

## **WMYACCL – minutes of the 2020 AGM**

We could not hold an AGM in the normal sense. Instead, the notes attached below were distributed by e-mail. Read these “minutes” with those notes.

### **(A) Accept the minutes of the last AGM**

The minutes of last year’s AGM were accepted.

### **(B) Receive the Secretary's report on the previous season**

The Secretary’s report was accepted.

### **(C) Receive the Treasurer's report**

The Treasurers report was accepted. The Treasurer’s proposal to increase affiliation fees to £2.50 was also accepted. The main part of the affiliation fee will be collected after the first match once most of the declarations have been made.

### **(D) Review applications from Clubs to join or leave the League**

Cannock&Staffs has decided to leave the League

There have been no new applications to join the League

### **(E) Elect the Officers of the League**

The Officers were elected unopposed. We have requested volunteers to fill several roles but as yet have had no offers.

### **(F) Consider any League rule changes**

Proposals F1, F2, F4 were accepted and the League rules will be amended accordingly.

RSCAC put forward an alternative proposal to F3 which concerns names on vest numbers. A revised Committee/RSCAC proposal was put to the Clubs by e-mail for a vote.

The result was that 13 Clubs voted to decide by mail and 3 Clubs preferred a Zoom debate. Given the majority to decide by mail the votes on the choice of proposals was taken which was 13 for the Committee proposal, 2 for the RSCAC proposal and 1 for the status quo. Again, the League rules will be amended and the Clubs reminded of the consequences nearer the start of the season.

### **(G) Check that we have the right contact details**

All of the Club contacts were confirmed or updated.

### **(H) Request for hosts**

Birchfield have had to withdraw their offer to host because of building work at Perry Park. We currently have three firm offers and one possibility being worked on.

### **(I) Proposed dates for next season**

The proposed dates were agreed.

### **(J) Any other business**

The sponsorship situation is still unclear.

Ray Morgan 12th July 2020

## **WMYACCL - preparatory notes for the 2020 AGM**

### **(A) Accept the minutes of the last AGM**

The minutes of the AGM have been posted on the League web site at [www.WMYACCL.com](http://www.WMYACCL.com). Please review and let me know of any errors or omissions. The minutes of last year's AGM were accepted.

### **(B) Receive the Secretary's report on the previous season**

The last season was probably the worst weather effected we have ever had. The winter was the wettest on record which affected a large number of cross country matches including ours and the first match at Hatton was cancelled.

Otherwise the season went well until the last match when a technical issue with the chip timing system prevented us from processing the results. This was particularly unfortunate given that the last match is when we present the individual and club awards. We can only apologise for the inconvenience.

Last season we rented the chip timing system and operated it ourselves but that didn't go very well and so we have decided to revert to hiring a system with operators from Tempo Events which is a company well known to League officers.

The last match was held despite poor weather conditions but a number of people contacted us to ask if the event was on/off. We have discussed this since and think that we can make use of tools like Facebook to keep people informed and so have established a new Committee role of "Social Media".

I would like to thank Dani Sedgley for taking on the Secretary's role and wish her well because she works in an NHS laboratory and so is working very hard at the moment.

I would also like to thank Colin Fox who has stepped down from his role as Referee – a role which he carried out very sympathetically, efficiently and effectively

### **(C) Receive the Treasurer's report**

The Treasurers report is not available yet because Mark Bullock is very much impacted by the consequences of the virus.

Last season we were able to reduce the athlete related part of the affiliation fee from £3 to £2 partly because one match was cancelled but mainly because we operated the system ourselves so there was a hire fee but no labour costs.

The affiliation fee was requested late but we propose to do so again in future because it makes sense to base the fee on the current season's registrations rather than the previous year. Therefore, in future, the annual affiliation fee will be requested after the first match.

The Treasurer proposes a 50p increase in the athlete part of the affiliation fee to £2.50 next year because we must assume that we will not have any sponsorship support and the chip timing system will be more expensive.

