



Essex County Athletic Association

Minutes of the Committee Meeting held on Monday 5th February 2018 at 19.30 hours in the clubhouse of Chelmsford Athletic Club, Melbourne Park, Chelmsford.

Present:

David Staines (Chairman), Diane Wooller (President), Allison Gillan (Minutes), Richard Casey, June Cork, Mike Emms, Matt Gillard, Kaye Merywest, Paul Merrywest, Paul Mingay, Ray Pearce, Jean Tierney, John Weir,

1a) Apologies for Absence

Claire Levey (Secretary), Andy Catton (President Elect), Linda Bates, Peter Bates, Brigid Wallen, Gary Chandler, Ron Dawson, Malcolm Bailey

As a mark of respect a minutes silence was held before the meeting for Margaret Filmer, Karen Wheat and Chris Clarke who have recently passed away.

2) Minutes of the last meeting

The minutes of the meeting on Monday 8th January 2018 were **approved** as a true record of that meeting

Proposed by June Cork and seconded by Paul Merrywest

3a) Matters arising

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

3b) Treasurer's matters

In Gary's absence the Treasurer's report was read by Dave Staines. Gary has received 2 requests for funding:

- Essex Athletic Network to fund Sportshall events in 2018. This usually amounts to £800-£900. This item was "nodded through" by the committee
- Funding (approx. £1000) to cover the cost of a high jump bed cover at Thurrock. Essex require 2 HJ beds for the multi events and Thurrock have covered the cost of 1 cover but another is required. Essex are the main users. Proposed by Kaye Merrywest and seconded by Jean Tierney

The Senior XC Champs in January have made a loss of £938. This is due to the fact that £4 was refunded to clubs for each runner that entered and ran. The system needs revising as clubs enter teams and not individual runners so some are receiving a full refund even with some runners missing. This will be discussed at the next Endurance meeting on 19th Feb

8) Cross Country

The Schools XC was recently held at Hylands Park

Adam Hickey was 2nd in the SEAA XC

The final fixture in the Essex XC league is on Sat 11th Feb at Gloucester Park, Basildon

7) Track & Field

Dave Staines offered his thanks and congratulations to all officials and helpers involved in the Indoor T&F Champs. The event went like clockwork and there was some good performances by athletes. Dave Lipscombe was the meeting manager and did a good job.

There was 10% increase in entries and a low drop out rate but schools entries were quite low. The procedure for providing refunds for last years event went well and there were less refunds than expected. A new first aid provider was used this time (firstaideventcover.com) and they had a number of incidents to deal with but have already issued detailed reports for each incident and were very good on the day.

Fine Designs were not present on Saturday and some of the merchandise they had was incorrect in that it had the Welsh Championships and not Essex so there will be a loss of revenue here.

A letter has been received from Newham and Essex Beagles about a wheelchair athlete that wanted to compete in the 60m. The request was declined but an invitation has been sent to Corinne Norris at NEB to attend a meeting and discuss how to accommodate disabled athletes in the future.

A question has been raised about only 5 athletes being in the final of 200m when Lea Valley is a 6 lane

Currently there are not enough officials for the multi events day at end of April but Diane Wooller will pursue this.

Outdoor Champs

Still ongoing discussions about the potential clash of the 2 days of T&F champs with the play offs for Chelmsford City. Dave Staines has been advised by Dave Griffin that the football will move to an evening kick off but as yet we have nothing in writing. All agreed that Dave Staines and Paul and Kaye would make a decision within the next 2 weeks based on additional information.

If we receive written confirmation that the football will move to an evening kick off the T&F will be held at Chelmsford as planned. If we do not have written confirmation the T&F champs will move to Southend AC for both days

4a) Correspondence

Nothing to report.

4b) Club/Committee Register Changes.

No changes to report

5) Networking

Nothing to report

6) Regional Reports

Nothing to report – meeting is later this month. The Eastern champs are on 30th June at Cambridge. The Combined Events is at end of Sept and the Hibberd Trophy is at Sandy on 8th Sept.

9) Road Running

Road relays will be at Harwich on Sat 24th March

Essex 20 at Rochford is on 4th March and more marshals are required – contact Ron Dawson direct

10) GDPR

Further discussion about this regulation which comes into force on 25th May. All club secretaries have received information from EA. June Cork to provide a summary for the committee.

11) Trophies

Voting is now closed for the Howard Williams trophy.

A new trophy secretary is still needed.

12) Walking

10k will be included in the Enfield 1 hour race on 3rd Sept.

13) Officials

Diane Wooller again thanks all the officials who helped at the Indoor T&F champs. Joe Mower has reported that the number of endurance officials has fallen by 60% over recent years. There is an officials course on 18th March at Chelmsford – closing date for entries is 2nd March via the EA website

13) Schools Liaison

Schools XC champs was on 17th Jan

The team for the Nationals on 17th March at Leeds will be selected in the forthcoming week.

Essex have put in a bid to host the English Schools Champs in 2019 at Hylands Park as this raises additional funds. Richard Casey to report back when a decision has been made. There then followed a discussion about funding for the schools and a proposal was put forward to give Essex schools £1000 donation to help with expenses for the National championships. There was a unanimous agreement to this (the trustees abstained from this vote)

14) Any other business

Dave Staines has emailed clubs about setting up an Essex T&F league, there are still 11 clubs to reply but thinks this is worth pursuing.

Meeting concluded at 9.30pm.

Summary of Actions

Item	Action	By Whom
3)	Discuss refund of Essex XC champs at Endurance meeting	Gary Chandler
7)	Seek written confirmation from Vanarama League that football playoffs will move to an evening kick off. Paul, Kaye and Dave to decide on venue of T&F champs based on whether we have written confirmation	David Staines
10)	Provide summary of GDPR regulations for the committee	June Cork
11)	Vacancy for Trophies Secretary	Volunteer sought to take on this post
13)	Arrange £1000 donation to Essex Schools	Gary Chandler

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

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