



## *Essex County Athletic Association*

Minutes of the Committee Meeting held on Monday 1<sup>st</sup> October 2018 at 19.30 hours in the clubhouse of Chelmsford Athletic Club, Melbourne Park, Chelmsford.

### **Present:**

David Staines (Chairman), Andy Catton (President Elect), Malcolm Bailey (Minute Secretary), Richard Casey, Peter Cassidy, Ron Dawson, Mick Emms, Alistair Gillan, Mathew Gillard, Kaye Merrywest, Paul Merrywest, Gerry O'Doherty, Ray Pearce, Jean Tierney, Keith Thornton, Brigid Wallen, Lance Williams.

### **1a) Apologies for Absence**

Gary Chandler (Treasurer), Claire Levey (Secretary), Diane Wooller (President), Allison Gillan, June Cork, Paul Mingay, John Weir.

### **2) Minutes of the last meeting**

The minutes of the meeting on Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> September 2018 were **approved** as a true record of that meeting

Proposed by Ray Pearce and seconded by Brigid Wallen.

### **3a) Matters arising**

<b>Item</b>	<b>Action</b>	<b>Update</b>
3a)	Trophies – Contact local museum to discuss whether they would be prepared to display the County Track & Field trophies	Gary Chandler has contacted the Museum. See Treasurer's matters below.
3b)	Reminder that any outstanding expenses for this season should be claimed as soon as possible to ensure that they are paid before the end of the financial year	Year end was 30 <sup>th</sup> September. Gary Chandler reports that all expense claims have been received
7)	Contact Keith Palmer to confirm that the Chelmsford Stadium has been booked for days 2& 3 of the 2019 Outdoor Track & Field Championships	Dave Staines has contacted Keith Palmer. There may be a problem again with a potential clash with the football club, if they qualify for the playoff final. To accommodate the Track & Field programme we need assurances that we can have the stadium until 6pm on the Sunday. (The date of the play off final has still to be announced). It was agreed that we would go back to the Council requesting this assurance. Dave Staines to contact Keith Palmer. Other clubs have been asked to consider whether they could host these Championships. All Clubs to consider and contact Dave Staines if they are able to support.

### **3b) Co-option onto the Committee**

Keith Thornton (Brentwood Running Club – previously known as Thrift Green Trotters) has volunteered to join the committee. Dave Staines introduced Keith to everyone present. The committee unanimously agreed to elect him onto the Executive Committee.

### **3c) Treasurer's matters**

Gary Chandler was unable to attend the meeting due to business commitments. He sent a report which was read out at the meeting;-

I contacted the Curator of Chelmsford Museums regarding the possibility of housing our trophies and got the following negative response.

“We may be interested in a donation of selected trophies for our collection.

However, it is not the policy of museums to take objects on long term loan and would only take them on short term loan if they are required by ourselves for exhibition purposes.

Dr Mark Curteis Assistant Museums Manager- Curatorial and Learning”

#### **- Other Treasurer matters:**

A reminder to all clubs, annual affiliation fees now due

### **4a) Correspondence**

Nothing to report

### **4b) Club/Committee Register Changes**

JBR Run & Tri Club has affiliated to County. An up to date list of Club Secretary's will be distributed to all clubs.

### **5) Networking.**

The next Essex Athletic Network Sportshall event is taking place on Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> October 2018.

### **6) Regional Reports**

Nothing to report.

### **7) Track & Field**

The next Essex Track & Field Sub-committee meeting is taking place on 12<sup>th</sup> October 2018 at Chelmsford AC. Start time 7pm. All Track & Field clubs are encouraged to send a representative.

Kaye Merrywest advised the meeting that the information and entry forms for the 2019 County Indoor Track & Field Championships will be sent out during mid October.

