



Essex County Athletic Association

Minutes of the Committee Meeting held on Monday 7th January 2019 at 19.30 hours in the clubhouse of Chelmsford Athletic Club, Melbourne Park, Chelmsford.

Present:

David Staines (Chairman), Gary Chandler (Treasurer), Claire Levey (Secretary), Gerry O'Doherty (President Elect), Malcolm Bailey (Minute Secretary), Chris Akehurst, Linda Bates, Peter Bates, Nick Burston, June Cork, Ron Dawson, Mick Emms, Allison Gillan, Kaye Merrywest, Paul Merrywest, Ray Pearce, Keith Thornton, Jean Tierney, Brigid Wallen, John Weir, Diane Wooller.

1a) Apologies for Absence

Andy Catton (President), Richard Casey, Peter Cassidy, Mathew Gillard, Paul Mingay, Phil Sergeant Lance Williams.

2) Minutes of the last meeting

The minutes of the meeting on Monday 5th November 2018 were **approved** as a true record of that meeting

Proposed by Ray Pearce and seconded by Paul Merrywest.

3a) Matters arising

Item	Action	Update
3c)	Further reminder to be sent to the three clubs whose 2018/19 affiliation fees are still outstanding	Actioned. See Treasurer's matters below.
7)	Venue for the 2019 County Outdoor Track & Field Championships still to be decided	These will be held at Chelmsford AC. See Track & Field below.
7)	Investigate possibility of Chelmsford holding the County Track relays on Friday 28 th June 2019	These will be held at Chelmsford AC on Friday 28 th June 2019.
7)	Fill vacancy for U17 boys Team manager	Vacancy filled at the AGM held on 3 rd December 2018.

3c) Treasurer's matters

Gary Chandler advised the meeting that County affiliation fees for 2018/19 have been paid apart from one. He is in correspondence with this club (Be Fit For Today Track Academy) explaining the benefits of affiliation.

Since the last meeting, two County Cross County events have taken place.

The U13, U15, Vet Women and Vet Men took place at Hilly Fields, Colchester. A surplus of circa. £650 was generated from this event. Principal expenses were Chip Timing £650 and contribution to host club of £500.

The County Seniors, U20 and U17 event took place at Writtle University College. Prior to the event it had been agreed that entry fees would be refunded to everyone that took part. 650 entries were received with 468 taking part on the day. Income £2,470 and after expenses (including refunds, chip timing, first aid) it is anticipated that the net loss will be around £700.

The Essex Athletic Network has approached us to fund the costs of sending a team to the Regional finals (£800) which is taking place on 9th February 2019 at the University of East Anglia, Norwich (last year we provided a grant of £710).

Gary Chandler proposed that we provide a grant of £800. Seconded Brigid Wallen.
Agreed by all those present

4a) Correspondence

Nothing to report.

4b) Club/Committee Register Changes

Nothing to report.

5) Networking.

Nothing to report.

6) Regional Reports

England Athletics has recently sent to all club secretaries' notification of a General Meeting that is taking place on 30th January 2019 at 7pm at Holborn Bars, Holborn, London. The purpose of the meeting is to approve proposals to amend the Articles of Association of England Athletics. A copy of the reform proposals will be sent out to all Essex affiliated clubs with these minutes. **ALL CLUBS SHOULD READ THE NOTICE.**

7) Track & Field

The County relay championships will take place at Chelmsford AC on Friday 28th June 2019.

The meeting was advised that entries for the County Indoor Track & Field Championships taking place over the weekend 2/3 February 2019 at Lee Valley are approximately 100 down on last year (although at the date of the meeting there were still a couple of days before the closing date for electronic entries of 10th January 2019).

Diane Wooller confirmed that there will be sufficient officials present although the photo finish will not be available for the walks taking place on the Saturday. This is because the photo finish is being set up, during these events for the 60M and 60M hurdles.

It had been reported at an earlier meeting that a British Athletic League ("BAL") fixture was taking place on Sunday 12th May 2019 which clashes with the County Outdoor Track & Field Championships at Chelmsford on 11/12 May. Five clubs from Essex take part in the BAL but due to a very busy fixture schedule it was impossible to change the date of the County Championships.

The 12th May also clashes with a possible football fixture for Chelmsford Football Club if they are involved in the Play off final in the Vanarama National League South division. This was a possibility last year and contingency arrangements were made to accommodate this and similar steps will be taken this year. Dave Staines will write to both Chelmsford FC and the Vanarama League.

Diane Wooller mentioned that she has arranged for 3 Electronic Distance Measuring devices to be available for the Championships. In addition, following support from those present at the meeting she will also arrange for the field events to have time clocks.

