



Essex County Athletic Association

Minutes of the Committee Meeting held on Monday 2nd July 2018 at 19.30 hours in the clubhouse of Chelmsford Athletic Club, Melbourne Park, Chelmsford.

Present:

David Staines (Chairman), Gary Chandler (Treasurer), Diane Wooller (President), Malcolm Bailey (Minute Secretary), Nicola Burstons, Peter Cassidy, June Cork, Ron Dawson, Mick Emmis, Kaye Merrywest, Paul Merrywest, Jean Tierney, Brigid Wallen, John Weir.

1a) Apologies for Absence

Claire Levey (Secretary), Andy Catton (President Elect), Richard Casey, Mathew Gillard, Paul Mingay, Ray Pearce and Tim Wolfe.

2) Minutes of the last meeting

The following amendments were noted:-

Agenda item 3a) Any other business; Trophies

Gary Chandler sought clarification of the proposal to purchase replica trophies. He asked whether this included all trophies and asked whether consideration had been given to the insurance implications of valuable trophies being stored in one location. It was agreed that the wording should be amended to read a smaller trophy which the winner can retain. A photograph would be taken with the winner holding the actual trophy which would then be retained by County.

It was suggested that a local museum or library might be a suitable place to store the trophies and Gary Chandler offered to approach Chelmsford Museum. John Weir agreed to discuss with the committee at Chelmsford AC the possibility of keeping the trophies in a locked cabinet at the club.

ACTION: Further discussion at the next committee meeting.

Otherwise the minutes of the meeting on Monday 4th June 2018 were **approved** as a true record of that meeting

Proposed by Jean Tierney and seconded by John Weir.

3a) Matters arising

Item	Action	Update
7)	Investigate the possibility of hosting a trial event for the proposed Essex Track & Field League during September/October 2018	A date of Saturday 22 nd September has been suggested. All clubs that have expressed an interest have been contacted. Southend AC has indicated that they may be willing to host the event.
8)	Venue required for the Essex XC League event that is being held on 15 th December 2018	No offers have been received and clubs are asked to consider whether they are able to host this event.

3b) Treasurer's matters

Gary Chandler advised the committee that £500 has been received and banked from England Athletics. These monies are to be used to effect improvements to the running and organisation of the County Track & Field Championship events.

It was reported that the new Photo Finish equipment purchased by Woodford Green & Essex Ladies (with the assistance of County on an advanced payments of rentals schedule - see minutes dated 2nd October 2017) was excellent. The system takes colour photographs.

There was some discussion about the purchase by County of three Electronic Distance Measuring Devices ("EDM") and David Staines agreed to make some enquires about the likely cost. This will be discussed at the next Track & Field sub- committee meeting

4a) Correspondence

David Staines advised the meeting that he has received a letter, raising three areas of concern from Peter Sketchley (past County President).

- County Outdoor Track and Field Championships. This has been resolved.
- To log on to the Essex Track & Field site, you enter via the Essex Endurance in Running website. However, it was noted at the meeting when you enter Essex Track and Field into the search engine it takes you direct to a page headed up, 'ESSEX ATHLETICS, Road Running, Cross Country and Track and Field. Access to the Track & Field section is via the appropriate tab. It was suggested that we amend the heading on the first page to 'ESSEX COUNTY ATHLETICS ASSOCIATION to avoid any confusion.
- Peter mentioned that a number of years ago a Sub - Committee had been formed which nominated Vice Presidents/Life Members. We currently have two vacancies on the committee in this category and this would be reviewed at the AGM in December.

4b) Club/Committee Register Changes

County records state that the Club Secretary for Basildon is Nick Wetheridge although this may have changed to Wendy Tydeman. ACTION Malcolm Bailey to contact Wendy to enquire whether she has taken over as Club Secretary.

5) Networking.

Nothing to report

6) Regional Reports

Nothing to report.

7) Track & Field

The date for Day 1 of the 2019 Championships, Multi Events has yet to be decided. It will be hosted by Thurrock Harriers.

Days 2 and 3 – will be at Chelmsford AC. In case there is a clash again as with this year if Chelmsford FC requires the stadium on the Sunday evening, the programme of events will be scheduled as this year which worked well.

For next year's event, we will need more volunteers to hand out running numbers (min. 6).

The 10k track championships are taking place on 11th July and will be hosted by Braintree AC. Gary Chandler reported that 36 entries have been received so far (8 Women and 28 Men). A good quality field has entered the race.

Dave Staines confirmed that he has purchased numbers (which will be worn at the front and back of each of the runners).

