

Heart of England Athletics League



A.G.M Minutes

Date of Meeting: Wednesday 27th November 2024
Time: 7:00 pm
Location: Meeting held at the Pavilion Stratford upon Avon School.

Attendees

Colin Bailey	BRAT	Clyde Goodwin	Bicester	Susan Taylor	Solihull
Gill Stewart	Worcester	Peter Stewart	Worcester	Carolyne Johnston	Stratford
Rita Brownlie	B&R	Sarah Jenkins	Banbury	Mike Miles	Witney
Derek Hateley	Nuneaton	Martin Smith (MS)	Droitwich	Paul Bearman (PB)	Strat
Ron Oliver (RO)	K&SAC	Barry Fenn	Daventry	Richard Carney	BRAT

Agenda:

1. Apologies for absence
2. Club Officers
3. League Rules.
4. 2024 Awards & Best Performances medals
5. 2025 League/Division Composition and Letters/numbers
6. Competition Structure & Timetable
7. 2025 Fixtures, Dates & Venues
8. Results Collators
9. Sponsorship
10. Accounts
11. Succession planning for League Officers.
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	Wreake	Coventry
Corby	Royal Sutton	Kettering

2 League Officers.

Paul Bearman (PB) informed the meeting that he and Martin Smith (MS) were prepared to continue in their roles as Chairman and Treasurer for the ensuing year. However, after that, both would stand down and hopefully other people will come forward to fulfil the roles by the next AGM.

League Rules

- 3 PB had previously circulated the rules by email relating to the Howler which was based on the Quad Kids. It was agreed that those rules should be incorporated into the League rules.

Howler rules:

1. **Throwing Line:** Athletes throw from behind a marked line. Stepping over the line during a throw is a foul and cannot be measured so athletes must be cautious not to step over
2. **Run-Up:** Athletes use a standing throw only. Athletes are not allowed a run-up to the line.
3. **Equipment:** Nerf Vortex Aero Howler
4. **Throwing action:** Athletes use an overhead throw similar to a javelin. Slings are not permitted.
5. **Measurement:** Athletes will be given three consecutive throws. The throw is measured from the line to where the Howler first lands (not where it finishes). Their best throw will be measured and recorded

It is imperative that Team Managers and Officials are made aware of this rule clarification.

4 2024 Awards & Best Performance Medals

The medals were awarded to athletes with the best performance over the three meetings but excluded U20's.

5. 2025 League/Division Composition and Letters/numbers

2025 Divisions			
Division 1	Division 2	Division 3	
Banbury	Amber Valley	Bicester	
BRAT	Corby	Bromsgrove & Redditch	
Royal Sutton	Coventry Godiva	Daventry	
Rugby & N'hampton	Kettering	Droitwich	
Solihull & Small Heath	Kidder & Stourport	Harborough	
Stratford	Saffron	Newcastle	
Tamworth	Witney	Nuneaton	
Wreake & Soar Valley	Worcester	Sparkhill	

Division 1	A String	B String	Under 11 & Guests
Banbury	J	JJ	177 to 200
BRAT	S	SS	26 to 51
Royal Sutton	G	GG	1 to 25
Rugby & N'hampton	R	RR	102 to 126
Solihull & S.Heath	M	MM	127 to 151
Stratford	D	DD	152 to 176
Tamworth	F	FF	52 to 76
Wreake & Soar Valley	A	AA	77 to 101

Division 2	A String	B String	Under 11 & Guests
Amber Valley	V	VV	77 to 101
Corby	O	OO	177 to 200
Coventry Godiva	S	SS	26 to 51
Kettering	I	II	52 to 76
Kidderminster & Stourport	U	UU	102 to 126
Saffron	Q	QQ	1 to 25
Witney	W	WW	152 to 176
Worcester	Y	YY	127 to 151

Division 3	A String	B String	Under 11 & Guests
Bicester	P	PP	52 to 76
Bromsgrove & Redditch	C	CC	177 to 200
Daventry	L	LL	26 to 51
Droitwich	E	EE	127 to 151
Harborough	T	TT	77 to 101
Newcastle	Z	ZZ	102 to 126
Nuneaton	N	NN	102 to 126
Sparkhill	K	KK	152 to 176

6. Competition, Structure & Timetable.

PB had restructured the timetable for 2024 and concluded from the feedback that it had work well.

