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Annual Report 2018

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MANAGEMENT BOARD REPORT

Four meetings were held during the year at Alexander Stadium, kindly arranged and facilitated by the Midland Counties A.A.; as usual the efforts of their staff are much appreciated.

The Associations initiatives for youngsters, the Tom Pink Relays and World Marathon Challenge, continued successfully to enable promising athletes to shine. The Tom Pink Relays involved the welcome cooperation and involvement of England Athletics.

Many thanks are due to the authors interesting and valuable reports of the Associations and Bodies under the umbrella of the AAA. These present impressive proof that despite the problems in the “upper echelons” of our sport, the true amateurs, the volunteers, continue to underpin the foundations at “grass roots” level and in truth, without them, Athletics would fade away.

This is why it is imperative that this Association should continue as long as possible, despite depleted funds, to encourage the athletes of tomorrow and to preserve the precious heritage of our sport.

In speaking of “Heritage,” it should be noted that the Athletics Museum project is progressing at quite a pace under the able direction of Philip Andrew and we are grateful to him for his enthusiasm for this venture and for bringing interested parties to the table.

This is what the AAA is all about; we are determined to dispel the perception that the Association is an anachronism and trust that we are recognised as an important part of England Athletics, complementing the work of the Governing body.

Walter Nicholls
Chairman

NORTHERN ATHLETICS

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It has been a momentous year for athletics in the North of England. You will recall we had asked our clubs to become part of an affiliation scheme. By the end of 2018 we had over 180 clubs committed and as a result have received income of over £60000 from 60% of all athletes registered with England Athletics in the North.

We have passed on our heartfelt gratitude to those clubs who are now part of this new era. It has not been an easy ride and much work had been put in by many people who believed in our aims. It has also resulted in a number within their clubs standing up and fighting our corner. We re-iterate the need for the clubs, the counties and the areas to look after their future and in particular urge the other two areas to reach out to their clubs, listen to them and then make the arguments we have made in the North.

Meanwhile and thankfully we have been able to carry on doing what we are best at by holding great Northern Championships and this can now continue without the threat of closure hanging over us.

The Northern Cross Country Championships for 2018 were held at Harewood House Leeds for the first time. The venue was chosen as a trial for the National event in 2019 as the North are the hosts. Thanks to the efforts of our Northern Officials and the course set up teams we had another very successful championship. The event continues to be popular with athletes and we attracted 3256 entries & 2389 finishers (the highest ever for Northern Athletics) with 229 complete teams. The senior men's title went to Carl Avery of Morpeth and the team medals to Sale whilst the women's race was won by Mhairi MacLennan of Morpeth with Leeds winning the team.

The 9th running of the cross country relay championships took place at Graves Park Sheffield in October with a total of 422 teams. It was the first event under our new affiliation scheme which did not affect the entries or the fantastic quality of the event. Congratulations to Preston Harriers (men) and Rotherham Harriers (women) for their senior title wins.

The North put out representative teams in a number of high profile events which again enabled our athletes to experience wearing the Northern vest and compete at a higher level. These opportunities are a great stepping stone for our athletes and we urge the other two areas to follow suit so that area competition can continue to be an excellent example to the sport at large. We had teams at the Liverpool XC challenge, the Venta de Banos International in Spain, the Great Stirling Invitation and the Home Countries International in Nottingham. Thanks to Rob Cameron and his team of managers for all the work they put in.

On the road in March the Northern 12 and 6 stage were held at a new venue at Birkenhead Park on the Wirral. The feedback from the athletes on the venue was excellent and we will return for 2019. Leeds took the women's 6 stage backed by Claire Duck with the fastest short leg and runners up Rotherham had Hayley Carruthers of their club as fastest long leg. The ever strong Lincoln Wellington squad took the men's title with Ross Millington of Stockport the fastest long stage with James Bowness of Trafford the fastest on the short leg

In September the combined autumn relays were held again at Sportcity for the 3rd year running. This venue is very popular for both athletes and spectators, with those inside the stadium having a grandstand view of the first and the last 300m of each leg. The women's race was a close run thing with Leeds beating Leigh and Rotherham to the title and Jess Judd of Blackburn fastest leg. Lincoln prevailed again in the men's race convincingly with Charlie Hulson of Liverpool fastest leg.

On the road the 10 mile championships were at the classic and 66th Brampton to Carlisle race won by Rob Danson of Wesham RR and Sophie Cowper of Rotherham with Border winning the men's team title and Jarrow the women's event. The Ribble Valley 10k between Christmas and New Year had over 1600 entries with Marc Scott winning the men's race in under 29 minutes and taking his club Richmond and Zetland to the team title whilst Beth Potter won the women's race with the fastest time on UK soil this year with Blackburn winning the team. The 5k was again held at Sunderland proudly hosted by the North's President Kevin Carr. His club won the women's team title and Morpeth the men's medals. The North again sent teams out to represent the area to the Abbey Dash 10k which was a national championship event, the Telford 10k, the Trafford 10k and the Greater Manchester 10k event.

On the track the North continued to deliver the usual high quality competition both indoors and outdoors. The indoor senior and junior championships early 2018 were as ever well attended with a championship best performance at senior level in the triple jump from Oluwaseun Okome of Sale with 15.46m and in the women's under 20s Holly Smith of Liverpool in the triple jump with 11.84m. The Indoor Open meetings were post affiliation scheme in late 2018 and have gone from being popular to a level that asks us to consider whether we should have a third meeting at the end of the indoor season. The format has proved extremely popular, not to mention unusual, with all track events being seeded simply on time not on gender or age group. Entries in field events are almost at an unmanageable level but we pride ourselves on being able to accommodate the huge numbers who have entered thanks to the skill and dedication of our officials who are happy to work a 10-12 hour day with few breaks and little reward other than our gratitude. The Indoor Combined Events continue to be held within the England Athletics event and a great number of juniors take part with entries increasing every year.

The Senior/U20 outdoor Championships were back at their now regular venue at Sport City Manchester which also includes some Para events. There were two CBP in the under 20 women by way of UK lead u20 Natasha Harrison of Stockport with 55.03s in the 400m and Abby Ward of Wakefield with 1.84m in the high jump, the best u20 high jump in the UK for 2018. From this meeting the Under 20 winners were invited to represent Northern Athletics at the Welsh International meeting in July which gives a taste of

the next level of competition. This took place in Swansea with the outstanding performance of the evening for the North from Sale Harrier Emmanuel Odubanjo in the Triple Jump with a leap of 14.68m.

The Outdoor Combined Events under 20's and Seniors were again with the England Championships at Bedford but the under 15/17 were back at Manchester with a great turn out of Northern athletes who were also able to witness some great senior performances from a home international under 20/23 Combined Event match held on the same day.

