

## Chairman's Statement

Good Evening

Being now my second AGM as Chairman I welcome you all to the meeting. As you would expect there have been a few committee changes with Catlin Sorrell taking on the role of Coach Co-ordinator from Serena Bignell's who we again thank for her services to the club and was also recognised by the Nottinghamshire AAA in receiving her County badge last year. Ruth Brandon also joined us at the beginning of last year as Welfare Officer.

Marc Scott enthusiasm has kept me young and on my toes in his first successful year as General Secretary.

The club is in good financial order and membership remains strong and growing. The increase in membership last year which led to our decision to also offer training on Wednesday's (7-8pm) seems to have been a success and we continue to control new starters to help ensure we are not over-whelmed.

We regrettably have had some vandalism to our track storage twice, which has hampered one or two things (together with the weather & light failure) but our enthusiasm has carried us through. We continue to have good support from our local Council and a strong relationship with the School and Leisure Centre.

As you will hear from the Team Managers, we've had great success in the Junior Mini League's including retaining the Cross Country title (and an excellent Pizza party after, Thankyou David Sweet for organising) with some peerless organisational skills from Amanda & Martin Findlay. The Club adults have responded well to the Junior gauntlet, with both Men & Women wining the East Midlands XC League, well done and its nice to see an increased number in training also. This year we organised a Coach to the Nationals at Parliament Hill, securing a prime spot for our club tent, what a day! The list goes on.... I sometimes think how we can better the previous year, but the team of volunteers here just keep on exceeding.... I hear Graham calling The World Masters in Malaga !!!

I Look forward to developing the club in offering all athletic facilities together with quality coaching, to all enthusiastic participants while continually improving our competitive standing.

This club would not what it is without its volunteers and I thank them for their continued great service and dedication.

**Matthew Edwards**