

North of England Track and Field League

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting

on Saturday November 9th 2019 starting at 13:30
at Junction 25 Conference & Meeting Venue, Brighthouse

Attendance: Terry Bailey (Chairman & Doncaster), Alan Johnson (Secretary & Trafford), Mike Welford (Finance Officer & Altrincham), Keith Binney (Barnsley), Colin Daniel (Bingley), George Davies (Blackburn), Helen Goodwill (Burnley), Ken Smith (Bury), Linda Rushworth (City of Sheffield), Paul Baxter & Roger Everton (City of York), Mark Tallon (Darlington), Barry Parker (Derby), John Murphy (East Cheshire), Margaret Belk (Kendal), Pat Schofield & Steve Linsell (Leeds City), Steve Jamson (Leigh), Arwel Williams (Liverpool H), David & Karen Brown (Liverpool PS), David Owen (Longwood), Andy Ward (Middlesbrough), Hemant & Vina Desai (Morpeh), Bernard Johnson (NSP), Cyril Jones (Pontefract), Steve Gaines (Rotherham), Jack Frost (Sale), Gordon Agar (Skyrac), Frank Reddington (Spenborough), Mary Johnson (Trafford), Margaret Grayston (Wigan) and Dave Edwards (Wrexham)

29 Clubs Attended

Apologises: Jennifer Crowther (Salford Met), Peter Wileman (Durham), Denise Timmis (Lincoln), Lee Coupland (Southport), Frank Gorman (Chesterfield), Mike Harris (Trafford), Keith Hunton (Seaton), Paul Fryer (Penistone), Mike Bateman (Morpeh) and Chris Betts (Gateshead)

1. The chairman thanked everyone for their attendance.
2. The minutes of the 2018 AGM were signed as a true record of the meeting
3. There were no matters arising from those minutes.
4. Secretary's Report. As in previous years the report has been distributed in advance of the meeting so AJ wasn't going to go through every paragraph. AJ added to his report that in 2000 a report was produced by Roger Simons of UKA into joint league competition. In 2003 YAL merged to form a joint league closely followed in 2004 by this league. The Midland and Southern senior leagues followed a few years later with the Midlands an exact replica of our league. Then a week ago the National Athletic League was finally formed from BAL and UKWAL. Once again the North led the way with combined senior leagues.
5. Finance Officer:

Total Income was £29,263.87 (77 clubs @ £375 plus interest received)

Total Expenditure was £28,273.94 giving a surplus for the year of £989.93 The bulk of this was track hire reimbursement of £24,000. For the first time all 48 host clubs claimed.

The balance sheet shows Current assets of £34,697.37 split between the HSBC current account (£13,169.15) and Cambridge & Counties (£21,528.22)

Budget 2020. Allowing for 75 clubs @ £375 and slight increase in management costs we are budgeting for a slight deficit of £275.40. Obviously if more clubs drop out each club will add £375 to the deficit figure.

Proposal to keep subs at £375 and host reimbursement at £500 accepted unanimously.

MW proposed that the secretary's fee is increased from £300 to £400 and the chair and finance officer from £100 to £150. MW explained that these figures have not risen under his time as treasurer so these increases are well overdue.

AW felt these were still to low but accepted the committee had agreed these as satisfactory. The meeting unanimously agreed to these.

(P Baxter spoke to the officers after the meeting about some possible sponsorship towards the numbers)

6. Nominations for Officers of the league. As there were just the three nominations made the three officers are re-elected en-bloc. The officers for 2020 are: -

Chairman	Terry Bailey
Secretary	Alan Johnson
Finance Officer	Mike Welford.

7. Management Proposals

TB what follows is down to the new UKA licencing system. For a level 1 licence matches will need to have 4 qualified track judges and timekeepers and 2 graded field officials with one at least level 2 and three other officials as well as a minimum,

GA Clubs are having trouble getting officials graded Also finds when you get an official graded top a higher level they are then expected to go elsewhere.

TB reminded the meeting of the announcement at the NA meeting earlies of the Officials Initiative being set up.

AW Christine Courtney has offered to sort out starters for the NE matches.