Our Northern Inter counties match for the under 15/17 took place at Leigh. This match is the highlight for many young athletes as it enables them to win a county vest and the enthusiasm they have for track and field shows with many a personal best. Lancashire got close to Yorkshire again this year but just falling short by the end of the day

Liverpool was the venue for our Junior Age Group Championships. It had been a good number of years since we were last there and, following a wide ranging refurbishment proved to be an excellent venue with plenty of free parking, an indoor warm up area, excellent organisational support from Liverpool Harriers and plenty of entries.

This past year has sadly seen the passing of Sheila Bolland, Jim Green, George Kirby, Dave McDonald, Dr Alan Neuff, Mike Nicholson, Brian Spriggs and Roy West and we extend our condolences to their families and friends.

Northern Athletics are dependent upon our faithful sponsors, Start Fitness and for 2018 a grant from England Athletics, the ECCA and the ERRA along with the AAA. Our thanks go to them as well as our office staff, Judith Temperton and Pat Schofield based in Dewsbury who as always carry out vital work.

We again thank our supportive clubs, their athletes and coaches and all our dedicated officials, all of which has made up another successful year.

Tony Wood
Chairman

MIDLAND COUNTIES ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION

President: Lyn Orbel **Chairman:** Mr Geoff Durbin **Hon. Secretary:** Mr Andrew Hulse
Treasurer: Mr Stewart Barnes

Chairman MCAA: Geoff Durbin

I am pleased to present the Report of the Association to the AAA's and I am grateful to colleagues who have produced reports for inclusion.

We are again grateful for support throughout 2017/18 from various sources. England Athletics for their continued grant towards running Area Championships. Derby Runner for the sponsorship of our Cross Country Championships in 2018 and for the provision of an arch at the Road Relays. Athletics Direct for its continued sponsorship of the Track and Field League and Track and Field events. ECCA for providing a grant towards our team at the National Cross Country Championships and ERRA for providing a grant towards development in Road Running.

We continue to promote a number of Area Championships and open events in the various disciplines. Our thanks go to the clubs who assist in staging our endurance events. We are grateful to Nuneaton for staging our Outdoor Track & Field Championships. The difficulty in providing a full range of Indoor track events requiring a 200m track becomes greater each year when we are unable to use Arena Birmingham because of cost and availability. For 2019 we have one day for the City of Birmingham Games Open.

We continue to use the HPC at Alexander Stadium to stage Indoor events (and outdoor throws) despite escalating costs. It is sad that the Midlands is the only Area in the Country with no permanent indoor

200m track – shame on Sport England and our Governing bodies for such a lack of provision for our athletes, putting them at a disadvantage.

Our thanks go to the athletes, coaches, officials and helpers for their continued support of our events.

Thanks must also go to the Track & Field League Committee and Divisional Secretaries for the hard work in providing a good structure of competition for the clubs.

England Athletics supported us and the other Areas to send a track and field team of U20's to the Welsh International where the athletes produced good results – the athletes being selected from winners at our U20 Track and Field Championships. With the support of ECCA and ERRRA we were able to support Cross Country and Road Running teams to go to various events.

The Association is indebted to the volunteers across the Area who have given their time and energy to support athletics. We thank the Officers and Committees of the Association, Coaches, and Technical Officials, Club and County Officers and all supporters of the sport.

Again, my thanks and that of the Association go to our hard-working office staff for their contribution to the smooth running of the Association, especially in the support given to the various discipline committees. We welcomed Mrs Clarancia Meade as a new member of the office team.

With the awarding of the Commonwealth Games to Birmingham in 2022 our current office will be demolished in the autumn of 2019 to make way for the new stadium structure. The staff will be involved in a relocation to the back straight stand offices.

The Management Committee have met regularly throughout the year to conduct and oversee the business of the Association. The officers have also met on numerous occasions

We continue to have discussion within the other Areas and with England Athletics concerning the future support and funding of the Association to ensure our viability in the coming years. Our survey did show strong support for Midland Counties to continue providing Area competition and an additional fee. We continue to press England Athletics to ADD a component to the EA affiliation fee going towards grassroots competition. Be assured that the Management Committee will continue to press for this while monitoring the progress of the Northern Athletics scheme.

Hon. Secretary MCAA: Andrew Hulse

2018 has been yet another year of change, innovation and problems in just about all aspects of the Association. The lack of information and unreliable timings that the World Championships at the Arena Birmingham meant that a great deal of time was spent by the Officers and the Office staff trying to establish the exact position regarding the availability of the stadium for the Midland Championships and Birmingham Games. The final decision was taken with regret that the Association was not able to offer any event time at the Arena due to a number of circumstances beyond our control. The burden of work on the Office staff was further increased by the departure of our latest employee. Yet again I must give huge thanks and express my great admiration for the professionalism of Mrs Val Day and Mr Ian Clarke for the way in which they ensured, that despite the less than ideal staffing level, the internal workings of the Association remained on track at all times. I am also glad to report that after reducing the large number of applicants for the vacant position, we were able to interview and make an appointment in the person of Mrs Clarancia Meade, who has brought a breath of fresh air along with a very professional and friendly work ethic.

Life is never simple and the introduction of the GDPR legislation in May of this year meant that we had to undertake an audit of our data and IT processes to ensure that we were compliant with the new law. Our systems are now fully encrypted and require extra hardware before being able to be used. We also undertook to produce a Data and Privacy Statement so that our Athletes, Parents, Carers, Coaches and employees are able to have confidence that we will safeguard all and any information we collect for the purposes of providing competition.

The welcome news that Birmingham had been awarded the Commonwealth Games in 2022 has given rise to some concerns regarding the position of the Association in the present and future Alexander Stadium. We are working with the City to ensure that we will have an office during the demolition and building of the new stadium, and have had a number of communications and meetings with this regard and we have been assured that there will be a place for the Association in any new Stadium. This is

important so that we can plan for the transition and also to enable us to assure our valued employees of a continuing and active Association.

After a number of years working with Mr Simon Fennel we have made the decision to move our Competition Entry system over to the new England Athletics provided system. This means less work with regards to setting up and maintaining of the original system and we hope a lesser need to continually chase up a number of competitors who have continued to withhold payment until the last possible moment. We have also changed our conditions of entry such that non-payment before the entry closing date will invalidate any such entries. We are working towards the full implementation of the new system for the 2019 Indoor Season.

In line with our efforts to streamline and update our systems we have worked with Simon Fennel to implement an online Officials Portal where new officials can register and then in conjunction with existing officials indicate their availability for our forthcoming competitions, both Open Events and Championships. This system went live in mid-October this year and will continue to develop to allow our advisory groups to allocate appointments online with the minimum of time being needed, along with the ability to receive any withdrawals and the new appointments very quickly. We will continue to monitor this and with the feedback of the users make any needed improvements.

