

MCAA T&F League AGM 2021 Minutes (issued 11/01/22)

Date: 12 December 2021, 1200 (midday)-1615

Venue: Alexander Stadium, Birchfield Harriers club room.

1. Present

Lyn (Birchfield), Stuart (Birchfield), Steve (Bristol & West), Bryan (Rugby & Northampton), Abielle (Abingdon), Nigel (BRAT), Bob (Cannock & Stafford), Iris (City of Stoke), Stewart (Coventry & Hon Treasurer of the league), Kimberley (Telford), Derrick (Cheltenham & County Harriers), Noel (Wolverhampton and Bilston), Richard (Worcester), Matt (Yate), James (Dudley and Stourbridge), Ollie (Halesowen), Phil (Hereford and County), Adrian (Kidderminster and Stourport), Ken (Newport), Keith (Burton AC), James (Banbury), Rebecca (Solihull & Small Heath), Robert (Solihull and Small Heath)

2. Apologies

Simon (Bristol), John (Wreake and Soare Valley), Colin (Charnwood), Mick (Notts), Keith (Halesowen), Steve (Halesowen), Paul (Stratford), Nick (Nuneaton), Claire (Newport), Jaime (Burton)

MCAA Introduction

Stewart (MCAA Chair) provided a contextual overview of the association's position and implications for competition.

MCAA had received, in 2021, a grant from England Athletics to provide meetings and this allowed the association to host the two open meetings at Nuneaton. But in general finances have been difficult and staff redundancies had been made. Post lockdown recruitment had been successful and is continuing.

Current position. There is no access to the HPC for meetings at the moment. Birmingham City Council have offered a grant to put on a fixture at the indoor arena. MCAA is discussing this with a view to providing the fixture, but the cost will be around £21,000.

Iris (retiring league secretary and long-time supporter of athletics in the Midlands) was presented with life membership of the association and presentations were made by MCAA and the League.

3. Minutes of the virtual AGM dated 13st December 2020

Derek proposed and Noel seconded that the minutes from 2020 were a true representation of the 2020 AGM. Carried unanimously.

4. Matters arising

All matters were noted as already scheduled in the agenda for discussion.

5. Chairpersons Report

See attached for full report – Annex A.

The Chairman thanked Iris for her dedication and support as league secretary and made a small presentation. Rob, who is stepping down from the league management committee, was also thanked for his long and extensive support to the league and Midlands athletics and his dedication as league chairman for a number of years.

6. League Secretary's Report

See attached – Annex B.

Newport Harriers proposed, and it was unanimously accepted, a vote of thanks to Iris for her hard work and support to the league, and the secretary's role, over a number of years.

7. Financial Report for 2021 & affiliation for year 2022

Stewart provided a summary of the key points regarding finance.

There are 40 clubs with an affiliation fee of £500 for 2021 – giving an overall income of £20k. Hosting fee for 2022 will be increased to £650/match from £550/match and this will still leave just over £4k to provide for support from the MCAA Office. MCAA will also pay £2k to fund an update to the results software.

Officials' development: MCAA league will pay for L1 courses for T&F officials (as per pre-AGM paperwork) and also cover expenses for L2 officials' development. These are through an England Athletics Grant. MCAA will try to arrange a dedicated course for MCAA based applicants.

Request from SSH (proposed Becky, seconded Lyn, unanimously accepted) for the MCAA to provide contacts and introductions between existing officials (as mentors) and those training and developing as officials. (**ACTION: MCAA / League management committee.**) Stewart also noted EA were setting up a mentoring scheme.

8. Election of Chairperson.

Bob proposed, Iris seconded that Bryan continue as chair. Accepted unanimously.

9. Election of League Secretary.

Bryan proposed, Lyn seconded that Richard be elected as league secretary. Accepted unanimously.