CJ suggested that the timetable be changed so that the male U11's 75m event is run before the female. So, events 50 & 51 would be U11 75m male and events to 53 & 54 would be female. Agreed

The boys and girls Howler (event 5 and 6) are timetabled to run at the same time. The boys to throw first and the girls to throw second. Agreed

Javelin will be match 2,
Discus will be match 1 and 3

Officials – Banbury / Worcester proposed that each club should provide the Host with a list of the Officials a week before each meeting. This proposal was agreed.

Pigeon steps – BRAT requested clarification about the rules for the warmup for the Long Jump. Ideally, the athlete should be encouraged to measure their run up off the tape alongside the runway. Once the event had commenced, no practice run ups are allowed in line with UKA rules and must be enforced by the officials. Agreed

7. 2025 Fixtures, Dates and Venues

Note Since the meeting Richard White the MCAA T&F League Secretary has confirmed the Midland League dates as

17/5
15/6
13/7
2/8
31/8

This leaves the dates available to the HofE as follows (note change in June) and the confirmed hosts and venues as below

	Division 1		Division 2		Division 3
Date	Host		Host		Host
Sunday 18 th May	RSC		K&SAC		Daventry
Venue	Wyndley Lane		Alan Moreton Track		Stefan Hill
Sunday 22nd June	Banbury		Kettering		B&R
Venue	N. Oxford Academy		Thurston Drive		Redditch
Sunday 27th July	R&N		Worcester		Nuneaton
Venue	Bruce Williams Way		Nunnery Wood		Pingles Stadium

Once again, we are indebted to the clubs who have agreed to host and If there are any issues, please contact PB as soon as possible.

8. Results Collators

MS would send out the results package to the host clubs as usual. The host club will appoint a Results Collator (likely to be the results recorder). The Collator should circulate the provisional results to the Clubs, When the final results are available, the Collator should send the results to the Power of 10 and update the website.

9. Sponsorship

Vince Sportswear contributed £250 towards this year's medals.

The medals were distributed during of the meeting based on the athlete's best performances.

10. Accounts

MS presented the accounts to the meeting. There was an increase in the bank balance of £1175.16 giving a balance of £2515.08.

After some discussion, it was proposed that the subscription fee would remain at £300 and that Track Hire fees would be increased to £700. This was unanimously agreed.

- Affiliations fees would remain at £300 for 2025.
- The Track Hire reimbursement will increase to £700.
- **Please pay subs before 31st March 2025**

Since the AGM a suggestion has been made to increase subs and improve the Track hire fees more to reflect the ever-increasing costs that some clubs are incurring when they are hosting a match.

Martin has analysed this (see below) and with an increase to £350 per club we can increase the Track hire reimbursement to £850 without being detrimental to the league's finances.

I will assume that our 24 clubs will agree to this change unless I receive a majority by 22 December 2024 *rejecting* this proposal.

Budget 2025

	£
<u>Income</u>	
24 Clubs x £350 =	8400
<u>Expenditure</u>	
Track Hire 9 x £850 =	7650
Website	300
Trophies	450
EA Affiliation	205
Total	8605
Deficit	-205
Bank Nov 2024	2515
Bank Nov 2025	2310

11. Succession planning for League Officers

With the prospect of Paul and Martin resigning from the end of the year, James Charles (JC) (Banbury) made some suggestions:

The committee should be enlarged so that there was a Divisional Sec for each Division. They could oversee the planning for the matches and deal with the issues

Nominations to fill these roles and new leading officers i.e. Chair and Treasurer (including results package) to be discussed in early 2025

12. A.O.B.

JC suggested we should get a handle on which tracks have TrackMark or not. He was prepared to start the process by using the TrackMark database.

The proposed Age Group changes will be discussed at the next AGM but the league will still adopt the U11's non scoring age groups.

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

The date of the AGM for 2025 is to be advised.

PB thanked everyone for attending and the meeting closed at 8:05p.m.