



Essex County Athletic Association

Minutes of the Committee Meeting held on Monday 1st July 2019 at 19.30 hours in the clubhouse of Chelmsford Athletic Club, Melbourne Park, Chelmsford.

Present:

David Staines (Chairman), Gary Chandler (Treasurer), Malcolm Bailey (Minute Secretary), Richard Casey (Schools), June Cork, Ron Dawson, Mathew Gillard, Kaye Merrywest, Paul Merrywest, Ray Pearce, Jean Tierney, Brigid Wallen, John Weir, Diane Wooller.

1a) Apologies for Absence

Claire Levey (Secretary), Andy Catton (President), Gerry O'Doherty, Linda Bates, Peter Bates, Allison Gillan, Paul Mingay, Lance Williams.

2) Minutes of the last meeting

The minutes of the meeting on Monday 3rd June 2019 were **approved** as a true record of that meeting, subject to the following amendments:-

3c) Grant of £300 has still to be received from England athletics.

Appendix 1 the venue for the Indoor County Track & field championships is Lea Valley and not Chelmsford.

Proposed by Jean Tierney and seconded by John Weir.

3a) Matters arising

Item	Action	Update
3a)	Consideration to be given to funding Senior XC runners when they represent Essex at Events (similar to the support provided to Track & Field Athletes)	Agreement was given that the expenses paid will be, as in previous years. It was stated that cross country team managers would receive the same level of reimbursement.
6)	Nominations to be sent to England athletics for the 2019 volunteer Awards by 11h July	All clubs. Very few nominations have been received. All clubs are encouraged to nominate worthy individuals and clubs. Full details of the awards are on the England Athletics website
9)	2020 Marathon Championships were awarded to Halstead. Club to be advised.	Actioned
9)	Host sought for the 2020 Road Relay championships	A potential venue is being considered. Gary Chandler and Dave Staines to visit a possible venue.

An agreement to meet the costs of two qualified officials, who were travelling from Oxford to support the Schools Track & field Championships, was given at the last meeting. Another request has been received and it was agreed that these would be considered on a case by case basis. Richard Casey said that the schools would also consider reimbursement.

The Club Mark scheme is being updated and further details will be provided shortly.

Track mark was also discussed and it was mentioned that all tracks that host County events will need to have this accreditation. This might cause problems for those clubs that rent their tracks from Local Councils (cost implications). However, comment was made that this would not affect the hosting of the 5k and 10k track championships at Braintree as this is purely a track championship.

3c) Treasurer's matters

Gary Chandler advised the meeting that a grant of £300 is still outstanding from England Athletics. He is to chase. Monies will be utilised to assist with the 2020 Outdoor County Track & Field Championships in May.

There has been some fraudulent activity on the County Bank account. A Direct Debit has been erroneously set up. Gary Chandler has spoken to the Bank to arrange for these monies to be refunded to our account.

Gary advised that there was a small loss incurred at the Multi events championships at Thurrock with a profit of around £6k from days 2 and 3 at the Outdoor County Track & Field Championships. The 5k track championships were a great success with the 10k event taking place on Wednesday 10th July. It is anticipated that between £600 and £700 profit will be generated from these two events.

4a) Correspondence

Claire Levey has sent to all clubs a preliminary notice of the 2019 Annual General meeting of the South of England Athletic Association which is being held at the Civil Service Club, 13-15 Great Scotland Street, London on Sunday 8th September. David Staines has said that he will try and attend and Paul Merrywest indicated that he may be able to join him to represent the County.

4b) Club/Committee Register Changes

Nothing to report.

5) Networking

Nothing to report

6) Regional Reports.

Paul Merrywest recently attended the London regional meeting of England Athletics. He was provided with a staffing structure chart for England Athletics, who currently employ 73 people.

John Harris (England athletics – club support manager covering North London, Herts and Essex) mentioned at this meeting that he had previously been involved with a project run by the MCC known as Cricketforce. This is a nationwide initiative aimed at bringing together clubs and local communities to support improving grounds and facilities. John Harris is keen to expand this initiative to Athletic/Running clubs. He has recently worked with Hillingdon AC on a very successful project and details of this can be found at:

- www.englandathletics.org/clubs-and-facilities/news/hillingdon-ac-encourage-100-volunteers-to-spend-a-day-carrying-out-track-improvements/

If any club is interested in exploring this further please contact John at joharris@englandathletics.org

The next edition of the UKA Rule Book will be published on 1st April 2020 and the process for reviewing all rules is now underway. Any proposals for changes must be submitted to UKA by 31st July 2019. All clubs please note.