The team event will be decided by the combined times of the first two runners from that club crossing the finishing line. The third and fourth runner will count as a second team from that club.

John Harris (England Athletics, Club Support Manager) attended our committee meeting in March. He mentioned that some Counties had been successful hosting other Endurance events (that are

normally included in the County Track & Field Championships i.e. Steeplechase and 5k) on a mid week evening. There was a greater interest shown in these events by Endurance runners in those Counties. Dave Staines suggested that we should consider hosting a similar evening in Essex for these events. This will be discussed at the next Endurance Sub-committee meeting which is being held at Chelmsford AC clubhouse on Monday 24th September, start time 7.30pm.

The 2019 County Indoor Track & Field Championships will be held at Lee Valley over the weekend 2nd and 3rd February. It is hoped that entries from schools will be received before Christmas.

At the recent 8 Inter Counties match - Essex Women finished 2nd and the Men finished 1st, retaining their trophy. Essex finished first overall. This is an excellent achievement.

8) Cross Country

Brigid Wallen advised that the entry forms for the XC relays will be sent out to clubs within the next few weeks. This event is being hosted by Halstead Road Runners at Gosfield.

Ron Dawson reported that he still has not received an offer from a club to host the Essex League XC event due to be held on 15th December,

9) Road Running

Gary Chandler reported that Sussex AA will be hosting an Inter Counties race at the Brighton 10k, which is being held on November 18th. Each county will be sending a team of 4 men and 4 ladies. Any runners

This year's event will be hosted by Sussex and will be held as part of the Brighton 10km on November 18th. Each county will be sending a team of 4 men and 4 ladies. Any Essex qualified runners wishing to be considered for selection should email Gary Chandler at essexatreasurer@hotmail.com.

Over the last few months there have been a number of incidents at Road races with members of the public evidencing aggressive behaviour towards marshals. The latest incident happened at the Horndon 10k. In the past it is believed that UKA has run a course on how to deal with these types of incidents. The race organiser will produce a report shortly. At another event, a marshal was attacked but was loathed to take the matter any further because the perpetrator lived in the same road and they were concerned about potential repercussions. This will be an agenda item at the forthcoming Endurance Sub Committee meeting.

10) General Data Protection Regulations (“GDPR”)

The proposed Privacy Policy that had previously been circulated was unanimously approved by all those present. This policy will be added to the Essex County Athletics Website and a copy sent to all clubs. ACTION Malcolm Bailey

11) Trophies

The J Austin Miller trophy has been damaged with one of its handles coming away from the trophy. Bishop Brothers based in Southend have indicated that they could repair this. Cost circa. £120. This has been approved by the committee. Ron Dawson agreed to take the trophy to Bishop Brothers so that they can carry out the necessary repairs.

13) Walking

At the 8 Inter Counties match in the 3k event Dominic King was first and Daniel King second. First lady home for Essex in third place was Melanie Peddle.

14) Officials

Diane Wooller reported that the season went well. A number of new officials have recently attended the appropriate training courses.

15) Schools Liaison

Nothing to report.

16) Any other business

June Cork mentioned that the Eastern Masters track and field championships are being hosted by Southend AC on 11th August.

Meeting closed at 21:06

Summary of Actions

Item	Action	By Whom
2)	Trophies – Contact local museum to discuss whether they would be prepared to display the County Track & Field trophies	Gary Chandler
2)	Consider whether the trophies could be kept in a locked cabinet at Chelmsford AC	John Weir
3b)	Consider purchase by County of three EDM's	Dave Staines
4b)	Establish who is the Club Secretary of Basildon AC and update County records if appropriate	Malcolm Bailey
7)	Consider holding Endurance Events normally held at Outdoor County Championship Track & Field days on a mid week evening (as the 10k)	To be an agenda item at the Endurance Sub Committee meeting on 24 th September
8)	Venue required for the Essex XC League event that is being held on 15 th December 2018	Clubs asked to consider hosting this event and to contact Ron Dawson if they are interested.
9)	Any athlete wishing to be considered for selection at the Inter Counties 10k race which is being held at Brighton on 18 th November to contact Gary Chandler	Clubs to advise their athletes that nominations will be considered
9)	Incidents involving the public at Road Races	Agenda item for Endurance Sub Committee on 24 th September
10)	Privacy Policy to be added to County website	Malcolm Bailey

Meeting agenda for Monday 3rd September 2018 at 7.30pm to be held at the clubhouse of Chelmsford Athletic Club, Melbourne Park, Chelmsford

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2. Minutes of the meeting of 2nd July 2018.
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