Cross Country: Rita Brownlie, Hon Secretary, MCAA Cross Country Association

The Cross Country season began with our Cross Country Relays held again at Aldersley Stadium with grateful thanks to hosts Wolverhampton and Bilston AC for providing an excellent course and marshals.

We held Young Athletes relays for the second time, numbers were still low in some age groups. Hopefully they will increase next year.

The Midland 5 x 7 Mile Championships were held at Bulwell Park, Nottingham.

Thanks to the host club Notts AC for putting the event on and providing marshals. It is a popular course with the athletes and spectators. Entries continue to remain stable.

Our Midland Championships were at a popular venue, Wollaton Park, Nottingham, hosted by Notts AC in their usual professional way. We were very grateful to them for all they do for Midlands Cross Country. The only downside was the weather, which was torrential rain for most of the day. Thanks to all officials and marshals for putting up with such difficult conditions.

The Midlands Womens Cross County League was again a success with even greater numbers. Finding venues is now a bigger problem. Many thanks to the organising committee and to all host clubs. Northbrook AC, Massey Ferguson AC, Stratford-on-Avon AC, Kings Heath RC, Wolverhampton and Bilston AC. Thanks also to the core workers, Becky Freeman, Sarah Bland, Mary Hodges, Mary Williams and Stewart Barnes for all they do for the League.

Cross Country Teams: Marti Whitehouse, Chairman, MCAA Cross Country Association

Teams were sent to three fixtures during the 17/18 season:

10.02.18 Belgium Easy Kit Cross Cup

Men

Danny Hallam	Wreake & Soar Valley	12
Alistair Watson	Notts Ac	19
Patrick Roddy	Kenilworth RC	83
Alex Hampson	Kenilworth RC U/20	33

Women

Lori Handbury	Notts AC	24
Eleanor Fowler	Nun AC	34
Lucy Holt	Notts AC	98

24.03.18 - Home Countries International - Notts

Senior Men: Jack Gray 5th
Team 2nd Alistair Watson 6th
22 Points Danil Hallam 11th
Joe Smith 13th

Junior Men: Shaun Evans 10th
Team 4th Connor Smith 16th
48 Points Alex Hampson 22nd
Oliver Freer 36th

Senior Ladies: Lori Handbury 7th
4th Team Polly Keen 10th
Lucy Holt 17th
Katie Allen 18th

Junior Ladies: Lily Higgins 11th
Rebecca Twandochleb 13th
Georgia Curry 20th
Amber Owens 25th

Overall, it's been a great season for Cross Country running in the Midlands, where strong regional rivalries and trips away as a team have seen impressive performances on the national and international stage.

None of this would have been possible without the hard work and commitment of team manager Marti Whitehouse, who is stepping down from her role after three years of excellent work.

Road Running: Ian Clarke, Chairman, MCAA Road Running Committee

The Midland 12 & 6 Stage Road Relays & 5k Age Group races were held on 17th March on a weekend when the weather cancelled several events.

We were fortunate to get through the day without a weather disruption to the relays, although by the end of the day the whole area had a covering of snow. Thank you to all who braved the very cold conditions, athletes and officials alike.

65 Men teams entered the 12 Stage and 64 Women the 6 Stage. In the 5k the Age Group races had an entry of 76, which was lower than anticipated due to the clash with English Schools XC as we had to rearrange our date due to the park not being available on our original date.

The Autumn Combined Relays which were again all on the one day produced a very large entry. It was up on the previous year in the Seniors and slightly down in the Age Groups. With the large numbers this always makes the leg changeovers very congested with the incoming and outgoing runners.

The Spring and Autumn Relays continue to produce close competition throughout the age groups.

We continue to send teams to represent the Midland Counties in Inter Area road matches, and this year saw the introduction of a half marathon Inter Area at Peterborough as well as the usual 10k matches. We must thank our team Managers for their work in selecting the teams and managing them at the events. This year we have seen the Mens team manager change hands with Marti Whitehouse stepping down from the role. We are grateful for all the hard work done to select athletes to compete at these matches and their management on the day. We wish the new Men's team manager Keith Brackstone all the best as he takes over from Marti.

Teams at the ERRA National Road Relays 07.10.17:

Senior Men 1st Midland Team 5th Bristol & West AC 1.47.59

3rd Fastest Graham Rush 17.16

Senior Women 1st Midland Team 4th Birchfield H 1.00.23

U13 Girls 5th Wreake & Soar Valley AC 45.50

2nd Fastest Elsie Robinson (Saffron AC) 14.14

U13 Boys 7th Saffron AC 42.46

2nd Fastest Andrew Jeavons (Worc) 13.17

The Road Running League which has been running for the last two years, will be discontinued because the anticipated take up of athletes entering the league races has not materialised.

We will be reintroducing the Midlands 10k Championships back into the road programme and discussions are taking place to determine the best event to host this championship.

Race Walking: Ann Perry, Hon. Secretary, Midland Area Race Walking Association

With World Championships in London and the Commonwealth Games in Australia, this year has seen the profile of race walking more in the public eye than previously, mainly due to efforts by Tom Bosworth who has used his appearances at these events to talk about and show the discipline in a positive light.

From a Midlands viewpoint, the year has been busy and all Championship events have taken place, with good results being achieved at all distances. It must however, be mentioned that again the numbers of entries are slightly down on previous years. Also, of major concern is the lack of new officials coming on stream and the fear is that without younger officials, there could come a situation where an event is cancelled as existing officials feel unable to turn out week after week to cover events.

The area has initiated some courses and several new judges are now hopefully covering the requisite number of events to complete their upgrading to the next level. This is a promising position to be in and should be welcomed and supported. Allowing Level 1 officials to cover meetings, under the supervision of a Level 3 or 4 Judge is vital to ensure a continuing number of good officials to enable all our events to take place with the proper level of cover. At present on occasion, records broken would not be ratified due to the requisite number of qualified officials not being in attendance at the race meeting.

Track & Field: Rachel Hulse, Competition Secretary, MCAA Track and Field

During the year we provided competition experiences for 1182 individual athletes ranging from U13's to Masters 60+. We had 12 days of competition indoors and out in sunshine, rain, snow and just about everything in between. I must indicate our gratitude to all the athletes, parents, carers, relatives, Officials, and all the other volunteers without whom none of this would have been possible.

The indoor season provided us with two big challenges this year, firstly whether we were going to be able to hold at least one event in the Arena Birmingham just before the World Indoor Championships and secondly the weather in the form of snow! Unfortunately, due to a number of different things all coming together we were unable to get into the Arena Birmingham, probably for the best as the Arena was not actually ready for competition on the day we had hope to be there.

The 1st and 2nd Open events went smoothly as usual with nearly 90% of all those who entered on line turning up to compete, 95% of the events were inside in the warm, but the hardy throwing fraternity braved the cold and the wind and rain to provide a series of good competitions.

