



Essex County Athletic Association

Minutes of the Committee Meeting held on Monday 6th November 2017 at 19.30 hours in the clubhouse of Chelmsford Athletic Club, Melbourne Park, Chelmsford.

Present:

David Staines (Chairman), Gary Chandler (Treasurer), Claire Levey (Secretary), John Weir (President), Diane Wooller (President Elect), Malcolm Bailey (Minute Secretary), Peter Cassidy, Richard Casey, Ron Dawson, Mike Emms, Allison Gillan, Mathew Gillard, Roy Meadowcroft, Kaye Merrywest, Paul Merrywest, Gerry O'Doherty, Ray Pearce, Jean Tierney, Brigid Wallen.

1a) Apologies for Absence

Linda Bates, Peter Bates, June Cork, Paul Mingay, Lance Williams.

2) Minutes of the last meeting

The minutes of the meeting on Monday 2nd October 2017 were **approved** as a true record of that meeting

Proposed by Paul Merrywest and seconded by Brigid Wallen.

3a) Matters arising

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

3b) Treasurer's matters

Gary Chandler reported that 2017/18 County affiliation fees are overdue from five clubs (Pitsea RC, Barking RR, Great Bentley RC, Bishops Stortford RC and Cambridge and Coleridge).

Brigid Wallen agreed to contact Great Bentley RC and Malcolm Bailey would contact Pitsea RC.

One new club has affiliated since our last meeting – Victoria Park Harriers and Tower Hamlets AC

A generator has now been purchased. This is for the County race clock.

4a) Correspondence

Claire Levey advised the meeting that Pat Jones (Ilford AC) has passed away. He was in his late seventies. He won a number of Essex titles and was the 1964 Inter-Counties 440 yards and Wales 440 yards champion in 1964 and 1965. Pat's best times: 200 metres 21.7(1965), 400 metres 47.5 (1965) and 800 metres 1.53.5 (1964). Our sincere condolences are sent to all his family.

Andy Catton (Ilford AC) has contacted County to express his concern that a number of the Championship road races are getting sold out quickly which is potentially preventing some runners, who may be in contention for County medals, not being able to enter. To be debated at the next Endurance meeting (Monday 20th November at Chelmsford AC 7.30pm start; all welcome)

4b) Club/Committee Register Changes.

No changes to report

5) Networking

Nothing to report

6) Regional Reports

Nothing to report

7) Track & Field

All Club secretaries and entrants into last year's championships have been sent details of the joint Essex County AA and Eastern Counties AA Indoor Track & Field Championships which are being held on 3rd and 4th February 2018 at Lee Valley Athletics Centre. To date, 36 entries have been received.

Dates for the other 2018 championships are:-

- Multi-events championships will be held at Thurrock Harriers AC on Saturday 28th or Sunday 29th April.
- Outdoor Track & Field will be held at Chelmsford AC on Saturday and Sunday 12/13th May.
- Essex Track relays will be held at Basildon AC on Friday 29th June or Friday 20th July
- Track 10k will be held at Braintree AC on Wednesday 11th July.

8) Cross Country

A summary of fixtures and venues that have been agreed to date–

Date	Fixture	Venue
2017		
Saturday 7 th October	Essex XC Relays	Stubbers, Upminster
Saturday 21 October	SEAA XC Relays	Wormwood Scrubs
Saturday 28 th October	Essex XC League – race 1	Cambridge
Saturday 18 th November	London XC Championships	Parliament Hill
Saturday 25 th November	Essex XC League – race 2	Hockley
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	Orion
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	Writtle University College
Saturday 27 th January	SEAA XC Main Championships	Stanmer Park, Brighton
Saturday 10 th February	Essex XC League – Race 5	Writtle University College
Saturday 24 th February	National XC Championships	Parliament Hill

Brigid Wallen reported that the Cross Country relays held at Stubbers, Upminster, went well. 246 entries were received (up 27% on the previous year). Only four teams did not turn up on the day. It was a return to this venue after a number of years (although it has been used by Essex schools). Areas for improvement were identified (time – keeping, lack of funnels, the course was slightly short and change over areas for the Senior race) if the event is held there next year.