At the recent Endurance meeting the following was discussed:

‘Holding the 10k track championships on a Wednesday evening has been very successful. It has been suggested that the 5k track championships are also held on a mid week evening. The view of the meeting was that this might generate more interest from runners to enter this event

In addition, it was suggested that we hold a mid-week county championships series (3000m, 5000m, 10000m and Mile) during the summer. The suggestion was met with a positive response. Gary Chandler offered to handle the entries for this series should it be approved’

It was agreed by all those present that both suggestions were excellent ideas. Both items to be placed onto the agenda for the next Endurance Sub Committee meeting (28<sup>th</sup> January 2019) to consider and coordinate.

### **8) Cross Country**

The Cross Country Relay Championships (Seniors, U13, U15 & U17 Girls and Boys) took place on Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> September 2018, hosted by Halstead Road Runners. There was a record entry.

This was the first time the event has been hosted by Halstead RR. Chip Timing was also introduced for the first time. Brigid Wallen reported that there were some problems on the day with some runners not running the correct route. It would appear that a tape marking out the route of the course may have been moved. Brigid has received some requests from some of the competitors that due to these issues that the results are not sent to the Power of 10.

It was agreed that it an excellent XC course with a very good spectator friendly finish. Both Brigid and Halstead RR were thanked for organising the event. The committee were strongly of the opinion that competitors should acquaint themselves of the course, by walking the route, before the race.

Only the team results would be advised to Athletic Weekly and Power of 10.

Next County Championships is the U13, U15 & Vets which is being hosted by Colchester Harriers at Hilly Fields on Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> December. Brigid will be sending out details to clubs within the next few weeks.

Also at the Endurance meeting, following the agreement to equalise the distances of the Senior Ladies and Men XC Championships it was decided that the 2019 Senior, U20 and U17 XC Championships that each of the age groups will be a combined Ladies and Men's race over the following distances:-

Under 17 - 5k  
Under 20 - 8k  
Senior - 10k

Since the meeting, the host club Springfield Striders have given some thought to this proposal and it was felt that the course would not be able to cope with the projected number of runners in a combined Senior Ladies and Men event. It was agreed that both Senior events will now be separate races.

It was also noted that the Senior Inter Counties XC Championship distances for 2019 for Ladies and Men has also now been equalised at 10k.

### **9) Road Running**

Dave Staines is organising a Road Traffic Management Course which will be open to all clubs in the New Year. Likely venue; Chelmsford AC Clubhouse. Either on a Monday or Friday evening.

The next County road race will be the 10 mile championships which are being hosted by Tiptree Road Runners on Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> October. The final championship race will be the 5 mile event at Wix hosted by Harwich Road Runners, the following week.

Sussex AA are organising an Invitational Inter Counties Championship at the forthcoming Brighton 10k in November. Essex is sending a team.

Clive Hopkins will be standing down in his role as an Official Course Measurer. He has agreed to measure two more courses. Someone has come forward to express an interest in taking over this role.

Alistair Gillan asked whether County would support sending a team to the 2019 Inter Counties Fell Race Championship. This received a positive response and Alistair has agreed to publicise the event via Social media asking for interested people to put their names forward. County have entered teams in these Championships in the past.

#### **10) Trophies**

The George Deere trophy has been found and returned. Kaye Merrywest agreed to calculate the winners of the various school track and field trophies and will report back at the next meeting. Ron Dawson has returned the J Austin Miller trophy which has been repaired.

#### **11) Walking**

The Essex 10k Walking championships took place on 22 September 2018 at Lee Valley. It was incorporated into an Enfield League 1 hour event. The winners of the Essex Championships were:-

Ladies	1 <sup>st</sup> Melanie Peddle (Loughton AC)	9.833k
	2 <sup>nd</sup> Emma Dyros (Ilford AC)	9.475k
	3 <sup>rd</sup> Leah Williams (Southend AC)	9.275k
Men	1 <sup>st</sup> David Kates (Ilford AC)	9.017k
	2 <sup>nd</sup> Steve Cartwright (Tol/Tend AC)	8.781k
	3 <sup>rd</sup> Bob Dobson (Ilford AC)	8.271k

#### **12) Officials**

Diane Wooller was unable to attend the meeting.  
Nothing to report.