10. Election of Management Committee.

Of the existing management committee: Rob will be stepping down after many years on the committee and long service as Chair and; Iris is stepping down as secretary. Iris confirmed she is available to continue on the committee. It was proposed by Becky, seconded by Noel and carried unanimously that with these changes the following be confirmed as committee members for 2022:

Stewart (ex officio), Lyn, Derrick, Nigel, Jaime, Iris, Richard (sec), Bryan (chair).

Becky and Adrian expressed an interest in joining the committee and would consider post AGM. (Post meeting note: Adrian offered his services and has been co-opted onto the committee.)

11. Presentation of Divisional Trophies.

As per 2021 constitution no trophies were awarded for 2021.

Trophy locations are:

Div 1 and Div 2 trophies – held by Lyn Orbell (they were brought to the AGM) who will pass to Bryan idc.

Div 3 – held by City of Stoke

Div 4 – held by Sutton-in-Ashfield

Div 5 – this is missing. It was not returned by Tipton at the 2019 AGM (and so not awarded to Kidderminster and Stourport). Marg (Tipton) is investigating.

Div 6 – at 2019 AGM Bryan collected the trophy so as to pass the trophy to Kettering Town Harriers.

12. Resignations from League

SWS (composite of Saffron and Wreake & Soar Valley) resigned.

13. Applications to join League

Saffron and Wreake & Soare Valley applied as separate clubs to join the league. This was accepted. They will both be part of Div 4 NE.

To note: Bristol and West and Yate had already (pre-2021 AGM) separated as a composite team with Bristol & West placed in Div 1 and Yate in Div 3.

Hereford&County and Forest of Dean had considered joining as a composite team but missed the EA deadline for composite team application.

14. League Divisions

See annex C for divisional structure and divisional secretaries.

15. Proposals from Management Committee & Clubs

Proposal from K&S (see Annex D) to have an A and B string when we include a mixed 4x400. Seconded by Phil Wells. Carried: 17 for, 1 against.

Management committee proposal set (see Annex D).

A detailed and constructive discussion was held around the set of management committee proposals (Annex D) and supporting presentation (Annex E). The resulting votes and noted discussion points were:

Point 1 (to return to full set of events and to reintroduce min standards for extra 3 trials in throws and horizontal jumps). Carried unanimously (counts noted as 20 for, 0 against).

Point 2 (to move to a scoring system where a club's best N event scores are aggregated to make the club overall match score). A concern was raised that this approach would discourage athletes if they thought their score would not be part of the overall aggregate. Carried: 12 for, 4 against, 4 abstentions.

Point 3a: that there should be a minimum performance standard. Points raised on this (in addition to the points in the presentation) were: that this would discourage athletes from competing if they could not achieve the standard; conversely that it could be a good set of targets for athletes to aim for (in terms of development); that athletes like having a safe environment in which to try new events (i.e. club support to the athlete, and an athlete knowing a performance will help the club); that it is difficult to define the set of standards to general agreement.

Two amendments were offered. First was that the principle of standards should only be used to protect the timetable (proposed Steve, seconded Adrian). Defeated for:2, against:9, abstentions 7.

Second amendment (proposed Richard, seconded Bryan) that the principle of minimum standards should be modified so that a performance below the standard would score 1 point (rather than 0). With this amendment the AGM voted on the principle of introducing minimum performance standards (with the standards themselves to be debated off-line post AGM). This was defeated: For – 7, against – 11.

Point 3b: that there should be bonus points. The AGM voted on this principle under the provision (unanimously agreed by the AGM) that the standards would be agreed by the clubs post AGM via an email exchange. Accepted: For 19, against 2.

ACTION Committee – circulate options for bonus point standards. These to be a choice of three different sets (i.e. not an event by event vote). Sets are: UKA top 100 performance targets; IAAF scoring tables at fixed value; AAA grade 1 standards.

Point 4: that divs 1&2 have electronic timing where available and affordable. Unanimously agreed.

Point 5: that fees for 2022 be increased by £100 to £600 to cover new results software development. Withdrawn as MCAA will cover this cost. Fees therefore remain at £500/club.

