

Heart of England Athletics League



A.G.M Minutes

Date of Meeting: Wednesday 22nd November 2017
Time: 7:00 pm
Location: The Pavilion, Stratford upon Avon High School, CV37 9DH

Attendees

Alan Wymant Corby	John Skevington Wreake	Sue Taylor Solihill
Jo Bentley Worcester	Kerry Sharratt Saffron	Mike Miles Witney
Ann Workman Banbury	Mark Exley Rugby & N	Paul Bearman (PB) Strat
Carolynne Johnston Stratford	Martin Smith(MS) Droitwich	Rita Brownlie B & R
Derek Aston K&SAC	Mary Baker Saffron	Claire Palmer Saffron
Gill Repton Worcester	Graham Felton RSC	Sally Eldridge Coventry
Amanda Marlow Kettering	James Charles Banbury	

Agenda:

1. Apologies for absence
2. League Officers
3. Presentation of 2017 trophies and medals
4. Issues with 2017 competition.
5. 2018 League Programme.
6. League Rules.
7. 2018 League/Division Composition and Letters/numbers.
8. 2018 Fixtures, Dates and Venues.
9. League trophies, Athlete of the Match and Seasons Best support
10. Accounts
11. A.O.B.

Minutes

Action

PB opened the meeting at 7:10 p.m. and was appointed to the chair.

1. Apologies

Apologies received from

Radley	Harborough	Nuneaton
Amber Valley	Dudley & S'bridge	Sparkhill
Telford	Daventry	BRAT
Newcastle	Halesowen	

Apologies if anyone has been missed off if they sent their Apologies

2. League Officers.

PB offered to continue again as chairperson and MS offered to continue as Treasurer and Results Coordinator. There were no other candidates so both were duly elected. PB thanked MS for his hard work behind the scenes in producing the results package and all the new analysis for the Athlete of the Match and Seasons Bests. .

3. Presentation of 2017 trophies and medals

The Trophies, Medals and Athlete of the Match T Shirts were generously provided by 'Start Fitness and Sportsweardeals'.

PB distributed the trophies to the clubs who were present. He would also post on any to Clubs not present at the meeting.

4. Issues with 2017 competition.

PB had no feedback prior to the meeting.

- A discussion concerning appropriate officials was again discussed. PB said that qualified officials should where possible help and encourage the lesser experienced volunteers.
- GR thought that the timetable was tight but seemed to flow quite well.
- Gill Repton (GR) raised the question of whether the four divisions should have 7 teams in each division. PB said that there were enquires from a couple clubs but nothing definite. It was decided to leave the structure for the 4 divisions the same for 2018 (8,8,6,6) but will change to 8,7,7,6 teams for 2019. This leaves the top division as it is and leaves the opportunity for new clubs to join the league in Division 4.

Proposal for 2019 that assumes no clubs leave or join the league

Division 1		Division 2		Division 3		Division 4
		1 promoted		2 promoted		2 promoted
1 moved down		2 moved down		2 moved down		

5. 2018 League Programme.

- It was decided that the number of competitors for the High Jump should remain unchanged at 1 and number of throws to remain at 3.
- 2018 Timetable: Javelin would be match 1 & 3, Discus match 2.
- A discussion took place to include the Hammer. It was pointed out that the U13s would be excluded from participating in that event. PB would investigate with other clubs as to whether we should include the hammer in the timetable.

All Clubs : the proposal is for 2019 season the U13s stay as they are e.g. Javelin would be match 1 & 3, Discus match 2 etc but for U15 & U17age groups :

Match 1 = Javelin

Match 2 = Discus

Match 3 = Hammer

- *The prerequisite would be that athletes were competent and safe throwing the hammer.*
- *During the practice if the lead official deemed the athlete was neither competent or safe then they would be withdrawn from the competition.*

This is a straight forward vote across all the divisions and if clubs needed training for their coaches a couple of workshops could be run.

6. League Rules.

It was asked if senior women could be included in the U17 Discus as the weight was the same. It was decided that the rule would remain the same as U17 only discus.