8) Cross Country

The County Seniors, U20 and U17 Cross Events held on 5th January 2019 were deemed to be a success from those committee members that attended the event. Entries were only slightly down on 2018 but a higher percentage of those entered finished in 2019.

The use of Chip Timing helped produce the results a lot quicker than in previous years. It was suggested that in future there should be a cordon around the finishing mats to avoid anyone inadvertently crossing the mats with a number that was not being used.

The equalisation of the distances for Ladies and Men has continued to prompt a great deal of debate within the running community. This would be an agenda item at the Endurance Meeting on 28th January 2019.

David Staines was going to be interviewed by Essex Radio about the equalisation of distances on Tuesday 8th January.

9) Road Running

An Essex team took part in the 10k Invitational Inter Counties race at Brighton on Sunday 18th November 2018. Our teams were very successful on the day with the Ladies winning the team event (first home for Essex was Liz Davies 2nd overall in a PB of 35:11) and the men finishing third, Combined we were 2nd.

Following this event two additional Counties (Suffolk and Berkshire) have agreed to enter a team in the Essex 20 Inter Counties Invitational race which is taking place at Rochford. There will be 10 Counties taking part in the event.

Gary Chandler has posted details about transfer of numbers onto the dedicated Facebook site for this race.

There will be a 4 hour cut off for finishers on the day.

Ron Dawson has become aware that the First Aid company that were to be engaged to cover this event has gone out of business, They still hold a £175 deposit from the event that was cancelled last year. He is contacting other first aid providers to support this event and is endeavouring to reclaim the monies back from the business that was hired last year.

10) Trophies

Mick Emms has been in contacted with Roy Meadowcroft and now has a better understanding on how the points are awarded for the various County trophies to determine the winner.

He announced that the following trophies had been won by:-

Trophy	Winner
Anna Neagle (Senior and U20 Women)	Chelmsford AC
Joe King (U17 Women)	Chelmsford AC
Pat Mills (U15 Girls)	Havering AC
George Holroyd (U13 Girls)	Chelmsford AC
Herbert Pash (U17 and Junior Men)	Basildon AC

11) Walking

Nothing to report

12) Officials

Diane Wooller advised the meeting that the following Track & Field Officials courses are taking place at Chelmsford on 17th March 2019.

Level 1 Field 12.30pm to 4.30pm

Level 1 Track 12.30pm to 3pm

Level 1

Timekeeping 12.30pm to 3.30pm

These courses can be booked by going to the England Athletics website (<https://www.englandathletics.org/officiating/qualifications/officials-courses>)

Cost of each course is £20. To complete the qualification each official has to attend a Health & safety course. Cost of the H&S course is £10 and clubs can seek reimbursement of these monies from County.

13) Schools Liaison

Nothing to report.

14) Any other business

David Staines is making good progress of updating the list of County Vice Presidents/Life members. At the Annual General Meeting in December 2018 a nomination had been received to appoint a new Life Member. The County Athletic Association Constitution states:-

“4. Life Memberships

Life memberships of the Association may be conferred upon any person for outstanding service to the Association, Election to Life Membership MAY ONLY TAKE PLACE AT THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING of the Association and only those nominations previously approved by the Executive Committee may be considered for election”

Therefore the County is unable to consider the proposal for a new Life Member made at the 2018 AGM (because it was not received prior to the AGM); and we will review this at our meeting prior to the 2019 AGM, together with any other nomination(s).

Our deepest condolences go to the family of Beryl Jackson, who passed away just before Christmas. She was a member of Havering AC and was a timekeeper for many years.

The 2019 Senior Hill and Fell Inter Counties Championship will take place on Saturday 11 May as part of the Flower Scar Fell race held at Todmorden, West Yorkshire. Alistair Gillan will shortly publicise this event on the County facebook site to invite interested runners to nominate themselves for consideration for a County team.

Woodford Green AC with Essex Ladies was considering purchasing a chip timing system and approaching County for a grant to assist with the purchase. They have now decided not to proceed as they would only use it for the Roding Valley Half Marathon.

Meeting closed at 20:49.

Summary of Actions

Item	Action	By Whom
7)	Write to Chelmsford FC and the Vanarama National league re staging of the County Track & Field Championships on 12 May 2019	David Staines
14)	Seek nominations for election to Life Memberships and consideration by the Executive committee	Nominations sought October – debate at November Executive meeting

Meeting agenda for Monday 4th February 2019 at 7.30pm to be held at the clubhouse of Chelmsford Athletic Club, Melbourne Park, Chelmsford

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