The Midland Indoor Championships were held at the High Performance Centre at the Alexander Stadium which meant we could not provide any Track events other than 60m and 60m Hurdles. There were 61 races held during the day made up of heats, semi-finals and finals. The Field athletes had all the usual indoor events with the exception of the Shot Put. At this point we would like to thank Loughborough University for hosting the Shot Championship event during one of their Open events. We were unable to hold the U13 Indoor Quadrathlon events this year, however we have plans in place to use the results of the 2019 indoor Open events to create a League Table to find the best boy and girl Quad athletes.

The 3rd Open saw the unusually bad weather disrupt the weekend, so much so it caused the cancellation / postponement of the second day as it was decided that it would be too dangerous for many of the athletes and Officials to attempt to travel to and from the event. After consulting with those athletes who would have been competing we managed to re-arrange the day for the following Sunday. Fortunately, the weather was much kinder, and the event was well attended. Thanks to all those who supported the event without whom it would not have been possible to put on in such a short time.

The Outdoor season saw the Senior and U20 Championships held at the Pingles Stadium. There was a slight increase over 2017, with nearly 400 competitors signing up for over 500 events. Once again, the Field athletes began at 9.30am to allow it to fit in the 16 events in a single day. The track saw 2 new Championship best performances.

The U17, U15 and U13 Quadrathlon Championship was also held at the Pingles Stadium in Nuneaton where we had 2 days of good competition, and saw 2 new Championship best performances on the track and one in the Field. The weather was rather windy at times which did not help with times or distances in many events.

I would like to thank all the Officials and other Volunteers who have helped in the organisation and running of the events during the year and especially the MCAA Office staff and Nick Wilson and his staff at the Pingles Stadium.

Track & Field League: Iris Morris, Secretary, MCAA Track & Field League

The League continues to provide a platform for athletes, officials and supporters to work together for the betterment of each other, improve respect for each other and maintain a camaraderie which is so prevalent to this League and important to the sport.

The registration of athletes caused only a small problem during 2018 as most clubs and athletes are now aware of the system. Most of the difficulties appear to be related to time elements, as the new registration year begins in April and the Leagues first meetings are in May. However, easing of the rules for the first meeting appears to have overcome this problem to a great extent.

We are still suffering from a lack of officials, particularly of the required levels. This has been exacerbated by the health and safety regulations for throws. The sudden introduction of the new regulations was particularly difficult to deal with, but everyone made a valiant effort to meet them, which only demonstrated our desire to protect those people taking part in athletics.

I understand that more robust and direct instructions will be issued in late October and everyone will be made aware of stadia throwing areas that comply with IAAF regulations. Others will be made aware of the adjustments required to make their throwing areas comply.

The new instructions were more difficult to deal with because most stadia are owned by Local Authorities. The old chestnut of having “no money” and “not a Statutory Service” continues to raise its head and unfortunately reflects life and most Authorities approach to athletics.

Having said all of the above, competition throughout the season was continuous with most Divisional winners not being finalised until the last match.

Divisional trophies:

Div 1 Birchfield Harriers
 Div 2 Cannock and Stafford AC
 Div 3 Gloucester
 Div 4 Stratford on Avon AC
 Div 5 Charnwood AC
 Div 6 Newcastle AC

2 Men’s League records were broken:

400 Hurdles	Seamus Derbyshire, Stoke AC	51.9 secs
4 x 100 Relay	Birchfield Harriers.	41.96 secs

Midland Athletes at Major Games 2018

World Indoors Birmingham:

Tamara Armoush	3000m	Birchfield Harriers (representing Jordan)	
Meghan Beesley	4 x 400m	Birchfield Harriers	Silver
Elliot Giles	800m	Birchfield Harriers	
David King	60m Hurdles	City of Plymouth	
Efekemo Okoro	4 x 400m	Birchfield Harriers	
Andrew Pozzi	60m Hurdles	Stratford on Avon AC	Gold

Commonwealth Games Gold, Coast Australia:

James Arnott T47	100m	City of Plymouth	Gold
Meghan Beesley	400m Hurdles	Birchfield Harriers	
Lucy Bryan	Pole Vault	Bristol & West AC	7 th
Emily Diamond	400m/4 x 400m	Bristol & West AC	4 th in Relay
Elliot Giles	800m	Birchfield Harriers	
Sophie Hahn MBE T38	100m	Charnwood AC	1st
Katrina Hart T38	100m	Birchfield Harriers	6 th
Matthew Hudson-Smith	400m/4 x 400m	Birchfield Harriers	
David King	110m Hurdles	City of Plymouth	
Sarah McDonald	1500m	Birchfield Harriers	8 th
Bethan Partridge	High Jump	Birchfield Harriers	8 th
Andrew Pozzi	110m Hurdles	Stratford on Avon AC	6 th
Jazmin Sawyers	Long Jump	City of Stoke AC	7 th
Daphne Schrage T35	100m	Bristol & West AC	5 th
Katie Stainton	Heptathlon	Birchfield Harriers	DNF
Rachel Wallader	Shot	Windsor, Slough Eton & H	6 th

European Championships, Berlin:

Meghan Beesley	400m Hurdles	Birchfield Harriers	Bronze
Lucy Bryan	Pole Vault	Bristol & West AC	
Emily Diamond	4 x 400m	Bristol & West AC	
Eden Francis	Discus	Leicester Coritnian	DNC
Elliot Giles	800m	Birchfield Harriers	

Matthew Hudson-Smith	400m/4 x 400m	Birchfield Harriers	Gold/Silver
David King	110m Hurdles	City of Plymouth	
Ashleigh Nelson	4 x 100m	City of Stoke AC	
Andrew Pozzi	110m Hurdles	Stratford on Avon AC	6 th
Jazmin Sawyers	Long Jump	City of Stoke AC	4 th
Feron Sayers	Long Jump	Birchfield Harriers	9 th
Alice Wright	10000m	Worcester AC	6 th

European Juniors, Finland:

Kaie Chambers-Brown	4 x 100m	Birchfield Harriers	
Ellis Greatrex	4 x 400m	Birchfield Harriers	Bronze
Charles Hilliard	4 x 400m	Birchfield Harriers	
Adrian Leeson	4 x 400m	Rugby & Northampton	
Tom Mortimer	5000m	Stroud AC	16 th

European U18's, Hungary:

Lewis Byng	Shot	Stratford on Avon AC	7 th
Cassie-Ann Pemberton	100m	Birchfield Harriers	4 th
Jordan Ricketts	110m Hurdles	Birchfield Harriers	7 th
Emily Williams	1500m	Kettering Harriers	2 nd

