

Westward League 2016/7
AGM Notes from 16th July 2016 held at Plymouth

Present: Keith and Jayne Reed (EVH), Steve Blackford (COPAC), Neil Williams (Chair) Mile Saunders (Plymouth Musketeers), Dave Phillips (SWRR), Wavell Viggers (Teignbridge Trotters).

Apologies – North Devon, Tamar Trotters. Tavistock, Exmouth, Bideford, Cornwall, Newquay and Par.

1. Welcome and Introduction

Neil Williams took the Chair and began by welcoming everyone to the meeting and thanking everyone for their efforts in putting on a successful league campaign last season.

2. Review of season

The season went well with all the fixtures held and no issues. Thanks to all clubs who hosted and also to clubs who supported the league. Numbers stayed static after an increase the previous year. A huge thanks to Pete Waumsley of Frank Elford sports and to City Runs for their website support. Both are keen to continue their support this year.

We did improve the quality of the trophies which were well received. We also bought an additional perpetual trophy to replace one that was missing.

- 3. Financial statement** was circulated. A slight profit was shown again. We saved some money by using Stover. More money spent on trophies. We still have healthy reserves. There should be no need to increase fees for the coming season.

4. 2016/7 Structure and Admin

The dates and venues for 2015/6 were agreed as follows:

Sun 9th Oct Plymouth
Sun 13th Nov Newquay (not 6th as originally thought)
Sun 4th Dec – Exeter
Sun 15th Jan – North Devon Venue (will be Westward Ho !)
Sun 12th Feb – Stover
Sun 19th March – Redruth

There will have to be a change in the admin system following the UKA rules changes that came out in April. Basically all athletes who take part in cross country must be affiliated to England Athletics (or their home country). To facilitate this we will need all clubs to supply a list of their members with EA registration number (not U11's) The only exception is the University clubs who are exempt. They do still need to supply the names. This was questioned by Wavell Viggers from Teignbridge Trotters. It was explained that the rules were different from road running.

The admin fee paid to Keith and Jayne Reed will increase to £650 following a proposal by Dave Philips and seconded by Steve Blackford.

5. Adoption of Constitution and Rules for 2016/7

No amendments are required to the constitution
The rules will need changing to accommodate the above change in registration. As already stated Frank Elford Sports will continue to be our new sponsors and City Runs will continue with the website. No new applications for memberships have been received as yet.

6. Trophies and Awards

It was agreed to spend the same amount on the trophies.
No changes to any of the prize categories.

7. Election of Officers

Chair – Neil Williams (Dave Phillips took the chair for this election)

Secretary – Keith Reed

Treasurer and Results Sec. – Jayne Reed

Assistant results sec – Monica Bristow

All were duly re-elected

8. AOB

The event merchandise experiment was mixed with no profit to the league. The kit was excellent however.
Thanks to SW Athletics Academy for doing it. We will review with them and also Frank Elford sports before committing to next season.

The meeting closed at 12.20 pm.