

Heart of England Athletics League



A.G.M Minutes

Date of Meeting: Wednesday 29th November 2023
Time: 7:00 pm
Location: Meeting held at the Pavilion Stratford upon Avon School.

Attendees

Alan Wymant	Corby	Clyde Goodwin	Bicester	Sue Taylor	Solihull
Linda Wymant	Corby	Colin Bailey	BRAT	Steve Wrightam	Wreake
Rita Brownlie	B&R	James Charles (JC)	Banbury	Mike Miles	Witney
Barry Yates	Nuneaton	Nick Wilson	Nuneaton	Paul Bearman (PB)	Strat
Carolyn Johnston	Stratford	Martin Smith(MS)	Droitwich	Gary Burroughs	Coventry
Ron Oliver (RO)	K&SAC	Mary Baker	Saffron	Kerry Sharratt	Saffron
Gill Repton (GR)	Worcester	Peter Stewart	Worcester	Janet Wright	Rugby
Annette Brown	Solihull	Barry Fenn	Daventry	Richard Carney	BRAT

Agenda:

1. Apologies for absence
2. Minutes of the previous AGM
3. Club Officers
4. League Rules.
5. 2023 Awards & Best Performances medals
6. 2024 League/Division Composition and Letters/numbers
7. Competition Structure & Timetable
8. 2024 Fixtures, Dates & Venues
9. Results Collators
10. Sponsorship
11. Accounts
12. A.O.B.

Minutes

Action

PB opened the meeting at 7:05 p.m. and was appointed to the chair.

1 Apologies

Apologies received from

Kettering	Harborough	Newcastle
Sparkhill	Royal Sutton	Tamworth
Amber Valley		

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 stated that to ensure that the League continued and prospered, he hoped others would step up and take over the roles within the next couple of years.

League Rules

3 PB asked if there were any proposals for changes to League rules. As there were none, it was agreed to continue with the current rules.

4 2023 Awards & Best Performance Medals

The medals were awarded to athletes with the best performance over the three meetings that excludes U20's as per the League rules.

5. 2024 League/Division Composition and Letters/numbers

2024 Divisions

	Club	Club	Club
1	Banbury	Amber Valley	Bicester
2	BRAT	Bromsgrove & Redditch	Daventry
3	Kettering	Corby	Droitwich
4	Rugby & Northampton	Coventry Godiva	Harborough
5	Saffron AC	Nuneaton	Kidderminster & Stourport
6	Solihull & Small Heath	Royal Sutton	Newcastle
7	Stratford	Tamworth	Sparkhill
8	Wreake&Soar Valley	Witney AC	Worcester

Division 1	A String	B String	Under 11 & Guests
Banbury	J	JJ	177 to 200
BRAT	S	SS	26 to 51
Kettering	I	II	52 to 76
Rugby & N'hampton	R	RR	102 to 126
Saffron	Q	QQ	1 to 25
Solihull & S.Heath	M	MM	127 to 151
Stratford	D	DD	152 to 176
Wreake & Soar Valley	A	AA	77 to 101

Division 2	A String	B String	Under 11 & Guests
Amber Valley	V	VV	77 to 101
Brom & Redditch	C	CC	52 to 76
Corby	O	OO	177 to 200
Coventry Godiva	S	SS	26 to 51
Nuneaton	N	NN	102 to 126
Royal Sutton	G	GG	1 to 25
Tamworth	F	FF	127 to 151
Witney	W	WW	152 to 176

Division 3	A String	B String	Under 11 & Guests
Bicester	P	PP	52 to 76
Daventry	L	LL	26 to 51
Droitwich	E	EE	127 to 151
Harborough	T	TT	77 to 101
Kidder & Stourport	U	UU	1 to 25
Newcastle	Z	ZZ	102 to 126
Sparkhill	K	KK	152 to 176
Worcester	Y	YY	177 to 200

6. Competition, Structure & Timetable.

- PB had reviewed the timetable following JC suggestion to extend the lunchtime break to 30 minutes and has been implemented with minimal change to the track times.
- The U11 600m non scoring and scoring events could be combined to save time (Events 32-34,38) and this is to be decided on the day with the Chief Starter & Marksperson.
- Javelin would be match 1 and 3,
- Discus would be match 2.
- Rugby raised the question of having guest athletes included (effectively 'C' athletes). In consultation prior to the meeting and analysis of the 9 x 2023 matches i.e.
91 races & 34 Field = 125 events per match = 375 x 3 matches = 1125 events
Over the 3 matches there were only 70 matches with no competitors i.e.11 A and 59 competitors mainly in Division 3.

In conclusion it wasn't considered practical to include more guests or "C" athletes primarily because teams are declared 48 hours prior to the match and host clubs won't know until the day if there are gaps so insufficient time to let teams know athletes could be drafted in.

- GR had been supportive of U20's competing but felt a couple of their U17's had been destroyed by the competition and put off. PB stated that there are minimal U20 athletes who compete in the league and it was agreed to carry on with U17's and U20's competing together as no one else had a similar adverse experience.
- PB had looked at dividing the Divisions into Regions but had shelved the idea as current 3 Divisions worked well.

7. 2024 Fixtures, Dates and Venues

Many thanks to the clubs who have stepped up and agreed to run a match.

Date	Division 1
	Host
Sunday 2 nd June	Solihull & Small Heath
Venue	Norman Green Track,
Sunday 23 rd June	Banbury
Venue	North Oxford Academy
Sunday 21 st July	BRAT
Venue	Birmingham Uni

Division 2
Host
Nuneaton
Pingles Stadium
Tamworth
Marlborough Way
Corby
Jimmy Kane Way

Division 3
Host
Worcester
Nunnery Wood
Daventry
Stefan Hill
K&SAC
Alan Moreton Track

If there are any issues, please contact PB.

8. Results Collators

MS would send out the results package to the host clubs as usual. When the final results are available, the host should send him a copy and he would send the results to the Power of 10 and update the website.

PB requested that the host club should finalise results promptly and not take several weeks to do so.

9. Sponsorship

Vince Sportswear contributed £100 towards this year's medals.

Trophies for Division winners and Over Male & Female groups.

Medals were distributed at the end of the meeting based on the athlete's best performances per division.

10. Accounts

MS presented the accounts to the meeting. There was decrease in the bank balance of £1300.33 giving a balance of £1339.33.

The decrease arose due to Track Hire fees were increased to £450 but the subs had remained at £150.

After some discussion, RO proposed that the subscription fee be raised to £300 so that Track Hire fees could be increased to £600. This was unanimously agreed.

- Affiliations fees will be increased to £300 for 2024.
- The Track Hire reimbursement will increase to £600.
- **Please pay subs before 31st March 2024**

11. A.O.B.

JC stated that there should be a minimum standard for officials. Their qualifications can be checked online.

JC suggested that the Host Club should be allocated the first and last Field Events.

Also, a list Officials sent to the Host Club 7 days in advance of the meeting.

A minimum standard of lunch should be provided by Host Club such as sandwich, drink, fruit/ cake, crisps.

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

The date of the AGM for 2024 is provisionally 27th November.

PB thanked everyone for attending and the meeting closed at 8:20pm.