Para Europeans, Berlin

Kare Adenegan T34	100m/800m	Coventry Godiva Harriers	1 st /2 nd
James Arnott T47	100m/200m	City of Plymouth	4 th /4 th
Sally Brown T47	100m/200m/400m	Charnwood AC	5 th /4 th /2 nd
Dan Greaves F64	Discus	Charnwood AC	1 st
Kylie Grimes T51	Club Throw	Coventry Godiva Harriers	3 rd
Sophie Hahn MBE T38	100m/200m/4x100m	Charnwood AC	1 st /1 st /1 st
Luke Nuttall T46	1500m	Charnwood AC	5 th
Javaughn Parks T36	100m/200m	Birchfield Harriers	5 th /5 th
Stef Reid T64/F64	200m/Long Jump	Charnwood AC	4 th /3 rd
Ben Rowlings T34	100m/400m/800m	Coventry Godiva Harriers	8 th /6 th /2 nd
Luke Sinnott T6/F6	200m/Long Jump	Bournemouth AC	3 rd /4 th
Laura Sugar T44	100m/200m	Birchfield Harriers	3 rd /3 rd
Richard Whitehead T61	200m	Southwell	1 st
Thomas Young T38	100m/200m	Charnwood AC	1 st /1 st

Cerebral Palsy World Championships, Barcelona

Charlie Denman RR3	100/200/400/800RR	Coventry Godiva H	2 nd /3 rd /1 st /3 rd
Muninder Hayer RR1	100/200/800/RR	Royal Sutton Coldfield	4 th /4 th /2 nd
Leanna Horne F31	Club Throw	Bromsgrove & Redditch AC	1 st
Joel James T34	400/800/1500WC	Coventry Godiva H	-/6 th /3 rd
Philippa Mannings T35	100m/200m	North Somerset	6 th /5 th
Thomas Stamp T35	100m/200m	South Glos	2 nd /2 nd
Thomas Talbot RR2	100/200/400/800RR	Lincoln Wellington	6 th /4 th /4 th /2 nd
Tyrone Williams F37	Shot/Discus/Javelin	Birchfield Harriers	6 th /5 th /3 rd

Geoff Durbin

MCAA Chairman

SOUTH OF ENGLAND ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION LIMITED

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Annual Report for year to 31 March 2018

I am pleased to present the Annual Report of the activities of SEAA Competition Limited for the year up to 31 March 2018. SEAA Competition Limited receives limited financial support from England Athletics to provide a range of championships across all disciplines topped up with support from our parent company. The company has promoted championships in all disciplines; namely Track and Field both

indoor and outdoor, Cross Country, Road Running Relays and Fell Running. The major concern and focus for the Board is the need to make our promotions as economical as possible while maintaining the high standards we set ourselves. A detailed report for each discipline follows:

Track and Field DWG (Chairman Susan Deaves)

Our first Outdoor event, the U20/Senior Championships on 10/11 June, saw a return to Crystal Palace after many years. A bold step some thought, but it is still the place where athletes want to be. Unfortunately despite some vast improvements and commitments to more, the stadium did fall short of our promised expectation. Entries were up on the previous year, presumably because of the popularity of the venue among athletes, but, of course, nothing like ten years ago. We again suffered with lack of officials on the Saturday due to the clash with County Schools, despite our protest to UKA. The pool of officials is ever diminishing and in these circumstances it becomes difficult to adequately staff a Championship event. We shall continue to protest at this clash of dates.

In the sunny but very breezy conditions many athletes struggled, particularly the sprinters, but in the field there were good performances – Jade Lally won the Senior discus with 57.56m but were a long way ahead of the rest of the field and similarly in the Shot, Sophie McKinna was throwing nearly 16m, over 3 metres from the second athlete.

Combined Events – 22/23 July - Held at Oxford thanks to a great deal of help from Richard Hart, Chairman of Oxford City. Large field in Senior men - some 30 entries, and a considerable number of guests, largely from Wales. The Saturday started bright and sunny but deteriorated to cold heavy rain, and a number of athletes withdrew at the end of the first day, many affected by the cold, wet conditions.

On the Sunday, the final event didn't start until well after 7.30 pm. It may sound inconsequential, but Oxford continued to provide hot drinks until the very end of the day.

U15/U17 – 19/20 August - This was our second visit to Crystal Palace in the year and included some Open Events for U13 which were particularly well supported. We were treated to some proper summer weather and although the track again looked very good, the facilities disappointingly were not, in fact, as good as they had been for the Senior event.

The U15Girls entry was well up on previous years but other age groups showed no great change.

We had two new Championship best performances where the records had stood for 10 or more years.

U15B Long Jump	Joseph Harding	Basildon AC
U17W Triple Jump	Eloise Harvey	Dartford Harriers

The final outdoor event was the **U15/U20 Inter Counties – held on 9th September at Oxford.**

This year added two new events in the U15 Girls age group – the 300m and Triple Jump to bring them in line with the U15 Boys.

16 out of the 19 Counties competed, including Cornwall and Norfolk. We do appreciate the efforts these distant Counties make to compete in our event: there are a number of other Inter County events generally held within the metropolitan area which are not open to them.

Essex clearly won the U20 division from Kent and Middlesex. The U15 competition was much closer with Kent just one point ahead of Sussex, and Essex in third.

There were some really outstanding performances which bode well for the future of the sport, particularly Kenneth Ikeji in the U15 Hammer- winning by over 15m with a throw of 62.08m to top the UK rankings. Amber Anning unusually ran 100m, and did so in 11.79 to go second in the U17 rankings.

INDOOR CHAMPIONSHIPS These were all held at Lee Valley.

Combined Events - 16/17 December - Entries were slightly down and not as many guests as usual. This early event does provide an additional competitive opportunity prior to the national Championship.

The SM event was won by Lewis Church of Tonbridge with 5275 pts, who went on to finish 2nd in the England event with 5298 pts. Harry Kendall (also Tonbridge) who finished 2nd in the Southern (5027) also went on to improve to 5096 to finish 4th in the National.

U15/U17 - 6/7 January - There was a disappointing number of U15B entries but the other three age groups were well supported.

Within the U15 Boys two long-standing records were broken: 200m Remi Jokosenumi (Shaftesbury Barnet Harriers) ran 23.15, having already finished 2nd in the 60m. In the High Jump Adam Robinson (Andover AC) won with 1.82m.

In the U17M Dominic Ogbechie (Highgate Harriers) cleared 2.10m.

U20/Senior – 13/14 January - There was an increased entry overall - up over 16% on the previous year.

John Otugade of Shaftesbury Barnet Harriers scored an emphatic victory in the Senior Men's 60m in 6.60, and the first and second in the U20 event, Romell Glave and Dom Ashwell, would have finished in the medals in the Senior event with 6.66 and 6.68.

