



Essex County Athletic Association

Minutes of the Committee Meeting held on Monday 5th June 2017 at 19.30 hours in the clubhouse of Chelmsford Athletic Club, Melbourne Park, Chelmsford

Present:

David Staines, Claire Levey (Secretary), John Weir (President), Diane Wooller (President Elect), Malcolm Bailey (Minute Secretary), Peter Cassidy, June Cork, Ron Dawson, Mathew Gillard, Roy Meadowcroft, Brian Panting, Ray Pearce, Jean Tierney, Brigid Wallen.

In Attendance: Alistair Gillan (representing aQ2 Limited)

1) Apologies for Absence

Gary Chandler (Treasurer), Linda Bates, Peter Bates, Allison Gillan, Kaye Merrywest, Paul Merrywest, Paul Mingay, Gerry O'Doherty, Phil Sergeant.

2) Minutes of the last meeting

The following amendment was noted:

10) Trophies

- U15 Boys (to be known as Mike Seaman trophy)

Otherwise the minutes of the meeting on 3rd April 2017 were **approved** as a true record of that meeting.

Proposed by Jean Tierney Seconded by Brigid Wallen

3a) Matters arising

All matters arising are covered in this meeting's agenda.

3b) Treasurer's matters

Apologies for absence had been received from the Treasurer.

4a) Correspondence

Claire Levey has received notification from England Athletics that a new club (Hockley Trail Runners) based in Essex has affiliated to them.

Dave Staines is encouraging all running clubs in Essex that are not affiliated to the County Association to join. They would enjoy the benefits that this provides which includes being eligible to win County medals.

Claire Levey has also received an email from Carl Cadman about the Sportshall 2017 National Finals event (to be discussed later in the meeting).

Dave Staines reported that he has received £500 from UK Athletics to support the promotion of the County Track & Field Championships.

4b) Club & Committee Register changes

Nick Burston has been appointed club secretary at Phoenix Striders.

5) Networking

Reports have been received from Tony Benton and Karl Cadman about a number of successful performances from Essex athletes that took part in the National finals in Manchester.

County had provided a grant to support the travelling costs of the team. Our support was appreciated by all those who attended the event.

The team returned home with eight individual medals. Theo Adesina (Thurrock) won the National Sportshall All Rounder title and also gold in the four lap race and silver medals in the standing triple jump and the shot. Theo has since been invited to become a Sportshall Ambassador. This is a prestigious position which is a great honour for him personally and for athletics in Essex.

The U15 girl's team was an impressive fifth, having only qualified for the final as best runners up. Mia Chantree (Chelmsford) won the individual all rounder bronze and another bronze in the shot. Funmi Olajide (Thurrock) won silver medal in the vertical jump and shot.

The Network are in the process of planning its Sportshall programme for this Autumn leading to selection of teams to compete in the Regional finals in early 2018.

County will be approached to continue to support the entry fees and cost of tee shirts in the near future.

Tony Benton is now standing down from his Network roles and Karl Cadman is taking over.

6. Regional Reports

Nothing to report

7. Track & Field

The Multi- Events championships took place on 1st May at Thurrock and the Main Track & Field Championships at Chelmsford on 13/14 May 2017.

It has been suggested that the Multi Event championships date be changed next year to the last Saturday in April to avoid it taking place over a Bank holiday weekend.

There were not enough officials at the Multi – events champs which raised some concern that the final results may not be validated and appear on the Power of 10. This was resolved with results now appearing on Power of 10.

Brigid Wallen reported that there were some complaints from spectators at the main track & Field Championships that they had to pay for the programme. This is free for competitors and not spectators.

The next Track & Field sub - committee meeting is taking place on Monday 24th July. A full review of the Track & Field Championships will take place at that meeting.

8. Cross Country

A summary of events and venues that have been agreed to date:

Date	Fixture	Venue
2017		
Saturday 7 th October	Essex XC Relays	Stubbers (to be confirmed)
Saturday 21 October	SEAA XC Relays	Wormwood Scrubs
Saturday 28 th October	Essex XC League – race 1	To be confirmed
Saturday 18 th November	London XC Championships	Parliament Hill
Saturday 25 th November	Essex XC League – race 2	To be confirmed
Saturday 2 nd December	Essex Vets and U13 and U15 County Championships	Writtle University College
Saturday 9 th December	SEAA Masters and Inter Counties XC Championships	Horspath Track Oxford
Saturday 16 th December	Essex XC League – race 3	Colchester
2018		
Saturday 6 th January	Senior and U17 and U20 XC Championships	Great Notley Country Park
Saturday 13 th January	Essex XC League – Race 4	Orion
Saturday 27 th January	SEAA XC Main Championships	To be confirmed
Saturday 10 th February	Essex XC League – Race 5	To be confirmed

A new fee structure has been agreed for the Essex League XC events. Clubs will be contacted.

9. Road Running

Halstead Marathon took place on 7th May 2017. As far as we are aware, all went well on the day. The 2018 event will take place on Sunday 13th May.

10. Trophies

Roy Meadowcroft reported that he is experiencing difficulty recovering the Ladies Walking trophy, despite sending three emails which have not been responded to.

It was agreed to combine the results for the U13 girls with those of the U15 girl's schools due to limited number of entries.

The annual trophies will be presented at the relay meeting on 30th June at Havering. Full details of the results are attached to these minutes.

11. Walking

Ray Pearce reported that at the recent 10k RWA championships held in Coventry on 29th April, Dominic King finished 3rd and Daniel King 4th.

12. Officials

Nothing to report

13. School Liaison

Nothing to report

14. Any other business

Dave Staines reported that Woodford Green AC with Essex Ladies have requested financial support from County to assist with the purchase of a new Photo Finish system. Total cost is circa. £14,000.

County have hired this equipment from Woodford Green over the last few years at the Track & Field championships at a cost of circa. £350 per day.

We have been approached to provide £7,000 towards the cost. This is in effect a payment by County to cover 7 years advance payment rentals (based upon use by County of this equipment three times a year).

Dave Staines made the following proposal to the committee:

“To support the payment of £7,000 to Woodford Green AC & Essex Ladies to assist them purchase a new Photo Finish system. The monies from County will cover at least 21 daily hire fees over the next 7 years”

The meeting unanimously supported this proposal.

Last year Alistair Gillan was awarded a contract to improve communication via the various Social Media channels for the County.

The concept of using a film to promote athletics in the County was successful. First film focussed on volunteers and showcased a number of successful County athletes. This was well received, with over 27,000 hits. It is now time to refresh the site and ideas for the next film were discussed.

Suggestions were to focus on the work of the coaches and volunteers (the need for fresh blood to come into the sport and eventually replace those that feel it is time for them to step down).

Alistair Gillan advised that the cost of the next promotional video would be £2,500 plus VAT.

The meeting unanimously approved this spend.

Meeting concluded at 20.50pm

Meeting agenda for Monday 3rd July 2017 at 7.30pm to be held at the clubhouse of Chelmsford Athletic Club, Melbourne Park, Chelmsford

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