

Report of Colin Goater Road Race Secretary to Hampshire Athletics AGM March 2022

After the enforced Covid break Road Races in Hampshire are again on the Calendar. It had been pleasing to see that Organizers facing the restrictions placed upon them still managed to promote their events albeit with smaller fields.

The Road Race Committee had managed to hold their regular meetings remotely and even I coped with Zoom technology. We are now able to meet at Eastleigh and shortly we will be having our AGM where generally have 20 plus clubs represented.

The Road Race League was suspended for competition years 2019/2020 and 2020/2021 but now in the season 2021/2022 we have already had six fixtures with the next event being the Salisbury 10 miles on the 3rd April.

Recently the County fielded women and mens teams in the Inter Counties 20 mile event organized by Essex A.A. at Saffron Walden. The women were victorious with Ellie Monks of Southampton being outright winner placing her second in the UK rankings. The mens team gained bronze medals led home by Max Costley from the same club.

I would like to thank the Executive Committee for assisting us with a grant enabling the teams to have overnight accommodation in Essex.

Colin Goater

Road Race Secretary