16. Fixture dates.

2022 dates

22nd May, 5th June, 17th July, 13th August

These are specific dates (i.e. not nomination of a weekend). However, it was noted that in extremis the alternative weekend date could be used if necessary to fulfil the fixture, subject to EA granting the permit.

ACTION: Divisional secretaries to agree fixtures between their clubs and return to League Secretary.

Under discussion of fixtures, Stewart made a request for clubs to consider delivering a fixture as Level 2 so long as the relevant conditions are applicable (league matches are usually level 1). Chief officials names and details would be passed to Divisional secs (and then to league sec and MCAA) if this was to be the case.

- Chief Officials should be appointed and advised at least seven days prior to the meeting date.

Annex A: Midland League – Chairman’s Report, Sun 12th December 2021

Happily, we were able to stage 3 fixtures this year, albeit on a regionalised basis and with a reduced programme. Hopefully this succeeded in our objective of providing competition for as many athletes as possible. It also gave us the opportunity to evaluate the pro’s & cons of a much more regionalised format. We have also started to understand the possibilities to use technology in order to change how we might deliver competition.

The Management committee have devoted a lot of time and thought to both deliver this season’s competition and consider how the league should evolve in the future. It has become clear that the league has been in decline for a number of years and faces twin threats of a reducing number of athletes and the competition being unattractive to better standard athletes. This was even before the pandemic intervened over the last 2 years. All of the evidence is that there has been a significant fall off in younger age groups owing to the pandemic so it can be anticipated that this decline will be accelerated when we return to a full timetable in 2022. We also need to realise that as a competition provider we are in competition with other providers and our product needs to match theirs. We currently have a relatively low-cost product and in many ways its quality is the same. Athletes are already voting with their spikes!

The Management Committee have therefore brought forward a series of proposals to be implemented in the 2022 season. On their own these changes are relatively modest, but they lay the groundwork for other evolutions in coming years, based upon both our experiences and the overall health of the sport. We also need to be alive to the fact that other leagues draw upon the same pool of athletes as ourselves and are seeing the same challenges. These proposals are the result of much thought and detailed analysis and I commend them to you. We really need to do something; the ongoing decline of the league will just lead to its demise.

Over the last year we have also participated in meetings with the other Regional & National Leagues and England Athletics under the guise of the Association of Athletics Leagues. This has proved a valuable forum to discuss the evolution of our sport.

Finally, I have a number of ‘Thank-you’s’

The Management Committee for all of the time and patience which they have put into delivering the league this year

Robert Pinton, who is stepping down from the Management Committee after some 26 years, during which time he was also Chairman of the League. Robert’s wisdom and good humour has been greatly valued by all of his colleagues and we thank him for his service.

Finally, Iris Morris is stepping down as league secretary after many years of dedicated service. Iris has not only run the League over all that time but has been the first point of call for all clubs & colleagues whenever we have a question. In my term in the Chair, I have certainly found her expertise invaluable. I’m sure that you will all join me in wishing Iris & Alan a more restful life, although I know that they have many significant responsibilities at their beloved City of Stoke AC. We all trust that your wise counsel will remain available to the League.

Bryan– 10 December 2021

Annex B: SECRETARYS REPORT 2021

I am glad to say that we all managed to get through 2021. I think I can say it will be a year to remember for many reasons but what stood out was the tenacity of the racing fraternity.

The new League Divisions could not be implemented so we improvised and set up Divisions that restricted travel and reduced timetables to support shorter days. Not all athletes liked the reduced timetables but generally understood the necessity so that some competition could take place.

Some Venues were not available for much of the season so some clubs used venues several times working together to ensure meetings took place. Grants were made available to help with Covid 19 cleaning regulations. I'm sure the extra paperwork of track and trace gave everyone a headache and needed extra personnel when we were finding it difficult to provide the necessary officials but we did get through it.

Unfortunately, there are downsides. Some officials never came back from lockdown. Athletes missed competition for almost 2 years and decided not to return. Some venues will need vast amounts of money to bring them back to competition standard. All teams missed the opportunity to interact with athletes and volunteers and increase the pool of people who make athletics remain sustainable.

