North Midland Cross Country League

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Now in its 73rd year the North Midland League continues to provide well organised low cost club athletics.

Once again can I acknowledge and thank that band of selfless die hards who manage the League and take on their responsibilities so proficiently. That is, the four clubs who hosted matches last season, Derby AC, Corby AC, Heanor RC and Notts AC and of course the League’s Officials who turn up year after year, no fuss and do their jobs so efficiently. May I also take the opportunity to say a massive “Thank You” to Peter White who retired as our disc steward at the end of last season. Pete’s father George was a founder of our League and Pete took up the job of disc steward in 1955 aged just 15! That’s 63 years’ service to literally thousands of athletes of all ages. Fortunately we have very capable successor in Kate Else who has got the job for the next 63 years.

Last year I commented on the “ever increasing tide of bureaucracy” and costs and unfortunately that is becoming more and more evident, for example, Nottingham City Council increased its charge to the League from £200 in 2015 to £500 in 2016 and 2017 and they quoted £1,500 for 2018 which was subsequently dropped to £400!

On the competition front the League again provided races for men and women of all abilities and all ages and as usual some good personal battles.

The introduction, four years ago, of £100 prizes to the top overall Male and Female athlete again proved to be very popular and we will be making the same awards at the end of this season.

Finally, on behalf of everyone involved can I thank Rob Jefferies and the Derby Runner for their generous sponsorship.

Mick Robinson

Hon Secretary

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