



RAC AGM 2020
Thursday 25th June 2020



(Interim) Chair's Report

After four years of tireless service, Matthew Edwards, our wonderful chairman, has stepped down. Matthew has been a fantastic leader for the club and really helped drive RAC forward. Likewise Marc Scott, who will not be returning to the Secretary role following his paternity leave. We'll greatly miss their input and wish them well. Thank you Matthew and Marc. Whilst Marc is replaced by Nina Coverley, we still need to find a replacement Chair. If anybody out there fancies stepping into Matthew's shoes, please do get in touch. In the meantime, it falls to me to provide a brief round-up of the club's position:

RAC continues to be a thriving club with a great team of coaches that brilliantly cater for a range of ages and abilities. Special mention to Tim Sorrell for his innovation and enthusiasm in the development of the Improvers group, many of whom have progressed from the Couch to 5k group to become competitive club athletes.

The team managers have once again done a great job organizing and motivating athletes to compete. At any event, RAC are usually the best represented, loudest, most supportive club on display. We've got the biggest flag, the loudest roar and have the most fun. In particular, James Scott has done a great job organising the club's debut season in the North of England T&F League (NOEL), which has led to some memorable days out. Along with the Summer Road Race League and EMXC League, NOEL provides an important progression pathway that allows our U17 athletes to continue competing for the club (and show the seniors a thing or two).

The Bingham track was re-furbished last summer and I'm sure you'll agree is much improved. We continue to work with the Council and Lex Leisure to iron out remaining snags and ensure that we have well-maintained training and competition facilities.

Whilst we can't currently train together or compete, the club continue to adapt and operate as best we can during the Covid-19 lockdown period. Our coaches and committee, supported by a number of members, are working hard to keep you motivated and connected with virtual training, competitions and awards. We'll continue to do this until the lockdown restrictions are lifted and life returns to normal.

Club membership renewal is normally due in April. But with so much uncertainty over training and competition, we are not asking members to re-join at the moment. However, despite not collecting this revenue, thanks to our medal-winning Treasurer, the club is still in good financial order.

... and talking of winning things, Rushcliffe AC were crowned East Midlands "Club of the Year" at the England Athletics Awards and were a "Sports Team of the Year" finalist at the Pride of Rushcliffe Awards. We're clearly doing something right – so thank you to every athlete, coach, official, committee member, helper and parent that make us the club we are.

Graham Moffatt