#### **13) Schools Liaison**

Richard Casey reported that Essex were very successful at the 2018 English Schools' Track & Field Championships which were held in Birmingham.

Junior Boys finished 1<sup>st</sup>, Inter Boys 2<sup>nd</sup>, Senior Boys 1<sup>st</sup>, Junior Girls 4<sup>th</sup>, Inter Girls, 3<sup>rd</sup> and Senior Girls 6<sup>th</sup>. Overall Essex finished first. There were a number of individual champions from the County. Richard also mentioned that the schools are experiencing problems finding a venue for the XC Championships, Apex Corner is a possibility and Ron Dawson offered to help design the course if this venue is used. Alistair Gillan mentioned Writtle University College as another option and agreed to provide Richard Casey with the email address of the contact at the University College.

#### **14) AGM**

This is being held at Chelmsford AC Clubhouse on Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> December starting at 7.30pm. Nomination papers will be sent out to all clubs with the October Executive minutes.

Nominations are sought for the role of President Elect for 2019. There are also two vacancies on the Executive Committee under the category – Vice presidents/Life Members. Dave Staines is to contact Peter Sketchley to confirm name of people who have been a Vice President and awarded Life membership in the past.

#### **15) Any other business**

At the recent Endurance Sub Committee meeting, it was mentioned that Woodford Green AC & Essex Ladies are looking at the possibility of purchasing a Chip Timing package. They asked whether County would consider entering into a similar arrangement as we have with them, when they purchased a Photofinish system. It was agreed that we would consider this but have requested a firm proposal to enable this to be given full consideration. Mike Emms to contact WG & EL.

In 2019, it will be the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Colin Fox (Ilford AC) winning the County 400m hurdles championships. He has asked whether he could sponsor the medals at the County Outdoor Championships for the 300/400 hurdles events. This request was well received by the committee and it was asked if Colin's contact details could be passed to Gary Chandler to discuss.

Meeting closed at 20:56

## Summary of Actions

Item	Action	By Whom
3a)	Contact Keith Palmer to ask that he contact Chelmsford Council to advise them that if we book the stadium for the 2019 Outdoor Track & Field Championships that we will require the venue until 6pm on the Sunday	Dave Staines
3a)	2019 Outdoor County Track & Field Championships. If we are not able to hold these championships at Chelmsford is there another club happy to host	All track & field clubs to consider
7)	The next Essex Track & field sub - committee meeting is being held on 12 <sup>th</sup> October 2018. All Track & Field clubs are encouraged to send a representative.	All track & field clubs
7)	The proposal to host the County 5k track championships and organise a grand prix of track races has been supported by the Executive committee.	To be discussed at the next Endurance Sub Committee meeting on 28 <sup>th</sup> January 2019 which is being held at Chelmsford AC.
8)	Entry forms to be sent out to all clubs for the U13, U15 and Vets XC Championships	Brigid Wallen
9)	County to enter a team into the 2019 Inter County Fell Championships	Alistair Gillan to seek nominations
13)	Richard Casey to be provided with the email address of the main contact at Writtle University College	Alistair Gillan
14)	Nominations sought from clubs for the 2019 President elect role	All clubs to consider. Nomination forms have been sent out to all clubs, with these minutes
14)	Contact Peter Sketchley to confirm names of people who have been a Vice President of Essex AA and those that have been awarded Life membership	Dave Staines
15)	WG&EL to be asked to provide a business case for the purchase of a Chip Timing System	Mike Emms to speak to WG&EL
15)	Contact details for Colin Fox to be provided to Gary Chandler in respect of his offer to sponsor the County Medals (and present) at the 2019 Outdoor Track & field Championships for the hurdle events.	Claire Levey

## Meeting agenda for Monday 5<sup>th</sup> November 2018 at 7.30pm to be held at the clubhouse of Chelmsford Athletic Club, Melbourne Park, Chelmsford

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