MCAA T&F League – AGM 2026, Secretary's report

Many congratulations to BRAT for winning the overall (division 1) title again and to the other division winners: Notts (division 2), Sutton-in-Ashfield (Div 3NE), Solihull and Small Heath (Div 3SE), Worcester (Div 3SW) and Charnwood (Regional Trophy).

Mostly the season went OK but there were too many worrying signs for me to feel comfortable.

The change in age groups imposed by UKA has led to a noticeable drop in overall participation levels. This manifested in two of the three regional divisions – but a failure of the regional divisions will lead to an overall failure of the league.

There was a disappointing trend to look to review or overturn officials' decisions from matches.

We didn't have a full complement of matches as we could not find hosts for all the fixtures.

Track facilities continue to decline with a particular impact on technical events.

It continues to be a struggle with officials' numbers. Most regional matches have to dynamically reallocate officials on the day.

UKA have switched qualifying for the UK champs to be from level 2 meetings only.

From a league secretary point of view these constitute an existential threat to the league and significant changes are needed.

Finally, back to 2026 and again, as last year, my grateful thanks to the officials who supported the Technical Match and BRAT for hosting – it would be impossible for me to organise if folks didn't volunteer. Excellent performances on the day were again a satisfying reward for the work of the officials and BRAT's volunteers. Numbers were again up from last year which was very pleasing.

All the best to clubs for next season.

Richard
League Secretary