Having said the above we are gradually getting back to some level of normality and athletes are hungry for competition.

Fingers crossed for a better year in 2022.

Regretfully I have decided to resign from the position of League Secretary. I have enjoyed the people I have met during my years in office but feel that now is the right time to go.

I hope you all have a successful and rewarding 2022.

Iris League Secretary

Annex C: League Divisions and Divisional Secretaries.

Club	Division	Div Sec
Birchfield	1	
Bristol and West	1	
Gloucester AC	1	
Notts AC	1	
Rugby and Northampton	1	Bryan
Tamworth AC	1	

Abingdon AC	2	
BRAT (Birmingham Running and Tri Club)	2	
Cannock and Stafford AC	2	Bob
City or Stoke AC	2	
Coventry Godiva Harriers	2	
Telford AC	2	

Bromsgrove and Redditch AC	3	
Cheltenham and County Harriers	3	
Stratford on Avon AC	3	
Sutton-in-Ashfield H & AC	3	
Wolverhampton and Bilston AC	3	
Worcester AC	3	Richard
Yate	3	

Dudley & Stourbridge Harriers	4 South West	
Forest of Dean AC	4 South West	
Halesowen A & CC	4 South West	
Hereford and County AC	4 South West	
Kidderminster & Stourport AC	4 South West	
Newport Harriers	4 South West	Claire
Tipton Harriers	4 South West	

Burton AC	4 North East	Jaime
Charnwood AC	4 North East	
Leicester Coritanian AC	4 North East	
Newcastle (Staffs) AC	4 North East	
Nuneaton Harriers	4 North East	
Royal Sutton Coldfield AC	4 North East	
Saffron AC	4 North East	
Wreake & Soare Valley	4 North East	

Banbury Harriers	4 South East	James
Corby AC	4 South East	
Daventry AAC	4 South East	

Harborough AC	4 South East	
Kettering Town Harriers	4 South East	
Leamington C & AC	4 South East	
Solihull and Small Heath AC	4 South East	

Annex D: Proposals

1) From K&S

Proposal

In 2019, a mixed (M&F) 400m relay was voted in for one match for the 2020 season.

If this still stands for 2022 then I propose we have an 'A' and a 'B' string as opposed to just an 'A' string.

Scored in the conventional way 'A' string winner 8 points, 'B' string winner 6 points etc

Thus rewarding clubs for fielding two 400m relay teams and accommodating athletes who want to run.

Adrian

Team manager, Kidderminster and Stourport Athletics club

2) From the management committee

Management Committee Proposals to Midland League AGM 2021

Context

The Management Committee are committed to providing Good Quality and Competitive Events at a Senior Level across the Midlands. In analysing both the levels of participation and standards in matches through the 2018 & 2019 seasons and to a lesser extent the 2016 and 2021 seasons we have identified a number of trends which we are seeking to address. In particular:

- There is a general fall in levels of participation in Track & Field Athletics
- Technical Events have been particularly affected and action is required to reverse this decline.
- Most clubs rely heavily upon U20 & Masters athletes to fill Senior teams
- No clubs are consistently able to fill every event across the whole season
- In some events less than 30 athletes across the whole region are achieving the 'Power of 10' standard.
- The league is failing to attract the best athletes across the Region, particularly in Track Events. Athletes are choosing to compete at Open Meetings (at a higher cost), reflecting that they are more competitive and offer Photo Finish (Electronic Timing)

In order to address these issues, the Management Committee are proposing a series of changes which seek to form the foundations for further innovations in coming seasons. Our aim at all times is to be athlete focussed and seek to aid their development through providing a format which is both competitive and gives opportunities to achieve Season's & Personal Bests. In order to achieve this, we are open to future discussions with other leagues in order to successfully deliver that objective.

