

Statement from Northern Athletics

We thank all the clubs who completed the survey and supplied suggestions and comments to assist us both in our immediate and longer term development.

A total of 67 clubs (35%) responded with these clubs having about 42% of the athletes within the Northern affiliated clubs as members. Any further input from those who were unable to complete the survey would still be warmly welcomed. We attach the survey results along with this statement to assist you in understanding some decisions already made and any to come including those after consideration by our clubs at our AGM.

Given that the second year of our affiliation scheme will start on the 1st October 2019 and the fact that an overwhelming majority of responding clubs support the continuation of the affiliation fee at £2 per affiliated member we plan to continue with the current affiliation fee structure for October 2019 through to 2020.

We have had only one year of the scheme and the great majority of those who responded felt we should retain the small surplus of 2018/19. We will however ensure we have both a strategic plan and a financial plan in place to discuss at our AGM in November which will always have a strong emphasis on discussion and consultation with those that support us. Those clubs that were loyal to us in the past year and stay with us this year will help us define the future planning.

The Northern Athletics Board are and will be considering all the comments submitted and will plan to submit recommendations, on the points made, leading up to the 2019 AGM on November 9th.

We are already reacting to the results and will this year hold our AGM in Brighouse in West Yorkshire just off the M62. This again will be in conjunction with the Northern League AGM the same day.

We are also responding to the request for fairness in selecting venues by setting the Northern Cross Country Championships for 2020 at Bedale North Yorkshire with next year's 12/6 stage hopefully at Catterick.

We have reflected on the need to promote the recruitment, support and mentoring of new officials both track and field and endurance and our project group in conjunction with England Athletics has already held three meetings with much progress having been made.

Finally can we ask you to support us by affiliating again and we will also welcome new clubs to the scheme. We have had a few new additions only in the last week which is encouraging and we welcome them.

Tony Wood
Chairman
Northern Athletics
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