England Athletics are proposing to increase the individual athletic affiliation fee to £16 (from £15). Club affiliation fee to remain the same.

The problems that we face as a County trying to find suitable locations to host XC events is a Nationwide issue. Pressure is being brought to bear on the Government to legislate on Local Authorities to provide/ support sporting events by making suitable venues available.

7) Track & Field

The County relays took place on Friday 28th June 2019 at Chelmsford. Majority of Essex clubs were represented.

It was agreed that the next Track & Field subcommittee will take place at Chelmsford AC Clubhouse on 13th September 2019. Start time 7pm. All issues arising from the relays and the track & field championships will be debated at that meeting. Areas to be covered include:-

- Control of spectators, so that they do not encroach onto the track when events are taking place;
- Presentation area;
- Day of the week that the relays are held.

Gary Chandler reported back on the 5k Track championships that were held at Braintree on Wednesday 12th June. 64 men and 10 Ladies took part. To accommodate the numbers there were 4 races which were seeded. Liz Davies (Springfield Striders) won the Ladies event in 16:51.5 and Adam Hickey (Southend AC) the Men's in 14:30.7.

The feedback from these championships was very positive.

The 10k track championships are being held on 10th July at Braintree, 57 (51 Men and 6 Ladies) have entered which will be split into two races. First race will start at 7.30pm and the second at 8.20pm.

Thurrock Harriers are totally confident that by Christmas their track will receive the appropriate accreditation to host the multi events i.e. 'track mark'. They already hold 'club mark'

8) Cross Country

We still have not got a venue for the 2019 XC relays. A separate appeal email will be sent to all clubs asking whether they could assist with hosting this event otherwise it will have to be cancelled.

9) Road Running

Witham Running Club, who will be hosting the 2020 10 mile championships this year have changed the date of their race. It was scheduled to take part on May Day (race is known as the May Day 10) but this Bank Holiday has been changed to Friday 8th May 2020 to commemorate VE Day. With the Essex Marathon championships being hosted by Halstead Road Runners on Sunday 10th May, it would be unrealistic to move the Witham event to VE Day. So, Witham have agreed to move their date of their event to Sunday 3rd May 2020.

Details of all the 2020 County Championship Road events have now been agreed and details published.

10) Fell running

Nothing to report

11) Trophies

Nothing to report

12) Walking

The 2019 Essex 10k road walking championships will take place on Saturday 28th September at Lea Valley. It will be held in conjunction with the Enfield Badge Race one hour event.

13) Officials

Diane Wooller reported that officiating at all the County events went well.

A question was asked whether the County XC Championships will be chip timed in the 2019/20 season. Brigid Wallen agreed to follow this up.

14) Schools Liaison

The English Schools Track & Field championships are taking place over the weekend 12/13 July at the Alexander Stadium, Birmingham.

Congratulations to the Essex teams that represented the County at the Regional Schools Multi events finals. Five of the six teams qualified for the National finals which are being held in Exeter on 21/22 September 2019.

15) Any other business

No other business was discussed

Meeting closed at 20:55

Summary of Actions

Item	Action	By Whom
3a)	Nominations to be sent to England athletics for the 2019 volunteer Awards by 11h July	All clubs. Very few nominations have been received. All clubs are encouraged to nominate worthy individuals and clubs. Full details of the awards are on the England Athletics website
3a)	Host sought for the 2020 Road Relay championships	A potential venue is being considered. Gary Chandler and Dave Staines to visit a possible venue.
6)	Any clubs interesting in discussing options to improve their facilities (Athleticsforce) similar to the project that was successful at Hillingdon AC can contact John Harris at joharris@englandathletics.org .	All clubs
6)	Suggestions for changes to the UKA rule book to be submitted to UKA by 31 st July 2019	All clubs
13)	Chip timing at 2019/20 XC County events	Brigid Wallen to contact the team that provided this service last year to discuss whether they would be interested to continue this into next season.

Meeting agenda for Monday 2nd September 2019 at 7.30pm to be held at the clubhouse of Chelmsford Athletic Club, Melbourne Park, Chelmsford.

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