Proposals for the 2022 Season

- 1 The Divisional structure proposed for 2020 will be implemented and a full set of events will be re-introduced (to include pre covid standards and arrangements for extra 3 jumps/throws).
- 2 Scoring will be amended as follows: A club's overall match score will be the aggregate of their best N individual male and best N individual female scores, together with relay points and officials' points. There are 17 men's individual events and 17 women's individual events. In a

match this gives a maximum of 34 men's individual scores and 34 women's individual scores. We suggest the following:

- a. For Division 1: N=30. (30 men's scores plus 30 women's scores).
 - b. For Divisions 2 and 3: N=25
 - c. For the regionalised divisions: N=20.
- 3 We continue to invite participation from all willing athletes and continue to record and submit all performances to Po10, but we will introduce a minimum performance standard for each event below which no points for the club will be awarded. These standards will be aligned to the current Opening Heights for Vertical Jumps and Triple Jump board settings using the IAAF scoring tables. Bonus Points (five) will be awarded to athletes who achieve the Po10 'Top 100' Standard. (Appendix A contains the proposed minimum, and bonus points, standards.)
 - 4 Divisions 1-2 to use electronic timing subject to the availability of affordable equipment and operators. This will require a surcharge at Divisional Level.
 - 5 Annual Membership fee for clubs shall increase by £100 to £600 in order to provide funds to pay someone to create a new Results Program. (We expect the £100 will not be fully needed and that some monies will be returned to clubs.)

Appendix A. Performance standards: minimum scoring; bonus points standards

Event	Minimum Scoring	Bonus Point Performance
MEN	Performance	
100	13.0	10.73
200	26.5	21.70
400	60.5	48.8
800	2'18.8	1'51.7
1500	4'50.6	3'48.5
3000	10'34.0	8'27.1
5000	18'10.7	14'30.0
2kSC	7'56.9	6'23.9
3kSC	12'18.1	9'55.0
110H	19.13	16.00
400H	70.4	57.0
HJ	1.35	1.96
PV	2.10	4.15
LJ	4.20	6.90
TJ	9.00	13.65
SP	6.20	12.95
DT	18.50	40.00
HT	21.90	44.00
JT	23.60	53.00

Event	Minimum Scoring	Bonus Point Performance
WOMEN	Performance	
100	15.0	12.15
200	30.5	24.80
400	70.1	56.5
800	2'40.3	2'10.0
1500	5'40.2	4'27.5
3000	12'29.1	10'02.0
5000	21'38.9	17'20.0
2kSC	9'12.4	7'20.8
3kSC	15'16.5	11'40.0
100H	18.68	15.10
400H	80.5	66.0
HJ	1.20	1.66
PV	1.70	3.15
LJ	3.27	5.60
TJ	6.74	11.20
SP	5.25	11.25
DT	17.00	35.00
HT	19.60	43.00
JT	17.20	36.00

Annex E: Presentation to support discussion of the management committee proposals.

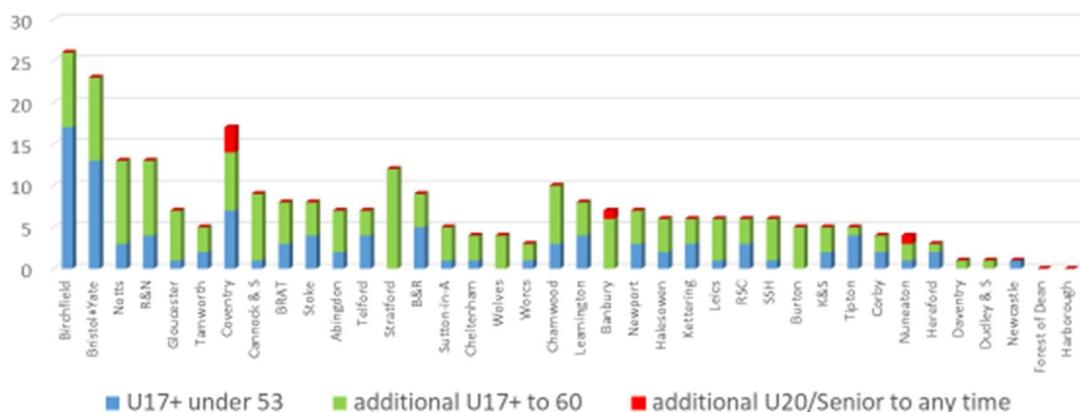
Management Committee Proposal 2021 AGM

- Reviews of 2019, 2021 seasons
- Observations
- The specific proposal for this year.
- A longer term vision

