



UK Youth Development League AGM 2024.

Chair's Report.

Good morning everyone and welcome to the UK YDL 2024 AGM, and what will be my last as I have decided to take a step back and allow someone else to continue taking the league forward.

We have come a long way in the last eleven years, and I have been involved with this since the very beginning in 2013, but sadly ill health is now telling me to retire.

The 2024 season culminated in a wonderful finals weekend in Manchester, which saw Blackheath & Bromley Harriers & AC crowned both upper and lower age group champions. I would like to express my thanks to the people who helped me ensure that a finals did happen following the death of a long-time friend as well as a fellow volunteer in athletics, not just on the YDL committee. Alan Johnson. He is missed.

Congratulations to all the teams for their successes this year and commiserations to those club who found themselves relegated. I realise that many clubs are still rebuilding following Covid, shortages of athletes, officials and of course volunteers.

As we have quite a few items to get through on the agenda, I am not going to say much more.

Therefore, thank you to all our member clubs, their officials and volunteers who have made it possible for our matches to take place during another busy summer season, and a big thank you to all the management committee members who have worked so hard during my tenure as Chairman.

I am fortunate to have held the Chairman role for as long as I have, yes I know it is Chair, but describing myself as an inanimate object has always seemed foolish and hope you will see fit to allow me to become the 2nd President of the league.

Grace Hall.

Chair.

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