There was again some outstanding High Jumping from Dominic Ogbechie (Highgate Harriers) (who is an U17) with 2.12m. This raised him up to no. 2 in the UK all-time U17 rankings but broke the U20 record which had stood for 13 years .

Overall there were over 1100 athletes taking part in the Indoor Championships. Interestingly, in the individual weekends the biggest increase was in the women's events across all ages, but the Senior Men provided the greatest number although this was slightly down on the previous year.

The T&F Group do feel that the new format is an improvement in the staging of the indoor events, but the first day does lack atmosphere which is an area for further consideration.

As in recent years, we have administered the officials for the two weekends of the London Indoor Games.

Conclusion

We continue to award cash prizes for the breaking of long-standing championship records, thanks to a benefactor who prefers to remain anonymous - £50 if the record has stood for five years or more, and £100 if it has been more than ten years. You can understand what an incentive this is to athletes.

However, bearing in mind that years ago some of these records were set by the likes of Linford Christie, Paula Radcliffe, Steve Ovett etc, they are not going to be easy to break. It is disappointing that these days the Area Championships do not appear to play such a major role in the aspirations of up-and-coming internationals. Small groups are given the opportunity by the national bodies, to travel abroad to compete and often arrive at a major Games unprepared for true Championship competition.

We would not be able to put on such effective events without the dedication of those people in the Southern Office, and we must thank Linda Whitehead and Ella Jolliffe and the other helpers for doing so much towards the success of our Championships. The Officials too, being the best in the country(!), certainly add to the events.

SEAA Endurance Working Group Report 2017-18 Season Chairman

SOUTHERN ROAD RELAYS

Six, Four & Three Stage Relays - One of the challenges for the Endurance DWG is to find suitable venues for the different events. For the autumn relays there was a different venue for the third year running - for 2017 it was almost a case of returning home to the Park at Crystal Palace. Despite the initial teething problems associated with a new venue the day was a success and gained plaudits from clubs, coaches and especially the athletes. The advantage of Crystal Palace is that it is relatively central and accessible for the Southern area. Once again all the races were completed in one day - Sunday 24th September.

The course used metalled roads and paths within the Park and for the older age groups additional loops and laps were added in. The weather conditions were normal for the time of year and the turnout was acceptable given that it was again a change of venue.

There were more clubs winning team prizes than in 2016 when Aldershot, Farnham & DAC dominated in a number of events. This year they were winners in the U15 Boys and the Senior Women but Blackheath and Bromley Harriers (U15 Girls & U17 Women) and South London Harriers (V Men 40 & V Men 50) also took two championships. Congratulations also to Chiltern Harriers (U13B), St Alban Striders (U13 G), Cambridge & Coleridge (U17 M), Highgate Harriers (Sen. Men), Kent AC (Vet M 40), and Hercules Wimbledon (Vet Women).

Twelve & Six Stage Relays - After the absence for a number of years it was planned to return to Milton Keynes for the 2018 twelve and six stage relays, albeit with a different set up and course layout. After months of detailed planning the event became a victim of the weather and the event had to be cancelled on the day prior to the event. However warnings had been made during the week of the likelihood of heavy snowfalls and so plans had been put in place for notification of a cancellation of the event should this be necessary. Good planning and foresight ensured Clubs knew on the Saturday of the cancellation. Unfortunately it was not possible for numerous reasons to re-schedule the event. However thanks to the cooperation of the ERRA southern clubs were able to compete in the National relays a couple of weeks later.

All this was most unfortunate for clubs, athletes, coaches and officials and especially the organisers who had done so much to ensure its success. However, it is hoped that all the groundwork can be used in 2019 when it is hoped we can return to Milton Keynes.

It was considered unadvisable to include holding an inaugural 5Km U/17 men's and women's races in conjunction with these relays because there already was a very steep learning curve for the organisers. Nevertheless such an event remains in our future plans.

CROSS COUNTRY

Southern Relays - The Southern Cross-Country Relays were once again held at Wormwood Scrubs on 21st October 2017. Many thanks to members of Thames Valley Harriers for hosting this event and all the hard work in preparing for these Championships. Numbers were slightly up again on previous years and there are many indications that after a slow start this event is becoming very popular event in the Cross Country Calendar. Some concern has been expressed that the endurance calendar at this time of the year is very congested for those of school age.

Winners in the men's races were Hillingdon AC (Sen Men & U 15 Boys), Windsor, Slough E&HAC (U/20 & U 17)) and North Norfolk Harriers (U/13). The winners in the women's races were Chelmsford AC (Sen Women), Newbury AC (U/20), Guildford and Godalming AC(U/17), Blackheath and Bromley Harriers (U/15) and Chiltern Harriers (U/13).

SEAA London Championships - On 18th November 2017, in conjunction with the London Youth Games, the London Cross-Country Championships were held, as usual at Parliament Hill Fields. Many thanks to the City of London for their tremendous support in the staging and preparation for this event which once again was a huge success.

Individual London Champions were Kadar Abdullahi (Hillingdon AC) for the men, and for the women Stephanie Davis (Clapham Chasers). Highgate Harriers once again took the Senior Men's title and London Heathside similarly again won the Senior Women's title.

Southern Masters & Inter Counties Championships - The SEAA Masters & SEAA Inter-Counties XC Championships were held concurrently on 9th December at Horspath in Oxfordshire. Thanks go to Richard Hart and Oxford City AC for their support and assistance in the staging of these Championships. The weather was reasonable and the course a mixture of open grassland and very muddy woods. The officials and marshals did an excellent job of work. We are most fortunate that there is more than adequate car parking at this venue.

Although Surrey County had a very successful Championship winning 3 of the 8 age groups. U15 Boys, U15 Girls and Senior Women it was not as good as 2016 when they won 5 titles. Suffolk won the U13 Boys, Buckinghamshire the U13 Girls and Kent won both the U17 Men and the U20 Women.

The SEAA Masters Championships were held in conjunction for this event with six age group trophies being contested. Full results and other of our events can be found on the SEAA website.

South of England Main Cross Country Championships - Every third year the SEAA has to find an alternative venue to Parliament Fields as was the case for the 2018 main Southern Cross-Country Championships. Finding a suitable alternative venue is becoming a major headache with so many requirements needing to be met in order to stage a major event. Some 20 alternative venues were considered and eventually Stanmer Park in Brighton was once again the chosen venue. Brighton is very popular with the athletes but its major disadvantage is adequate accessible parking. Nevertheless Clubs were given plenty of notice of this issue but in the end we were able to accommodate most of the parking within the vicinity of the course.

For the athletes it turned out to be a most successful event and thoroughly enjoyed by all with some excellent competition. Unfortunately the weather leading up to the event had been very wet which meant the setting up of the course was more difficult than usual and heavy rain by the end of the afternoon meant clearing up was most unpleasant. The last race the senior men's finished in twilight. The day was not without its problems and the spectators' experience was dented by the absence or late arrival of some key services. Our thanks must go to the Sussex County and the local clubs which supported the event and without whose help the event could not have been staged.

