



Membership secretary's report

It was decided in that all memberships paid in y/e 31/03/21 would be extended to 31/03/2022 as there had been little activity possible in the year. We had about 330 members in this category. With new and lapsed members rejoining in the year ended 31/03/2022 we totalled 679 members at the end of the year. Sadly one death, John Blackwell , was reported in the year. Of the total 43 are first claim members. The biggest draw for new members is the EMAC T&F League.

Our membership database is held on the BMAF Opentrack system. This system presented problems in the first half of the year as the underlying system was moved and changed by Opentrack in May 2021. There were and continue to be changes to this system this year but it is now stable and more user friendly. These Opentrack problems led to 20 - 30 over and double payments, which John Borgars & I have had to track, chase and repay.

The change in system has also changed how we hold information for officials and team managers locally – the downloads previously available were “lost” and could not be imported into our database. We now hold only basic information locally

- name, club, d.o.b., claim, EA registration, payment/date and email address.

We have also had some problems ensuring that members (first and second claim) registered with England Athletics in the year ended 31/03/22. Where people were competing they were asked to register, if they were not competing they were not chased.

All in all, because of the peculiarity of the period and the changes to Opentrack in our renewal period, it has been a lot more work for both Treasurer and Membership Secretary than expected.

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