### **(D) Review applications from Clubs to join or leave the League**

We have not had any applications to join the League  
Cannock and Staffs AC has decided to leave the League.

## **(E) Elect the Officers of the League**

The Committee welcomes any offers to help. Obviously we want the clubs to propose people for the vacancies but if you are interested in any of the roles that already have a candidate then please say so because the incumbent may well appreciate a break.

Chair	Paul Hawkins is prepared to continue
Secretary	Dani Sedgley is prepared to continue
Treasurer	<b>Vacancy</b> Mark Bullock will step down at the end of the season. We are looking for a replacement now so that s/he can shadow Mark through his last season.
Referee	Wendy Kane is proposed by the Committee <b>but we would like to appoint an assistant/backup to help Wendy.</b>
Officials Secretary	Noel Mckakly is prepared to continue
Registrations	Bob Hughes is prepared to continue
Results	Ray Morgan and Ali Mills are prepared to continue
Trophies Secretary	<b>Vacancy</b> Bob Carey will step down at the end of the season. We are looking for a replacement now so that s/he can shadow Bob through his last season.
Social Media	<b>New post – vacancy</b>
Website manager	John Constandinou is prepared to continue

**Note – job descriptions available on request**

## **(F) Consider any League rule changes**

(f.1) The Committee proposes to set up social media pages to better communicate with clubs and their athletes and supporters.

(f.2) The Committee proposes to change the League rules to highlight that host clubs should apply for a permit at least 8 weeks before the match and that the permit and risk assessment should be made available to the race referee at least two weeks before the match.

(f.3) The committee proposes to revert to printing an athletes first and last name on vest numbers because athletes like it and it helps team managers. We had some errors last year when vest numbers were given the wrong way round to athletes with the same first name. However the committee is conscious of possible safeguarding issues and so will omit the name from the vest numbers if that is requested but the athletes name will be in the results. We will allow the use of a pseudonym in exceptional cases which will be kept confidential.

(f.4) The Committee is conscious of possible safeguarding issues regarding the use of photographic equipment but it is impossible to control a large area of land that is available to the general public particularly now that a very wide range of equipment includes a camera.

We propose that host clubs ensure that all marshals, especially those away from the start/finish area are asked to be alert to inappropriate behaviour particularly people approaching athletes. Marshals should not allow athletes to leave the course with an adult unless the athlete confirms that they know the adult.

We also propose that clubs regularly make all club members, parents and athletes aware that they should not publish (media or social media) any photographs of any athletes unless they have their specific permission and they should not take any photographs at all unless the main subject is in their care. Finally, make everybody aware that they should watch out for inappropriate behaviour by others and that they have an obligation to report it immediately to the nearest League official.

#### **(H) Request for hosts**

I already have 4 offers to host next season so we need one more. Please don't assume that somebody else will do it because then nobody will. When was the last time your club hosted a WMYACCL match? If not recently then maybe it is your turn.

#### **(I) Proposed dates for next season**

These are the suggested dates for the next WMYACCL season :-

18th October 2020

8th November 2020

6th December 2020

17th January 2021

14th February 2021

Apart from the October fixture they are all on the Sunday of the weekend recommended by UKA for League XC matches.

Please let me know if you foresee any difficulties with any of those dates.

Some other dates just for your interest :-

County Champs (Warwicks at Newbold Revell) 9th Jan 2021

Midland Champs 30th Jan 2021

Nationals Parliament Hill 6th March 2021

Inter Counties Prestwold 20th February (National and IC have swapped next season because of the world trials)

National Relays Mansfield 31st October

English Schools 20th March

Warwickshire Schools - Inter Area 24th Oct 2020, Inter County 14th or 21st Nov 2020, County 23rd January 2021

#### **(K) Any other business**

We do not know if the previous sponsorship deal with Sportweardeals will continue and many traders are suffering at the moment. We will keep you informed once we have a definite outcome.

Ray Morgan  
8/5/2020