J Frost proposed an amendment to rule 3c) as 1 Track Judge, 1 Timekeeper & 5 Field Judges will each accrue 5 points, if unqualified, towards their team's total points score. If the Track Judge, Timekeeper and 2 of the Field Judges (one of whom is qualified to Level 2) are qualified, these 4 officials will be awarded a further 5 points each. The maximum number of officials' points which can be accrued is therefore 55 if all the criteria is met.

The amendment was passed unanimously.

TB then put the three proposals to the vote

Rule 3b) Participating Clubs

All participating clubs, including the host club (in addition to providing the chief officials listed under 3 a) above), shall provide **AT LEAST** the following officials (preferably graded) who **must** remain present for the full duration of their duties:-

- ◆ One Track Judge
- ◆ One Timekeeper
- ◆ Five Field Judges of whom at least 2 must be qualified (with one of them being at Level 2 (Field) as a minimum)
- ◆ Each club will be allocated field events in advance. It shall be the responsibility of the Field Referee, in co-ordination with the divisional secretary, to ensure that competent, graded officials shall be in charge of each event.

This was passed unanimously

Rule 3c)

Clubs providing the requisite number of officials as defined in rule 3b) above will be awarded points as follows:-

1 Track Judge, 1 Timekeeper & 5 Field Judges will each accrue 5 points, if unqualified, towards their team's total points score. If the Track Judge, Timekeeper and 2 of the Field Judges (one of whom is qualified to Level 2) are qualified, these 4 officials will be awarded a further 5 points each. The maximum number of officials' points which can be accrued is therefore 55 if all of the criteria is met.

This was passed unanimously

Rule 4e)

To compete in the division 1 qualifying match, all athletes must have competed for their club in the league during that current season.

TB this was a wording change to clarify the rule

This was passed unanimously

Rule 7 Numbers

The League will provide numbers for each club in the league. Each club will be allocated their numbers by the league. Two numbers shall be worn by all athletes in all events except in the Jumping Events when one number may be worn on the front or back.

TB This change is just reflecting the changes in the 2018 UKA Rule book.

This was passed unanimously

8. Club Proposals

B Parker proposed on behalf of Derby AC **“Derby AC proposes that when selecting match venues priority should be given those stadia who comply fully with TrackMark.”**

AW seconded the motion

TB personally he supported this 100% but felt it wasn't necessary to put in a rule to cover this. From 2021 all league venues will have to be accredited for TrackMark and each match will have to be apply for a licence. No longer can the secretary, after 2020, submit a list of venues for a block permit.

AJ explained about a conversation with Ed Hunt the facilities officer with EA. There will be an online site where everything can be verified when allocating venues.

HG Burnley asked about the hosting once every 2 years rule. AJ explained for 2020 that has gone out of the window as the need was to allocate matches to tracks working towards TrackMark

The proposal was rejected 17 to 2 with 6 abstentions

Derby AC proposes that the annual play-off match should be held a minimum of 3 weeks after the final League fixture

P Baxter seconded the motion

Again, lot of debate over this idea. The league gets request to have it in September, but then other clubs want it before that as athletes have a break after the last match. It was felt to say at least 3 weeks tied the league down especially as fixture dates are agreed with by UKA. You can't satisfy everyone.

The proposal was rejected 21 to 2 with 2 abstentions

9. Structure, Dates and venues for 2020

- a. Dates agreed are
 Saturday 2nd May,
 Sunday 7th June,

Sunday 12th July and
Saturday 2nd August.

It was noted that of these dates 2 clash with the National Athletic league Dates but this is unavoidable with our requirement of 2 Saturday's and 2 Sunday's where possible for out matches. The qualifier date is Saturday 22nd August.

b. Venues. With a few changes, these were accepted as fine as it was still work in progress.

10. AJ submitted to the meeting an idea he had put together. This is purely a discussion paper and is open for comments. TB It is not the idea that we debate this now. Clubs should go away and discuss it at their clubs. The management commit will then come back to the 2020 AGM with firm proposals.

AJ The idea behind this has come about as clubs were complaining about the level of travel distances. The idea is to split into three geographical areas and regionalise a structure in each region. There would be the usual 4 matches and then a regional final with the top 2 from each regional premier division meeting. This match would replace the current qualifying match.

As mentioned for discussion during the session and to come back to the 2020 AGM with ideas.

11. Meeting closed at 14:45

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Date: _____