A review of 2021

- Three events analysed in some detail (although one held as back-up if needed)
- Higher level review of all events

400m Men -athletes per club



No. of Midland League qualified athletes inside 60.0s = 266
 No. of U20/Senior athletes (for which 400 is a main event) outside 60.0s = 5 (1.8%)
 No. of Midland league qualified athletes inside 53.0s = 101 (37.2%)

Data from the 400m – part 1 (June 2021)

Data description	Number
Athletes with a 400m time of 60.0 or better	266
Max. number of athletes we might expect to compete in a Mid league round	86
Number competing in June matches	68
Number who had 2021 SBs inside 60.0s	59
Number who had 2021 SBs inside 53.0s	27

- Even at 60.0s we are not filling the races
- Noticeably less than 50% filled by sub-53 runners
- we would hope that they'd dominate
- Two per event and club distribution limits how many sub-53 athletes can compete
- **This is concerning.**
- **Same picture for other non-technical track events**

Data from the 400m – part 2

- A look at the sub-53s set of athletes
- Number of athletes in East-Mids and West-Mids PoT = 92
of these:

48	did	0 matches	
16	did	1 match)
14	did	2 matches) Total =40 (43%)
10	did	3 matches)
- **Less than 50% used the league at all.**

Data from the 400mH

Data description	Number	Percent
Athletes with a 400mH time of 70s or better (approx.)	50	
Athletes with 400mH time of 63s or better (approx.)	25	
Number competing in June matches	18	
Number who had 2021 SBs inside 70s	7	14%
Number who had 2021 SBs inside 63s	3	12%

- We expect small absolute numbers – it is a technical event
- But only around 12-14% of athletes chose to compete
- **An event that has tipped into a state where most athletes judge it is not worth turning up.**
- **Same picture for other technical track events**

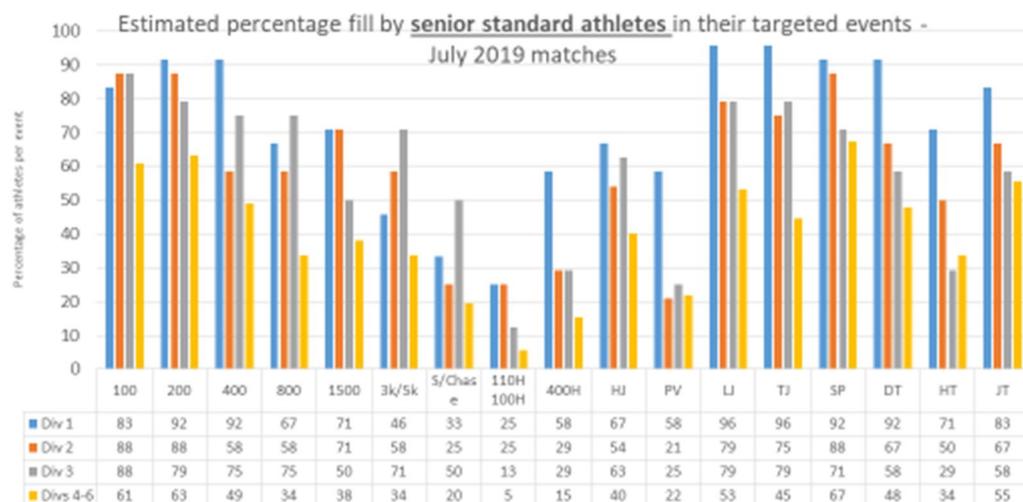
A less detailed look at all other events in 2021