If the event continues to grow then parking may well be a problem at this venue.

Gerry O'Doherty suggested that in all future XC championship events, Chip Timing should be used. This will be discussed at the next Endurance committee meeting.

Richard Casey advised the meeting that the Schools Cross Country Championships will be held at Hylands Park on the 20th January. Ron Dawson asked Richard Casey to let him know how much Hylands were charging to host the event.

9) Road Running

The County 10 mile race championships are being held at Stebbing on Sunday 12th November. The race has sold out.

At the Billericay Striders 10k held on the 5th November, there was another incidence of a competitor passing their number to another person without informing the Race Director. This nearly resulted in a trophy being awarded to the wrong individual. At a recent County meeting it had been agreed that should this happen in the future at a County event, both runners would be disqualified from all Essex Championship events for a period of 12 months.

Gary Chandler reported that we still do not have a venue for next year's 5 mile championships. He has contacted Braintree AC and is awaiting a response. The Saffron Striders fast 5 is another option but it was held for the first time this year and the club would like another year of organising the race before they agreed to hold the County Championships.

10) Trophies

The Ladies Walking trophy has still not been returned.

11) Walking

Nothing to report

12) Officials

Nothing to report

13) Schools Liaison

Nothing to report

14) AGM

This is being held on Monday 4th December at Chelmsford AC clubhouse starting at 7.30pm. County Constitution. The following proposals are to be presented to the AGM for agreement:-

- **3a Membership** (amended as follows)

“Any club or association as defined in the Rules of the EA situated or having headquarters in Essex provided it is eligible for affiliation of the EA or any club which is based in a county adjacent to Essex who have athletes who qualify to compete in Essex Championships”

- **7a Management** (the following to be inserted)

v. Immediate past President

David Staines advised the meeting that he would like all members on the committee to have a defined role i.e. Welfare Officer, Team Co-Coordinator. This will be discussed at the next committee meeting on 5th February 2018

It was unanimously agreed that Andy Catton be invited to stand as President Elect for the 2018 season. David Staines will write to Andy Catton.

15) Any other business Allison Gillian advised the meeting that her husband is working on the production of the next Essex AA promotional video. It will include clips about Coaching, Officials and Course Measuring.

Gary Chandler and Dave Staines had received an email from Woodford Green AC & Essex Ladies (“Woodford Green”) in connection with the acquisition of the Photofinish equipment. County are contributing £7,000 towards the purchase. The monies are provided as an advance payment on rentals, in return for 24 uses of the equipment. Woodford Green suggested terms were slightly different to that

that was agreed in the October meeting and so Gary was seeking confirmation from the committee that he could still proceed. The terms will be “This hire agreement is for 24 single day hire events over the period 2018 through to 2023. In the event that Woodford Green cannot provide system for a requested day then those days can be added to the end of this period – e.g. 2024 onwards at the rate of 4 events per annum”.

This was approved by the committee.

Meeting concluded at 20.55

Summary of Actions

Item	Action	By Whom
3b)	Contact Great Bentley RC re outstanding County affiliation fees	Brigid Wallen
3b)	Contact Pitsea RC re outstanding County affiliation fees	Malcolm Bailey
4a)	Problems associated with County runners not being able to enter Championship races as they are being sold out quickly to be debated at the Endurance Meeting on Monday 20 th November 2017	Gary Chandler to add to agenda for that meeting
8	Proposal that all County XC Championship events should be Chip timed to be discussed at the next Endurance meeting.	Gary Chandler to add to agenda for that meeting
8	Richard Casey to advise Ron Dawson how much Hyland Park were charging Essex Schools to host their XC championships	Richard Casey
14	County Committee members to have defined roles	To be discussed at the next committee meeting on 5 th February 2018
14	Andy Catton to be invited as the President Elect for 2018	David Staines to write

Meeting agenda for Monday 5th February 2018 at 7.30pm to be held at the clubhouse of Chelmsford Athletic Club, Melbourne Park, Chelmsford

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