The key results from the championships include - Individual Champions 2017/18 – Men - John Gilbert (Kent AC) and Women – Phoebe Law (Kingston AC & Poly Harriers). In the team events it was a very successful day for Aldershot, Farnham & DAC winning the U13 Boys, the U15 Boys, the U17 Men, the U20 men and the Senior Women SEAA championships. Other trophies went to Chiltern Harriers (U13 Girls), Herne Hill Harriers (U15 Girls), Guildford and Godalming AC (U17 Women), Windsor, Slough E&HAC (U20 Women) and Bedford and County (Senior Men).

As already noted finding suitable venues for the SEAA events is becoming more difficult each year and we are most grateful for all the help we received in overcoming this problem during this last period. SEAA are always ready to view any venues put forward as possibilities, so please do not hesitate to speak with us if you think you know of potential venues.

Unfortunately the Endurance Working Group has been seriously weakened through resignations due to several retirements and ill health but the Group is hoped that some new recruitments this autumn will strengthen the Group.

Finance

The company is still operating on the basis that it will be supported by its parent. We have received the 2017/2018 grant from England Athletics. The company accounts for 2017/2018 show a small surplus against the budget forecast.

John Gandee

Chairman SEAA Competition Limited

ENGLISH CROSS COUNTRY ASSOCIATION

What a Championships the English Cross Country Association staged back in February. On a bright, sunny but very cold afternoon cross country runners turned out in droves to compete in the Saucony English National Cross Country Championships at Parliament Hill Fields which many consider as the Home of the Sport. Overall the numbers finishing totalled 6444 up 1156 on the 2015 record, a fantastic 21% growth.

Once again the City of London and the English Cross Country Association served up a great event, which many said ran like clockwork and was enjoyed by athletes of all ages both male and female. The boom in membership that Clubs throughout England have seen has spread to the National Championships and vast numbers made the pilgrimage to London for this year's event. There are 10 races staged now to cater for all age groups and both sexes and 8 of them produced new record numbers of finishers, one race equalled the previous best while the tenth was two short of a record.

The ECCA though has had to consider the subject of equalisation of distances at the Championships. A small but vociferous group campaigned for the Senior Men's and Women's race distance to be the same. As a result of this the ECCA decided to hold a survey to see what support for this there was. The

survey did not exactly excite the mass populace to take part in the survey but we did get views from Athletes, Coaches, Team Managers, Administrators and Supporters from all around the Country. The picture was not clear cut and in our survey, the reply to the question, "Do you think that men and women should run the same distance at the National Cross Country Championships" was 52.1% stated No while 47.9% said Yes. When split Male /Female then it was 40.9% Women saying Yes and 59.1% saying No.

With regard to Men 58% said Yes and 42% said No. Whether Men didn't want to be seen out of step is a matter of conjecture but all Yes replies we have seen have been boosted by the Male input. However when it came down to changing distance a majority of Men didn't want to change distance that they run. Likewise a majority of Women did not want to change the distance they currently run also. With this evidence and looking at other surveys on the subject the ECCA decided not to equalise distances not because Women wouldn't be able to run anything extra but because it would not be popular with lots of the runners that usually enter.

Back to the Racing and The Relays were once again held at Berry Hill Park, Mansfield and it continues to be a successful event, the venue does tick all the boxes for a good promotion and the atmosphere created is superb. The fact that this venue is central has been a major factor and athletes travel along way to compete in the event. Following this year's event Pat Carlan who has nurtured the course for many years decided to step down from his role and the ECCA has thanked Pat for the hundreds of hours he has spent on the event.

The ECCA has continued to invest significant funds in the International programme and many athletes get there first taste of International competition at these events. The President during the past season, the ECCA Treasurer, Richard Inchley was able to get to some of these events and support the athletes and see the great work done.

Finally thanks once again to all the volunteers that help the Association with its programme, they show the passion our sport needs to continue to be a success.

Ian Byett
ECCA Honorary Secretary

FELL RUNNERS ASSOCIATION

Executive Committee Report 2018 AGM

1. By all the usual measures fell running and the activities regulated and supported by the FRA are in rude health.
 - a. Numbers taking part in fell running and races regulated by the FRA seem to be continuing to increase with a very welcome increase in the number of junior participants. More clubs are registering under the fell discipline with England Athletics.
 - b. Our auditing, through our race liaison officers, shows a very high level of compliance with our race rules and I am pleased to say that we have a very low rate of complaints/disciplinary issues.
 - c. The FRA membership continues to grow with one of our objectives being met by an increase in the proportion of women joining; now running at over 30% compared with the figure last year when just over 20% of our 7100 members were women plus one sixth of new joiners being juniors.
 - d. The English international teams continue to succeed.
The events we support such as the championships; coaching; first aid and navigation courses continue to be well supported as are the junior and senior presentations 'Do's'.
 - e. Our publications, such as the Fell Runner and the Handbook/calendar continue to be produced, well supported and popular, and we support both our website and a Facebook page.
 - f. We are in a good shape financially.

2. We continue to have good relationships with partners such as the Mountain Running Advisory Committee; UKA and England Athletics.
3. Our sponsors Pete Bland Sports/Inov8 and Kong provide support for the championships.
4. Whilst we keep changes to the sport to the minimum we do make changes where these seem to be in the interest of the sport. For example, we have started a closed Facebook page for Race organisers during the year.
5. There is always more to do and one gap we wish to fill is increasing the number of participating runners in the U23 age group, for example.
6. We will continue to adapt fell running rules to meet our own competition requirements. In that context we are reviewing the recent UKA/IAAF rule revisions 2018 – 20 which we feel have not helped fell running.
7. At the AGM there will be changes to the Committee membership, as there are in most years. One enforced change will be the election of a new General Secretary following death of Steve Cliff from Motor Neurone Disease earlier this year after less than two years in post. We are indebted to Len l'Anson and members of the Committee who have helped plug the gap whilst we find a new Secretary.

Nick Harris
Chairman

Andy Watts
Company Secretary pro tem

RACE WALKING ASSOCIATION

2018 was once again very successful for Britain's top race walkers which is testament to the quality of work being put in at the Leeds centre for race walking by Andi Drake and his associates. The highlight of this year's successes were commonwealth medals for Tom Bosworth (silver men's 20K) and Bethan Davies (bronze women's 20K).

Other competitors to feature well in the Commonwealth Games, World Cup of Race Walking and European Championships were Callum Wilkinson, Gemma Bridge, Heather Lewis and Erika Kelly. With other young walkers waiting in the wings, the near future looks promising.