- For **throws** there was a noticeably **higher take up of opportunities by athletes ranked in the PoT** and indeed delivery of performances that merit PoT ranking. **Around half of the performances were within the PoT ranking limits.**
 - Numbers of athletes per match overall were limited however given the 8 “divisions” –meaning relatively poor competition in terms of competitiveness at any given match.
- **Jumps** were similar to the non-technical track events, although overall numbers are lower as there are significantly fewer athletes who compete in the jumps in the Midlands (or indeed UK).
- We found nothing to suggest the situation is fundamentally different for the **women**

A look at 2019 season

- At the 2018 AGM we noted the significant number of blanks in the team declarations from the 2018 season.
- This masks though the true extent of club over-reach and we need a way of estimating just how many senior standard athletes are competing.
- To do this we use the TJ/HJ/PV minimum scoring standards as a threshold and extend (using IAAF table equivalence) to all events.
 - Sanity check – if we look at a club’s entire set of athletes (U20/U23/Senior) are there any that would not be able to score? We looked at 5 clubs across the range of leagues and found only a few (1-2%) such athletes. In other words the weaker performances are (>98%) indeed either by athletes doing something outside their normal range, or by athletes outside the U20/U23/Senior category.

An estimate of senior standard athlete participation levels



Conclusions on the analysis

- In general clubs have too few senior athletes available to complete a full team
 - For larger clubs this is probably a result of the lack of attraction of the competition
 - For medium/small clubs this is lack of athletes
- This forces event filling. Filling events has two components
 - Entering the middle distance runner to throw the hammer (and vice versa)
 - Widespread use of U17 and Masters – who compete well in terms of their age group standards but below senior standards
 - The tension on the out of age group component:
 - Good for the U17, Masters themselves (usually) but.....
 - dilutes the senior competition

Overarching conclusion

- The distribution of competition opportunities imposed by the league structure and scoring approach does not match what is needed by a large portion of the senior standard athletes in the Midlands
 - Small clubs do not have the athletes to fill the slots allocated
 - Large clubs/training groups could fill more than 2 per event but cannot
 - Large numbers of athletes are choosing not to compete

The basic challenge.....

.....is to match the competition opportunities and standards to the athlete availability

This means:

- Deciding if the league's focus should be on senior standard competition and if so then....
 -producing fields which are competitive for such standards
- Matching the division size and league structure/format to support this
- Producing a new scoring system that enables this and is scalable

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What might help? Some further thoughts on requirements

- Athletes really like PBs
 - that's why Nuneaton, Birm Uni events, BMC races are popular
- **PoT only accepts electronic timing for higher standard sprint results**
- Athletes like to be invited to compete for the club and they like supporting their team colleagues (it can't all be open meetings surely)
- Clubs have stronger training groups and they have weaker ones – they are not uniformly aligned to two athletes per event, they are aligned to athlete wishes
- Cross-country is used to the idea of potentially more entries than scorers "8 to run, 6 to score" type thing
- We should have an eye on the future

The basic drivers behind the new scoring

- To support the desire to focus on senior standard competition we need to:
 - Reward those performances that are at this level
 - Allow clubs to match competition slots to the athletes they have
 - Stop over-stretching teams and in so doing...
 -remove or reduce incentives to dilute senior standard competition
 - Have a scoring system that will expand to more than two per event in the future (but does not just reward simply for athlete numbers)
 - Have a scoring system that will support at least 12 teams per division if that is required

Proposal to update the scoring system

- Expand our current minimum scoring standards for TJ/PV/HJ to cover all events
AND
Require clubs only to count their best 30, 25 or 20 scores (per gender)
 - Not an entry standard – all results to be recorded and reported
 - Allows clubs to match club strengths (and athlete requests) to events
 - These are a pair – unreasonable to remove fillers and then expect teams to stay with same sizes of team declarations
 - Opens up opportunities for allowing three athletes per event in future years, and/or of having divisions with 8 or 12 teams.
 - We worry about disenfranchisement of the 1-2% of U20/seniors – **should we allow a single point for a performance that is below scoring cut-off standard?**
- Introduce bonus scores
- Suggested standards in the proposal (and available as back-up slide)
 - **Should these be bespoke to Division?**

