanked Dave Goodwin for chairing the League since 2019 including during the Covid period, whilst also organising the Massey Ferguson race.

6. Election of the League Officers

Following agreement to adopt the rule change outlined above this item was no longer required.

it was confirmed that the Officers of WCAA currently are :-

- Chair: Cath Muth (Birchfield Harriers)
- Secretary: Eric Fowler (Nuneaton Harriers)
- Treasurer: Tony Mackness (Northbook AC)
- Medals & Trophies Secretary: Bob Carey (Sphinx RC)

7. Fixtures for the 2023 season

RM confirmed that 10 Races have been put forward for the coming season and all were in the programme last year.

- Ryton – same as 2022
- Sphinx – same as 2022
- Two Castles – similar to 2022 up to 350 WRRL supporters will get the reduced entry fee – will not be able to pass on to someone else, but can cancel and get a refund minus an admin fee. Those who qualify will be worked out on the number of races run in 2022.
- Arden 9 – same as 2022
- Northbrook 10k – same as 2022
- Stratford Summer 6 – same as 2022
- Kenilworth Half Marathon – same as 2022
- Balsall Common 10k
- Rugby 10 Mile
- Massey Ferguson 10k – change of venue to Draycott Water and moved from its usual date in April to a Mid October date.

DG gave the meeting an outline of the reasons for moving the Massey Ferguson 10k from Stoneleigh where it has been held for the last 4 seasons to Draycott Water and also explained why a change of date was needed.

There was also a discussion around the Balsall Common 10k and that there were changes to the course and that a new risk assessment and course measurement would be needed. No confirmed date but it would be similar to previous years.

BA raised the possibility of the Nuneaton 10k being included in the League in the future.

DG pointed out that in 2022 the Nuneaton 10k was on the same date as the Kenilworth Half. RM raised the Badgers Race and it was noted that Badgers are not affiliated to WCAA and that their race is part of the Leicestershire RRL.

TM noted that clubs had had the opportunity to put forward any races for consideration and that neither club had been in touch.

DG made the meeting aware that MFRC had been contacted by the organisers of the Balsall Common 10k to provide support in organising the race as Balsall Common RC were not able to support this year. AE pointed out that the WRRL is for affiliated clubs and that charity putting on the funrun would need a club to support them so that they could affiliate to the League which is what has happened in the past with Balsall Common Running Club and that the supporting club would need to apply for the race licence. The organisation for this race is similar to the Two Castles.

It was proposed that the 10 races listed be adopted for the 2023 season noting the fact that 2 the Massey Ferguson 10k and Balsall Common 10k will be different, with an action on the Chair to contact Massey Ferguson RC and the organisers of the Balsall Common 10k by the start of May 2023 to confirm the events are going ahead, with the final decision being taken on the inclusion of the races in the League by the WCAA committee by the end of May 2023.

The amended proposal was accepted unanimously.

11 For; 0 Against; 0 Abstentions

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A discussion took place on the what happens to the scoring if there were fewer than 10 races in a season as this is not covered in the rules.

It was proposed that for **Individuals** if 1 less race is run (i.e. 9 races in a season) then the number of races to count in the scoring would be reduced by 1 when compared to the number used to score when 10 races are run in a season. In the club competition it was proposed that the number of races included would be the total number of races minus 1 i.e. for a 9 race season 8 races would count.

The proposal was accepted unanimously.

10 For; 0 Against; 0 Abstentions

8. Promoters Fees for 2023

TM (WCAA Treasurer) proposed no increase in the Promotion Fee for the coming financial year (£30 per race). The Fee covers the cost of the medals although this cost is increasing as the number of 'Ever Presents' is going up year on year.

The proposal was accepted unanimously.

10 For; 0 Against; 0 Abstentions

9. AOB

No items were raised.

DG wished everyone Good Luck for the future and noted that something always changes.

Meeting closed at 21.00

2023 programme follows below

Warwickshire Road Race League 2023 programme

18th May 2023	Ryton 5 Mile at Ryton Pools, Bubbenhall
7th June 2023	Sphinx Summer 5 at the Memorial Park, Coventry
11th June 2023	Two Castles 10k from Warwick Castle
18th June 2023	Arden 9mile
9th July 2023	Northbrook 10k
19th Aug 2003	Stratford Summer 6 miles
10th Sep 2023	Kenilworth Half Marathon
17th Sep 2023	Balsall Common 10k
8th Oct 2023	Rugby 10 mile
Mid Oct 2023	Massey Fergusson 10k at Draycott Water