

# AGM of the Warwickshire Road Race League 15<sup>th</sup> November 2023 (virtual on Zoom)



## Attendees:

Cath Muth, (Chair of WRRL, Birchfield Harriers), Graham Heeley (Sparkhill Harriers), Tony Mackness (WRRL Treasurer, Northbrook AC), Dave Ashbourne (Leamington C&AC), Christopher Hitchman (Leamington C&AC), Alan Edwards (Leamington C&AC), Matt Leydon (Spa Striders), Clare Hinton (Spa Striders), Kat Robertson (Spa Striders), Rebecca Freeman (Solihull and Small Heath AC), Dave Goodwin (Massey Ferguson RC), Richard Clarke (Kenilworth RC) Sally Anne Tully (Sphinx), Geoff Heaps (Lily Mae Foundation), Richard Carney (BRAT), Eric Fowler (WRRL Hon Sec)

## Apologies for absence:

Stewart Barnes (Coventry Godiva Harriers), Brian Acford (Rugby and Northampton AC), Katie Lea (Rugby and Northampton AC), Sonia Karamat (Massey Ferguson RC), Rachel Berney (LAA) Bob Carey (Trophies Secretary, Sphinx), Margaret Murphy (Rugby & Northampton AC)

## Acceptance of the minutes of the AGM held on 18<sup>th</sup> January 2023

The minutes of the special AGM were published on county website and no comments have been received. The minutes were accepted as a true record.

## Annual Report by WRRL Chair

Following the AGM in January the governance for the league passed to a new committee under WCAA and fixtures were confirmed. Unfortunately, events conspired against Massey Ferguson and they were unable to put on their race so the season comprised of 9 races and the scoring was adjusted to accommodate. Overall, it was a successful summer, races were well supported and it is clear that clubs wish to continue judging from the proposals that have been submitted for the 2024 season. Thanks are due to the promoting clubs and also to Tony Morgan who managed the results tables and handled queries via the facebook page. Winners' medals will be available at the cross-country championships.

Looking forward, we have 9 and perhaps 10 races for the 2024 season so it appears that clubs value this contribution that the county can make for its member clubs.

## Financial Report including proposal of promoter's fee for 2024 - WRRL Treasurer

Tony Mackness confirmed that the nominal budget for the league is that 10 races will contribute 10 x £30 in promoters fees to give £300 of income. In the past year £285 has been spent on awards so there is a very small surplus.

Note - The promoters fee of £30 per race was formally approved during the review of the WCAA budget. TM pointed to one proviso in setting the budget that the number of runners chasing an 'ever-present' award had been increasing and if many more do so then it may be necessary to set a higher fee in future.

## Election of Officers (all current are officers willing to be re-elected)

- Chair: Cath Muth (Birchfield Harriers)
- Secretary: Eric Fowler (Badgers RC)
- Treasurer: Tony Mackness (Northbrook AC)
- Medals & Trophies Secretary: Bob Carey (Sphinx RC)
- WRRL Results Secretary: Anthony Morgan (with support from Terry Moynihan and Matt Leydon)

## Agreement of 2024 WRRL fixtures

The following nine events had been submitted prior to the meeting

Date	Race	Venue	Promoting club
Thur 16 <sup>th</sup> May (eve)	Ryton 5	Ryton Pools	Spa Striders
Weds 5 <sup>th</sup> June (eve)	Sphinx Summer 5	Memorial Park Coventry	Sphinx AC
Sun 9 <sup>th</sup> June	Two castles 10k	Warwick/Kenilworth	Kenilworth Runners
Sun 16 <sup>th</sup> June	Arden 9	Catherine de Barnes	Knowle and Dorridge RC
Sun 7 <sup>th</sup> July	Northbrook 10k	Allesley	Northbrook AC
Fri 16 <sup>th</sup> Aug (eve)	Stratford Summer 6	Stratford upon Avon	Stratford AC
Sun 8 <sup>th</sup> Sept	Kenilworth ½ marathon	Kenilworth	Kenilworth Runners
Sun 15 <sup>th</sup> Sept	Balsall Common 10k	Balsall Common	Solihull & Small Heath AC
Sun Early Oct	Rugby 10 mile	Barby	Rugby & Northampton AC

All proposals were accepted noting that the date for the Rugby 10 is not yet confirmed. GH pointed out that the National Road Relays will be held on 5<sup>th</sup> October. It was noted that Kenilworth RC has taken on the lead club role for the Two-castles race as they wished to see it continue in its current form rather than pass to a commercial race organiser.

Dave Goodwin spoke on behalf of Massey Ferguson RC who wish to promote a race in 2024, preferably at Draycote Water. MFRC are attempting to secure a date with confirmation that works at Draycote will be completed. Representatives were sympathetic to the difficulties and set a deadline of 1<sup>st</sup> March 2024 for MFRC to confirm the fixture. DG thanked the meeting for their understanding and flexibility.

### Any other business

- **Race Results** - Matt Leydon asked that all promoting clubs be reminded of the rules regarding completion of results in the specified format. Some results this year had been late and incomplete which caused additional work for Tony Morgan to calculate the age group scores. EF agreed to circulate a copy of the rules to all hosts.
- **Social media** – Kat Robertson asked if greater use could be made of social media to promote interest in the league including a 'leaderboard' for team scores. All agreed that this would be a good idea and KR volunteered to work with the results team.
- **Trophies** – small trophies are given to winners but the league does not have any perpetual trophies. All agreed that having these would put up costs and move away from the original purpose of the league.
- **Season ticket entry** – DG asked if the league has considered a whole season entry such as available for the East Midlands Grand Prix. It was agreed that whilst this may be attractive, it would take some effort and co-ordination to implement and is not a priority.
- **Reserved places for WRRL club runners** – RC was asked what arrangement will be made for club runners to secure a place in the 2-Castles as this race fills very quickly with public entries. RC responded that clubs could nominate the number of places that they want and these could be set aside. This would be easier than a more complex race participation validation process. This would be suggested for all popular and capacity restricted races.

Date of the 2024 AGM - Wednesday 13th November 2024 (to follow WCAA meeting)