7. 2018 League/Division Composition and Letters/numbers

2018 Divisions			
Division 1	Division 2	Division 3	Division 4
Amber Valley	Banbury	BRAT	Droitwich
Brom & Redd	Halesowen	Bicester	DASH
Coventry Godiva	Kettering	Corby	Daventry
Radley	KSAC	Tamworth	Nuneaton
Rugby & N'hampton	Newcastle	Saffron	Sparkhill
Solihull	Royal Sutton	Harborough	Witney
Stratford	Worcester		
Telford	Wreake & Soar Valley		

Division 1	A String	B String	Under 11
Amber Valley	V	VV	700 to 749
Bromsgrove and Redditch	C	CC	650 to 699
Coventry Godiva	S	SS	750 to 799
Radley	A	AA	50 to 99
Rugby & N'hampton	R	RR	500 to 549
Solihull & S.Heath	M	MM	150 to 199
Stratford	D	DD	250 to 299
Telford	X	XX	400 to 449

Division 2	A String	B String	Under 11
Banbury	J	JJ	550 to 599
Halesowen	H	HH	200 to 249
Kettering	I	II	50 to 99
Kidderminster & Stourport	U	UU	250 to 299
Newcastle	Z	ZZ	450 to 499
Royal Sutton	G	GG	300 to 349
Worcester	Y	YY	100 to 149
Wreake & Soar Valley AC	X	XX	400 to 449

Division 3	A String	B String	Under 11
Bicester	P	PP	800 to 849
BRAT	S	SS	750 to 799
Corby	O	OO	400 to 449
Harborough	T	TT	350 to 399
Saffron	Q	QQ	50 to 99
Tamworth	F	FF	1 to 49

Division 4	A String	B String	Under 11
Daventry	L	LL	850 to 899
Droitwich	E	EE	150 to 199
Dudley & Stourbridge	B	BB	200 to 249
Nuneaton	N	NN	600 to 649
Sparkhill	K	KK	400 to 449
Witney	W	WW	950 to 999

8. 2018 Fixtures, Dates and Venues

Many thanks to the clubs who have stepped up and agreed to run a match but we are still waiting to finalise everything due to the uncertainty when Midland league matches are being held.

Division 1		Division 2	
Date	Host	Date	Host
Saturday 5th May	Telford	Saturday 5th May	Royal Sutton Coldfield
Venue	Telford	Venue	Royal Sutton Coldfield
Sunday 24th June	Rugby & Northampton	Sunday 24th June	Banbury
Venue	Ken Marriott Rugby	Venue	Banbury
Sunday 8th July	Radley	Sunday 8th July	Worcester
Venue	Tilsley Park	Venue	Nunnery Wood, Worcester
Division 3		Division 4	
Date	Host	Date	Host
Saturday 5th May	Corby	Saturday 5th May	Daventry (supported by Witney & Droitwich)
Venue	Rockingham Triangle, Corby	Venue	Leamington
Sunday 24th June	Kidderminster & Stourport	Sunday 24th June	Nuneaton
Venue	Alan Moreton Track, Stourport	Venue	Pingles Nuneaton
Sunday 8th July		Sunday 8th July	Dudley & Stourbridge
Venue	TBA	Venue	Dell Stadium, Dudley

If there are any issues please contact PB.

9. Accounts

MS presented the accounts to the meeting. There was increase in the bank balance of £851.90 giving a balance of £1762.99. The increase arose because there was no expenditure on trophies and medals this year.

- Affiliations fees will remain the same at £150 for 2018.
- The Track Hire reimbursement will increase to £300.
- **Please pay subs before 31st March 2018**

10. League trophies, Athlete of the Match and Seasons Best support

PB outlined the support package that has been agreed with Start Fitness and Sportsweardeals'. The programme was too late starting to be able to get the package agreed and implemented for 2017. Both Start Fitness and Sportsweardeals'.are keen to support the league again in 2018 with

Support programme for the Heart of England League 2018 with Start Fitness and Sportsweardeals

Champions Trophies :

All age groups all 4 divisions.

Total : 44

Athlete of the Match :

All 4 Divisions Male and Female Dri Fit T-Shirt & £10 voucher towards an item from the Start Fitness website.

Total : 96

- A male and female athlete from the Under13, 15 and 17 age groups (no senior athletes) using the AAA Standards.
- An athlete can only win AotM once in a single season.
- If a Grade 1-4 standard isn't reached no AotM is awarded.

Seasons Bests :

Medals for all events and in all 4 divisions

Total : 288

- The idea for the AotM and Seasons Bests awards is to recognise excellence within the U11,13,15 & 17 age groups (no senior ladies) and to also give the athletes something to aspire to and to hopefully generate a feel good factor.

Vest letters & Numbers

- Start Fitness will provide these.

11. A.O.B.

GR enquired whether there were any silver and bronze medals for the U11's. There was only medals for first place this year.

If any of the club contacts have changed, please email PB with the new details.

The date of the AGM for 2018 is provisionally 21st November 2018 at Stratford High School at the Track Pavilion.

PB thanked everyone for attending and the meeting closed at 8:45 p.m.