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## Chairman's Report 2021

Last 2 years has been quite a challenge for all and for the league, having to cancel all 2020 matches it was my challenge to make sure Athletes/Coaches and Officials and Wessex League had a league format in 2021, This Challenge was successful in 12 of the 16 matches taking place.

BUT .....

The league it self started of the year with some sad news that Ray Scovil one of the early members of the league and Treasurer and much loved Mr Athletics on the IOW caught Covid just after Christmas and lost his life to it, he will leave a massive hole on the island but his legacy on the island and Wessex League will always be there, not long after this Pat Butcher from Portsmouth AC also sadly passed away, Pat was in Charge of the U11 Quadrathlon in the Wessex League until we put the Quadkids in place, Pat coached Middle Distance and was well known in the Wessex Area for her Athletes like Michael East (800m)., and sadly not long ago Tim Wilding a former Chairman and League President lost his life, Tim was involved in the League for 25 years and still helped out Time keeping and Sorting out the League Tables for the League, Tim was part of New forest Juniors Team, he will be very much missed by so many people from the Athletics world, as I have been involved in the League Committee for nearly 23 years I had the great pleasure working with these three Great People, specially Tim we both worked hard to rejuvenate the League from 2007 to what it is now when I took on his Chairman's Role.

Before I go on to the League itself, I would like to thank those on the Committee for their work on also making the Season happen, I would also like to thank Darryn who I have worked with in past 5 years maintaining the league as it is, it's a shame hes stepping down as Secretary but we still have him in the league doing the behind stuff.

Congratulations to both Winchester and Basingstoke on winning the Main League and Winchester winning the Quadkids, to make sure the league was finalised in a fair way I had to pull the matches that the clubs did and average the points per age group in the ones that they didn't compete in to form a Virtual match, some clubs gained from this some didn't, but at the end of the day we had a League Table at the end of the season, where not many leagues had this.

The matches I went to all seemed to run well, except the lack of officials from some clubs, this almost cost one match but did on another at short notice, this lets athletes down and those officials that have planned to be at that event that weekend, Now all clubs need to rebuild again and push for officials.

Well done and big thank you too all those clubs who hosted this year.

I want to propose to the league that any club that cannot supply officials 2 weeks before a match will not be able to take part as its not fair on those who are always supplying officials and also have to take on other officiating jobs. I know its harsh but only way for clubs to push their athletes parents to get involved and support their childs club.

Its looking like another year as chairman again lets hope 2022 will bring a full season and lots of new league records.

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League Chairman