

Chairman's Report May 2020

Before we think that over the last year little was achieved, because we now find ourselves in a situation where club activities have virtually ceased, let's not forget the good times we shared as a club before March 23rd:

- Yet again organised a highly successful Grand Prix and were able to give £2600 to Charity
- Boosted our membership to 430
- Retained the Senior Men's Summer league trophy for the 5th consecutive time and also added the Men's Vets gold, Senior Ladies Gold and Ladies Vet Bronze.
- Had a great Annual Dinner in a fantastic venue
- Held a pre-Christmas squares night making £790 for charity while enjoying a chip butty, rewarding our club champions and enjoying Christmas Cake and Humble Pie
- Organised a new Christmas Relay Event which proved very popular and which hopefully we will be able to organise again this Christmas
- Won a fistful of Trophies in the East Midlands Cross Country League
- Organised a Summer League Race and East Midlands Cross Country Race to our usual high standards
- Had the chance to time trial round the Lake in the Lake Side Handicap.
- Welcomed new runners through improvers course and steady pace group

All these events, and the list could go on, are only achieved by the hard work of the organisers, the additional generosity of members helping out and most importantly members turning up. The club is getting bigger and bigger and the organisation of every club activity becomes a greater task. I thank all those who have brought about the success of all of the above as well as the many other activities.

Thanks goes to all for joint effort but I would like to single out the great work carried out by some individuals. Since becoming Chairman I have seen how much work goes on through the committee and how much effort goes into keeping this large club running smoothly and efficiently.

The finances of the club have been well stewarded by William Scott for the last eight years and even up to this current date William has kept a steady eye and advised the committee on how we are doing financially over this difficult time. I have known William since the early 1980's when he moved up from London. I remember him running a 10km race at Southwell in Harringay kit (Harringay at the time was a newly formed club in London with an even more renowned club member being Seb Coe). William has always participated in club races and has run well over a 100 North Midlands League races. Sadly, William is retiring from the position of Treasurer this year after doing such a great job over the past 8 years. I thank him for all he has done as treasurer and his wisdom and advice on club matters that have been useful in helping me carry out my new role as Chairman.

Both the team captains Will Meredith and Jean Inglis have done a great job organising teams and I thank them for their support in managing the teams. Will has done a fantastic job in his first year. It is sad that the ladies team captain Jean Inglis is standing down after years of carrying out this position. Jean is the nicest person I know in running and over the years she has turned up to every event the teams enter regardless of whether she was running or not. She made it to a lot of events using all means of transport, trains, buses, pony and trap, pogo stick. No matter what the event she is always there organising the Ladies team. Thanks for your time as captain Jean. It was with good reason you were awarded the Chairman's Trophy this year.

The Grand Prix yet again was a great success. The club have been organising this event for over thirty-five years. This great event has continued to be a perennial part of the Nottingham running

scene and brings prestige to our club. Congratulations to Gary Cragg in his first year organising the event and seamlessly taking over from Glyn Sawford. This job by its nature, having to organise 4 running events over two weeks, brings up lots of problems to be solved. Gary has on each day produced an excellent event and I don't think he lost any hair in the process.

I congratulate Steve Tupholme on becoming Notts AAA President Elect for 2021. This is a prestigious position which comes with a chain of office. He is the first person from our club to be awarded this honour. Steve works tirelessly for the club, organising events, attending lots of meetings regarding Athletics in the county and has taken over as Chairman of the Summer League, a position everyone else shied away from. Well done to Steve and thanks for all you do for the club. You will no doubt be asked to open Supermarkets and Public Buildings when in your new position.

The job of sorting membership fees, lists of members etc has been carried out by Steve Eatherington. With 430 members this is a big job but Steve seems to manage this effortlessly and cheerily. Added to this his computer skills have enabled the committee to hold virtual meetings and instigated this year's virtual AGM. His endless work for the club behind the scenes is very much appreciated.

Thank you all for your help, to all the committee who carry out jobs on our behalf, to Ann Gould and Emma Culpitt for organising social events especially the annual Dinner finding a great venue and planning a super evening, to Tom Davis who quietly does so much for the club organising events including the successful Christmas Relays, to John Partridge who took over the weekly email and who without any doubt has made communication easier and more effective in the club, John Oldfield who collates the club records and after many years is standing down at the end of 2020 the job that everyone appreciates the listing of the club ranking hopefully someone will come forward to take his place. Aimee Palace who always amazes me how accurately she records minutes of meetings and also coordinates lots of club business. Every bit of help whether from a committee member or not has made ours the great club it is in Nottingham Athletics.

Let's hope we can get back to business as usual soon and enjoy all the above and more. In our shut down phase we have not fully stopped. Lisa Chan has organised **CoViD-19 HP Virtual Relay!** which has given everyone the chance to run and pose with an unusual baton. Great that the Lake Side Handicap has been organised virtually too. We have managed to have Virtual Committee meetings and have the **Virtual AGM on June 18th at 8.15pm** Please try to attend this.

Finally thank you to all Club Members in my first year as Club Chairman

Chairman Jogger