**North Midland Cross Country League**

**Minutes of the 71st AGM**

**15th October 2016**

**Present**  Joyce Stevens (Sutton in Ashfield), John Heywood (Huncote Harriers),

Peter White (HLVP), Gareth Bagguley (Newark), Kate Else (Newark),

Mick Smedley, Marcia Smedley (Derby AC), Rod Farr (Burton AC),

Charles McConnell (Corby AC), David O’Keefe, Sheila O’Keefe (NMXCL),

Paul Winfield (Heanor RC), Rob Fox (Long Eaton RC),

Eleanor Robinson (Ripley), Phil Watts (Huncote Harriers) President,

Alan Smith (Mansfield Harriers) Treasurer,

Mick Robinson (Notts AC) Secretary,

1. **Apologies** Steve Roe (Notts AC), Rob Rainsford (Heanor RC).
2. **Minutes of the 70th AGM**

Accepted as a true record.

1. **Matters Arising**

The President Phil Watts was pleased to note that the website had been updated as requested and thanked John Heywood for his sterling work researching and updating the Leagues records. Thanks were also extended to Mark Jenkins for his continued management of the website.

1. **New Member Clubs**

The Treasurer Alan Smith was pleased to note five new member clubs Coventry University, Keele University, Notts Women Runners, Hi Peak AC and Belper 10/20 Tri Club.

1. **Hon Secretary’s Report**

Mick Robinson added to his report to emphasise the rising costs of the League. The event timetable was also mentioned as he feels it is becoming too tight. He had had previous correspondence last season with Charles McConnell (Corby) and the referee Steve Roe on the subject. Sheila O’Keefe presented a slightly revised timetable for the rest of this season as follows: -

12:40pm Under 11 Girls

12:50pm Under 11 Boys

13.00pm Under 13 Boys

13.00pm Under 15 Girls

13:20pm Under 15 Boys

13.20pm Under 17 Women

13.30pm Senior/Junior & Vet Women

14.00pm Senior/Junior & Vet Men

14.40pm Under 17 Men

14.50pm Under 13 Girls

**P.T.O.**

MR added that he hoped to present a new timetable for committee approval for use

from 2017 / 18 reverting to the Senior Men running last and separating the younger Girls and Boys races so that each race winner would receive the attention they deserve.

1. **Hon Treasurers Report**

Alan Smith presented the balance sheet for 2015 / 16 which showed a healthy balance (see attached copy). He noted that somehow two Entry Forms had been available for this season with different amounts. He raised the issue of several minor outstanding amounts most of which would be written off. As usual there were a number of slow payers this season but financially the League is in a sound position. The Treasurer was thanked for his thoroughness and the report was accepted unanimously. Proposed Sheila O’Keefe seconded Gareth Bagguley.

1. **Election of Honorary Officers for 2016 / 17**

The incoming President Mick Smedley expressed his gratitude for the recognition.

The following officers were elected:-

* 1. Hon President Mick Smedley
  2. Hon President Elect Ken Allen (Proposed Mick Robinson,

Seconded Sheila O’Keefe)

* 1. Hon Secretary Mick Robinson
  2. Hon Treasurer Alan Smith
  3. Hon Auditor Phil Watts
  4. Race Referee Steve Roe
  5. Presentation / Trophies Officer John Heywood

1. **To confirm Fixtures 2016 / 17 –** As Agenda.
   1. Oct 15th Derby (Markeaton Park)
   2. Nov 12th Kettering
   3. Dec 03th Heanor (Shipley Park)
   4. Jan 14th Nottingham (Wollaton Park)

There was slight concern that no-one from Kettering was present to confirm arrangements but Charles McConnell thought that everything would be ok and would see a Kettering rep at a County meeting on Monday.

1. **To agree dates and appoint venues for 2017 / 18** 
   1. Oct 14th Derby (Markeaton Park)
   2. Nov 11th Corby (Glebe Park)
   3. Dec 02rd Heanor (Shipley Park
   4. Jan 13th Nottingham (Wollaton Park)

**P.T.O**

1. **To confirm League fees for 2017 / 18**

There was a lively debate on this subject with the majority in agreement that in view of the rising costs we did not need to worry too much about raising the fees as they would still be very low in comparison with other events. After several suggestions the final agreements was

Senior Men £25 per team

Senior Ladies £20 per team

Vet Men & Ladies £20 per team

All others £15 per team

1. **A.O.B.**
2. Harold Billings requested clarification and confirmation that a team completing all four fixtures with the required compliment of scorers would always outscore a team which had not fulfilled that criteria. This was unanimously agreed and the Secretary agreed to draught a proposal to clarify this.
3. Eleanor Robinson queried what Lady veteran categories there were. Secretary to respond.
4. Sheila O’Keefe brought to the meetings attention an England Athletics request that the League should scrutinise entries to ensure that all competitors are registered. The overwhelming opinion of the member’s present was that this would be too onerous for little or no gain and that there had to be some mutual trust amongst members. The onus is on the clubs to ensure that only EA registered athletes compete as they have first-hand knowledge of who they have paid for.

The President thanked all present for their attendance and closed the meeting at 4:50pm.

Mick Robinson

Hon Secretary

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