



CAPTAINS REPORT

AGM 2022

Centurions it is with sadness that we remember our Centurions who have left us since we were together last year we remember them and those who have been friends and supporters.

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- C266 Freddie Baker
- C382 John Barraclough
- C427 Hans Leendertse
- C458 David Jones
- C466 Derek Harrison
- C471 Peter Goodchild
- C595 DA Wissekerke
- C605 Graham Peddie MBE
- C614 Martyn Greaves
- C660 HWC Okkes
- C808 Pia Rijploeg-Eisema
- C888 Derek Appleton
- C932 T. Damen

I would like to bring to the attention of the AGM the help that my fellow committee members have given me over the past year, again zoom meetings have been the most practical way of meeting and maintaining the business of the Centurions and thanks to our Secretary for organising those meetings and maintaining our Web site, thanks also to Chris Flint for his support with the merchandise this area has been helped with orders through the Web site, Centurions are encouraged to wear our kit at Athletic events it remains at present one of the few areas of promotion we have.

As competitive Race Walking and events in general across the athletic world slowly started to resume from May onwards it was of huge disappointment that our planned event for August at Southend was cancelled this decision was by no means unanimous across the committee, it is vital that after two cancelled events the planned race for 2022 takes place

and all Committee members have given their undertaking that this event will proceed except in the most exceptional circumstances, however despite this undertaking our planned venue of Southend were unable to accommodate our event for 2022, I would commend to the AGM committee member Dave Jones for the major work he did with Middlesbrough Sports Village in the North East and in securing the venue for our event in 2022 details are on the Web site and again ask for support from Centurions at the race however to organise an international race is expensive and complex and where there are gaps in that support outside partners will be used to ensure a professional event.

Throughout the year I have reported to the committee events I have attended the focus being not just on Race Walking but also other endurance events to promote Centurions and our race, it is no surprise to see Centurions represented in many of these endurance events outside Race Walking , I report to the committee and AGM the interest there is from these endurance athletes and the potential here while always maintaining the integrity of our race and race walking rules. We should seek to look at ways to continue to promote Centurions outside Race Walking.

Centurions have continued to support events at the domestic level the majority of races being around the 5 to 10km length, this lack of distance Race Walks has been discussed with the committee without these distance events it is difficult see how the distance Race Walker will achieve the experience necessary for our race currently the Parish walk is the only event of distance. The committee has discussed the possibility of training events throughout the year and if there is the demand for this we could take this forward, however this lack of distance races is now a major problem as feeder events for the 100.

As we move through 2022 towards our event we will look to promote Middlesbrough if you are aware of any athletes who may be interested in participating pass on details of the race and try to generate interest where you can, the race essentially remains your event and by engaging with the committee with ideas of how you wish this and future events to be organised will we progress.

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