

Chair Report - Winter AGM & Presentation – 1st May 2020

Sadly, due to the Covid 19 circumstances we have not been able to hold our AGM & Winter Presentations. I hope you are all keeping safe and we can only hope that it will not be too long before we are back training. We hope we are able to have some track & field competition this year.

We think it is only right that we go ahead and still award medals for this year's winter season. This is to include Cross Country, Indoor track & field, Sportshall and Race-walking categories.

Just to explain to those that are new to Medway & Maidstone or just need reminding. The Club must hold an AGM for the purpose of electing the Management Committee and accepting the Club Accounts and any changes to the Constitution. This is something we have to do each year and is a legal requirement. This year however we are unable to do this in the normal manner.

I would usually at this point in the year be able to mention some early year success from the track and field and also an update on how our athletes got on in the marathon but unfortunately due to these circumstances this is not to be.

Condolences

Some of you may have heard the sad news that Ian Newton recently passed away. His funeral took place on 30th March. Ian did a lot for the Club over the years and was involved at Kent level too. More recently he helped with updating the Club records which we really appreciated. The Club gave a donation to Dementia Care, in Ian's memory.

Hammer Cage at Medway Park

Some good news! It is looking likely that we will have a new hammer cage. We are still waiting for confirmation that this has been ordered and unfortunately with what is happening at the moment this has likely delayed things. We have no idea of the timeframe but we will keep you informed as we hear more from MP.

Pride in Medway Awards

At the end of last year, the Club were nominated for a Pride in Medway award in recognition of the Club's commitment to coaching. Three of our coaches attended a celebratory evening at Mid-Kent college. We recently found out that we had reached the final but unfortunately the awards evening, due to take place at the end of April, had to be cancelled. We hope it will go ahead at a later date. Nevertheless, it was great to be recognised and I would like to thank all our coaches for their hard work.

Coaches

On that point, just to say a BIG thank you to all our coaches at this time. Many of you continue to support your athletes as much as possible with training schedules and advice. This is much appreciated by me and I am sure parents and athletes.

Medway Schools

Thank you to Steve Hesketh and all the volunteers that help with the Medway Primary Schools Cross Country league. Many of you may not realise that the Club has been involved with this over a number of years. Previously something that the late Chris Newman was involved with. Steve and a number of volunteers do a fantastic job. It is actually an exceedingly difficult job, liaising with all the primary schools, ensuring health and safety is adhered to, along with setting out the courses and ensuring enough volunteers are available each time. The event has grown considerable over the years. The competition is managed over 4 races; two in October and then 2 in March. This is generally for year 5 and 6 though we do get some from year 4 participating. We award individual top 3 places and team medals which are given at the end of the 4 races after adding up point totals from each race. Unfortunately, the last race was unable to go ahead in March but the points and medals were awarded from the 3 races.

This year the Club also got involved in the Medway District cross country races for the older school years at Capstone Park. This again was brilliantly managed and M&M volunteers were out in force! I believe we will manage this again this year. Again, thank you to all our volunteers.

Results

I know there were some great results in all the events over the winter months.

All the hard winter training as preparation for the summer track & field has not been utilised currently but I am sure that it will only motivate you to come back even stronger so hang in there. I think similarly for the countries top athletes, we have all had to adapt to these difficult times and we will get through this.

Keep motivated and keep a check on the website and Facebook page for information and updates.

Take care and I hope to see you all back training in the not too distant future.

**Sarah
Chair**



Secretary's Report

Well this past year has certainly been quite challenging with our battles with Medway Park over the cage and now Corona virus. As Sarah has stated in her report, we are very hopeful that after a year the cage issue has now been sorted and a new cage will be installed. We were once told that as the cage wasn't used by many, therefore it wasn't necessary. A further inspection for Track Mark in February condemned the cage and with assistance from the UKA Facilities Manager, Medway Park realised they were obliged to replace it. This would still have left us with difficulties in hosting meetings this year as we couldn't use the cage and leagues require a full timetable of events, so we would have had to have hired other venues at great cost to the club. So really the lockdown has done us a favour although I'm sure the athletes won't agree.

Cross Country – team managers' reports can be found below.

Our track season last year was very successful even though some of our top athletes were injured and unable to compete for us in league competitions.

SAL – We knew we would have a tough season competing in Div 1 but our aim was not to be relegated. At the last match, fortunately a home one, we appeared to have lost by ½ pt. which could have meant relegation. But on checking the results, I discovered an error which then gave us a couple of extra points meaning we did win the match. Talk about a nail biting finish.

YDL UAG – Although we won every match with almost double the points of any other team in our division, we were unlucky not to get promoted. This was decided by means of a paper match but we were unsuccessful.

YDL LAG – Another good season for our young athletes finishing second in the division. Over the past couple of years we have seen an increase in the numbers competing but must still strive to fill all events as long as this can be fulfilled without harm to those athletes.

KYAL – The team got stronger over the season and ended with us overtaking Tonbridge to take 2nd place.

SCVAC – We only had a men's team which ended up in 3rd place in Div 1. It was hoped to field a ladies team in 2020.

In February, Medway Phoenix (formally Medway Park Phoenix) merged with us and their athletes began training with us at Medway Park.

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Treasurer's Report – The accounts are currently being finalised and a copy will be available upon request to the [secretary](#).

Management Committee:

Chair Sarah Kenyon

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Membership Sec Gloria Clements

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