

# AGM of the Warwickshire Road Race League 13<sup>th</sup> November 2024 (virtual on Zoom)



## Attendees:

Acting Chair - Rebecca Freeman (Solihull and Small Heath AC), 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), Brian Ackford (Rugby and Northampton AC), Margaret Murphy (Rugby & Northampton AC), Katie Lea (Rugby and Northampton AC), Dave Goodwin (Massey Ferguson RC), Scott Kirton (Massey Ferguson RC), Helen Rowe (Massey Ferguson RC), Richard Clarke (Kenilworth RC) Sally Anne Tully (Sphinx), Geoff Heaps (Lily Mae Foundation), Eric Fowler (WRRL Hon Sec), Peter Thomas (Centurion), Ray Morgan (Past President WCAA), Jo Tork (Knowle and Dorridge RC), Peter Sugden (Stratford upon Avon AC), Roberto Ortolan (Sphinx), Dawn Court (Balsall Common RC)

## Apologies for absence:

Cath Muth, (Chair of WRRL, Birchfield Harriers), Stewart Barnes (Coventry Godiva Harriers), Bob Carey (Trophies Secretary, Sphinx)

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

The minutes of the AGM were published on county association website. A correction was requested – there are perpetual trophies for the winning teams and Bob Carey has asked for these to be returned so that they may be awarded to the 2024 winners. With this correction the minutes were proposed by Matt Leydon, seconded by Alan Edwards and unanimously accepted as a true record.

## Financial Report - WRRL Treasurer Tony Mackness

9 race promoter's fees of £30 had been received giving an income of £270. The cost of trophies had been £453.21 which includes £109.15 for 23 awarded 'ever present' medals. The committee has discussed a proposal to cease awarding the 'ever-present' medals in order to avoid a need to significantly raise the promoter's fee.

KR commented that the every-present medals are valued. TMc responded that initially there were only a few awarded and the cost was small but numbers have increased over the years. At the fee level proposed by the committee (£40) the League would just break-even with 10 races, furthermore, there is nothing in the constitution that specifies an ever-present award.

RC commented that some athletes specifically run the later-season races to collect the award. BA commented that the league was set up to encourage local athletes to support local races and this brings income to the clubs concerned. TMc agreed to prepare a revised proposal with an assumption that 28 ever-present medals would to be awarded in the season.

\*Representatives noted that the financial reporting and proposals for the League had been covered under the WCAA agenda and that it would be preferable for this to be a separate item. Ray Morgan offered to draft some changes to the constitution to set out more clearly the governance such that the WRRL is a sub-committee of WCAA and has dedicated representatives. Matt Leydon agreed to draft some clear rules for the awarding of medals and for scoring where there are fewer races. RM suggested that the every-present medals might be awarded providing that a minimum number of say 10 races were planned for the season.

KR offered to take a lead on liaison with race organisers so that results can be delivered faster.

### Proposal for fees - 2025 season

A promoter's fee of £45 per race – **approved** (11 votes in favour, none against and no abstentions)

### Election of Officers (pending redrafting of constitution)

- Chair: Cath Muth (Birchfield Harriers)
- Secretary: Eric Fowler (Badgers RC)
- Treasurer: Tony Mackness (Northbrook AC)
- Medals & Trophies: – Kat Robertson offered to take this role
- WRRRL Results: Anthony Morgan (with support from Terry Moynihan, Matt Leydon and Kat Robertson)

### 2025 WRRRL fixtures

Date	Race	Venue	Promoting club
Thur 15 <sup>th</sup> May (eve)	Ryton 5	Ryton Pools	Spa Striders
Weds 4 <sup>th</sup> June (eve)	Sphinx Summer 5	Memorial Park Coventry	Sphinx AC
Sun 8 <sup>th</sup> June	Two castles 10k	Warwick/Kenilworth	Kenilworth Runners
Sun 13 <sup>th</sup> July	Northbrook 10k	Allesley	Northbrook AC
Fri 15 <sup>th</sup> Aug	Summer 6	Stratford	Stratford AC
Wed 20 Aug - tbc	Summerfield Pk 5k	Summerfield Pk	City of Birm Striders
Sun 7 <sup>th</sup> Sept	Kenilworth ½ marathon	Kenilworth	Kenilworth Runners
Sun 14 <sup>th</sup> Sept	Balsall Common 10k	Balsall Common	Solihull & Small Heath AC
Sun 4 <sup>th</sup> Oct	Rugby 10 mile	Barby	Rugby & Northampton AC

EF spoke on behalf of CoBS who hope to reinstate a summer 5k formerly organised by BRAT. Some planning has already been done but this event is still to be confirmed.

A draft proposal by Massey Ferguson RC had been submitted and included in the agenda. ML queried why this had been planned for February. DG replied that there are difficulties with securing a firm commitment at Draycote Water due to planned maintenance work due to start in March 2025. February was the 'least worst' option. MFRC agreed to continue investigations and to confirm by 5<sup>th</sup> January. Peter Thomas pointed out that the Centurion winter grand prix series runs through to April on the first Sunday each month.

Jo Tork stated that the Arden 9 had been withdrawn as K&D cannot use the route due to HS2 construction work. They are looking at a race in Dorridge. It was noted that the Leamington ½ marathon is booked for 15<sup>th</sup> June. K&D will confirm if a race can be put on by 5<sup>th</sup> Jan.

### Any other business

ML proposed a survey of club members to discover what might be done to encourage greater participation in the league. This might then provide a source of ideas for committee discussions.

Date of the 2025 AGM - Wednesday 12th November 2025 (to follow WCAA meeting)