The proposal in full

To improve the league and to establish necessary conditions for future changes the **consolidated proposal** is:

- To re-introduce all events and the pre-Covid field event standards for 3 extra trials
- To update the scoring scheme:
 - Team scores to be the aggregate of best 30/25/20 scores per team per gender
 - Introduce senior standard scoring cut-off
 - Introduce bonus points
- To introduce electronic timing into Divs 1 and 2
- A one-off levy to produce reliable results software to add to next year's league fee to take it to £600 (probably £550 in reality) for 2022 only.

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110H	19.13	16.00	100H	18.68	15.10
400H	70.4	57.0	400H	80.5	66.0
HJ	1.35	1.96	HJ	1.20	1.66
PV	2.10	4.15	PV	1.70	3.15
LJ	4.20	6.90	LJ	3.27	5.60
TJ	9.00	13.65	TJ	6.74	11.20
SP	6.20	12.95	SP	5.25	11.25
DT	18.50	40.00	DT	17.00	35.00
HT	21.90	44.00	HT	19.60	43.00
JT	23.60	53.00	JT	17.20	36.00

Worked example – old Div 3 match (May 2016)

Total Scores					Number scores below minimum standard	Points lost as below minimum standard	Number scores below rank 25	Points lost as below rank 25	BONUS Points
Pos.	Team	Points	New scores	New rank					
1	Worcester AC	390	365	1	12	34	2	6	15
2	Coventry Godiva H	298	302	2	3	11	0	0	15
2	Telford AC	298	289	3	5	17	3	12	20
4	Leamington C & AC	294	258	4	12	36	0	0	0
5	Broms & Redditch	285	228	5	14	54	1	3	0
6	Gloucester AC	267	219	6	19	58	0	0	10

A possible future

A key driver for the work on the proposal from the Management Committee has been to look to building for the future (all subject to AGM discussion of course). A vision for the future is below,

"We see a future for the league where athletes are keen to compete - they ask to be part of the team; they know the competition will be good and of a suitable quality for them; they want to achieve both good performances as well as points for their team.

Matches will have competitive fields in all events – there may be up to four scoring races in popular events such as the 100m with all athletes challenging their season or personal bests whilst striving to support their teams. Technical events will be equally competitive, whilst we appreciate that the fields here will be smaller. At times an event may have just a couple of clubs providing multiple athletes to create the competition the athletes' want. Equally, the scoring system ensures other clubs are not penalised for this and instead can focus on their own club strengths.

The league has to evolve to be something athletes target because they see it as valuable competition, rather than just going to Open Meetings. This format could then become a template for other leagues."

One of a range of possible implementations

- Divs 1 & 2 plus three regional divisions all with 8 clubs
- 4 matches with each event skipped once + finals match in September, including individual entries based on the year
- Three athletes per club per event allowed. Races seeded by PoT time but scored on time recorded.
- Retain N=30/25/20 aggregate scoring approach, scoring cut-off and bonus points

One of a range of possible implementations

- A single premier division of 12 clubs with two regional divisions of 14
- 6 matches per year (add Apr and Sept) with alternating set of events
 - Matches 1, 3, 5: 100, 400, 1500, 110/100H, SC, PV, LJ, SP, JT
 - Matches 2, 4, 6: 200, 800, 3k/5k, 400H, HJ, TJ, DT, HT
- Three athletes per club per event allowed. Races seeded by PoT time but scored on time recorded.
- Retain N=30/25/20 aggregate scoring approach, scoring cut-off and bonus points
- Officials from any given club cover either matches 1, 3, 5 or 2, 4, 6 (not both)
- Three teams promoted from each regional division each year, 6 relegated from premier division