But whilst the elite race walkers are doing very well, there is concern that the feed of new athletes in to the system is very limited. The Race Walking Association is currently reviewing its coaching and development activities to broaden the grass roots level thus enhancing the supply of potential athletes to the existing successful coaching activities co-ordinated from the Leeds operation.

Colin Vesty
Race Walkers Association

TUG OF WAR ASSOCIATION

Reporting on last season:

AAA's Outdoor Championship 7th, Daventry Sports Club, Daventry, Northants

Chief Judge Mr P Craft, Chief Time-keeper/Recorder Mrs S Hutchins
Catchweight – 1st Lincoln, 2nd Felton Eccles (Somerset), 3rd Sandhurst (Berkshire)
640Kg – 1st Norton (Staffordshire), 2nd Lincoln, 3rd Two Dales (Derbyshire)

National Outdoor Championships 17th June 2017, Offwell, Honiton, Devon

Chief Judge Mr A Fray-Smith, Chief Time-keeper/Recorder Mrs W Dyer
Catchweight – 1st Lincoln (Lincolnshire), 2nd St. Pats (Leicestershire)
720Kg - 1st Lincoln (Lincolnshire), 2nd Holland (Staffordshire)
680Kg - 1st Lincoln (Lincolnshire), 2nd Oxney Vines Cross (Sussex), 3rd Two Dales (Derbyshire)
640Kg - 1st Norton (Staffordshire), 2nd Felton Eccles (Somerset), 3rd Lincoln (Lincolnshire)
600Kg – 1st Norton (Staffordshire), 2nd Felton Eccles (Somerset), 3rd Lincoln (Lincolnshire)
560Kg – 1st Norton (Staffordshire), 2nd Sandhurst (Berkshire), 3rd Upper Eden (Cumbria)
Ladies 520Kg – 1st Kilroe (Lancs/Derbys), 2nd Army Ladies, 3rd Haldon (Devon)
Ladies 560Kg - 1st Kilroe (Lancs/Derbys), 2nd York (Yorkshire), 3rd Haldon (Devon)
Mixed 4 x 4 600Kg - 1st Kilroe (Lancs/Derbys), 2nd Lincoln (Lincolnshire), 3rd Upper Eden (Cumbria)

Inter-Counties Championship 9th July 2017, Sandhurst, Berkshire

Chief Judge Mr M Selwood, Chief Time-keeper/Recorder Mrs W Dyer

640Kg - 1st Staffordshire, 2nd Somerset, 3rd Devon

680Kg – 1st Staffordshire, 2nd Sussex, 3rd Berkshire

AAA's Indoor Championship 12th November 2017, Harry Mitchell Centre, Smethwick, West Midlands

Chief Judge Mr D Kitchener, Chief Time-keeper/Recorder Mrs J Thomas

Catchweight – 1st Raunds (Northants), 2nd Kilroe (Cheshire), 3rd Sheen Farmers (Derbys/Staffs)

640Kg – 1st Raunds (Northants), 2nd Kilroe (Cheshire), 3rd Sheen Farmers (Derbys/Staffs)

National Indoor Championship 2nd December 2017, Harry Mitchell Centre, Smethwick, West Midlands

Chief Judge Mr P Craft, Chief Time-keeper/Recorder Mrs J Thomas

Catchweight – 1st Sheen Farmers (Derby/Staffs), 2nd Kilroe (Cheshire)

720Kg – 1st Raunds (Northants), 2nd Uppertown (Derbyshire), 3rd Kilroe (Cheshire)

680Kg – 1st Raunds (Northants), 2nd Uppertown (Derbyshire), 3rd Sheen Farmers (Derby/Staffs)

640Kg – 1st Raunds (Northants), 2nd Uppertown (Derbyshire), 3rd Kilroe (Cheshire)

600kg – 1st Raunds (Northants), 2nd Kilroe (Cheshire), 3rd Sheen Farmers (Derby/Staffs)

Ernie Jones

TOWA

AAA DEVELOPMENT INITIATIVES & LEGACY

Tom Pink Relays

1. Lee Valley, London – The organisation of this year's event was undertaken by Nikki Wright of Lee Valley Athletics Centre supported by Carolyn. Adam Burgess of Sportshall took the equipment and helped Niki with the delivery on the day. The event was a big success and well supported and the clubs involved are keen that it should continue for future years.

The AAA have offered to support the event again in 2019 providing some of the specialist equipment for future years. After 2019 it will be in the hands of local organisers

2. EIS, Sheffield – Both England Athletics and the clubs involved are keen to maintain this popular annual event which is run in conjunction with the EA National Multi Event Age Group Championships. Steps have already been made to transfer organisation to England Athletics although Carolyn and I will continue to offer support for the event in March 2019.
3. Manchester – This outdoor version of the Tom Pink Events will be organised by England Athletics for 2019 and beyond.
4. Midlands – sadly the proposed event in the Midlands did not take place.

Med Ball and Endurance Challenge

Both these programmes are continuing to be used as part of the National Awards Schemes.

World Marathon Challenge

The AAA no longer supports the organisation of the World Marathon Challenge financially but individual groups, including some from overseas, still participate and the website is still operational.

Museum and Trophies

Considerable work is being progressed by Philip Andrew and Jane Ainsworth with more supporting groups are showing interest and offering their backing. They are continuing the task of cataloguing the AAA and WAAA trophies to ensure that their historic value is safely recorded.

Grants

- a. **Hall of Fame** – The AAA continued providing salvers to the best English performers at the National Track and Field Championships
- b. **Activities for the Young** - The AAA continue to provide grants in support of the Sportshall UK Final and the Three Area Associations activities for the Young.

George Bunner
Events Manager

ATHLETICS FOR THE YOUNG (CHARITY)

We see a continuing strong demand for grants from young athletes during our yearly exercise and are happy to be able to support so many. .

Our expenses are modest and relate solely to the costs in distributing our grants.

The investment performance seems in line with market trends and we continue to be advised by Brewin & Dolphin. We are confident of continuing the charity's work in future years at our current level but given our lack of income will eventually run out of funds.

We have welcomed two new trustees who have already helped in the redesign of our 2019 grant application form and hope they enjoy their future involvement with the charity. In addition they are part of a team looking at ways to improve our application process.

Alan Barlow
Treasurer / Trustee

STANDARDS SCHEME

Only 1682 badges were sold in the financial year 2017-18 however in the 5 months since then over 700 have been sold.

At the end of the track and field season there was a rush with clubs ordering in bulk in time for their annual presentation of awards which led to having reorder from the manufacturers on two occasions.

The standards have been revised for the 2019 and 2020 seasons and are currently with the printers. I am already receiving requests from clubs for the revised standards. Similarly certificates are being reprinted and I have an order for 150 from one club.

Edwin Bellamy
Hon Standards Officer