

MINUTES OF THE GLOUCESTERSHIRE AAA EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

HELD AT

THE GALA CLUB, FAIRMILE GARDENS, TEWKESBURY ROAD, GLOUCESTER

ON FRIDAY 15TH MARCH 2019

Present:	Norman Lane	Vice Chair
	Rachel Vines	Treasurer
	Derrick Lord	Cheltenham & County Harriers
	Julie Walford	Stroud & District AC
	Geoff Trueman	Stroud & District AC
	Elizabeth Anthony	Angels RC
	Andy Hawkins	Cross-country Team Manager
	Arthur Daley	Cross-country Secretary
	Ruth Fulford	Cirencester AC
	Norman Wilson	Road Running Team Manager
	Mick Morris	Secretary
Apologies:	Sandra Ennis	Chair
	John Anderson	Life Member
	Elliot Prince	Cheltenham & County Harriers
	Albert Gardiner	Officials Secretary/Education & Welfare Officer
	Lynn Hudson	Road Race Series Co-ordinator
	Steve Hudson	Road Race Series Deputy Co-ordinator
	Anne Wilson	Beyond the Limitations
	Andy Beadle	Cheltenham & County Harriers

ITEM 1. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

1. The minutes of the Executive Committee Meeting held on Friday 18th January 2019 were accepted as a true record.

ITEM 2. MATTERS ARISING

2. There were no matters arising.

ITEM 3. CHAIR'S REPORT

3. In the unavoidable absence of Sandra Ennis Mick Morris read out the following report supplied by Sandra. Good evening everyone. I apologise for my absence but I didn't think you would appreciate me coming along and bringing the flu germs with me. Well, we have completed our cross-country season and again it has been very successful. In fact it could prove to be one of the best financially as numbers continue to increase. I would like to take this opportunity to thank all our officials, marshals and general helpers plus the clubs who provided the venues as without them it would not happen. We now look forward to our track and field championships on 11th and 12th May at Cheltenham which I am sure you will all have in your diaries. I wish to take this opportunity to ask all of you to submit to Mick your availability and names of anyone who would be willing to help, they do not have to be a qualified official as there are lots of jobs they can assist with. I wish

also to remind you we as far as I know are still looking for someone to take over from Lynn and Steve to look after the road race series. Well that's enough from me so I wish you all good night.

ITEM 4. TREASURER'S REPORT

4. Rachel Vines reported that last time we had a balance of £9233.66. Since then we have had income of £1935.22 and outgoings of £1763.24 (for medals, etc) which leaves a current balance of £9405.64. We have further expenditure pending on medals for the track and field championships plus stadium hire costs but this means we are still currently showing a good financial position going forward.

ITEM 5. SECRETARY'S REPORT

5. Mick Morris reported that we had struggled to field full teams in a number of categories at this year's inter-counties cross-country championships at Prestwold Hall last Saturday. This had been caused by a combination of illness and injury and many other team managers had reported the same issues with their teams. The annual winter illness bug has really had a country-wide impact this winter. Despite all that the weather on the day, albeit cold and windy, had held up better than last year with much less muddy conditions both on the course and in the tented and registration/warm up area. There was the usual good spirit in the squad and although no winners for the county this year many athletes competed with distinction in this high-level company. Pride of place goes to Kiya Dee of Bourton Road Runners who finished 4th in the Under 15 Girls race which gave her second place in the British Cross Challenge for this winter season to go with her 2nd place in the National. Kiya was well backed up by Kaitlyn Sheppard in 33rd, her sister Taya in 67th and Matilda Ashley in 120th position to give the under 15 girls team 9th position in their race, the highest position of any of our teams. Other notable performances came from Lydia Attwell who finished 50th Under 17 Lady, Chloe Wheeler who was 49th Under 20 Lady, Kate Maltby, 51st and Naomi Eaton 94th in the senior ladies race. The under 13 boys were our second highest finishing team achieving 13th position in their race with the scorers being 13th Harry Sheffield, 42nd Charles Worsfold, 53rd Fletcher Hart and 146th William Holdsworth. We had to call on many of our reserve runners this year and a number of athletes turned out to ensure we finished teams even though not feeling at their best as they themselves were returning from injury or illness. Quite a few commented on how much they enjoyed the event and how good it was to have the opportunity to test themselves against the best and to see what the top runners were achieving. Mick finished up by reading out some items of correspondence that he had received as secretary. The Assistant Coach course at Crypt School on 23/24 March is at risk of being called off as they need a minimum of 10 attendees and currently there are only 8 signed up. Mick had emailed clubs asking them to do their best to encourage some more to book up on this course as it was important that we gave full support to courses in our own county. On Sunday 7th April there are some Level 1 official's courses at Prince of Wales Stadium for Timekeeping, Starter/Starter Assistant and Health & Safety and Generic Module. Details of all these courses have gone out to clubs and are also accessible through the England Athletics website. We have been advised that the IAAF have reverted the length of time allowed for a throw to 60 seconds from the 30 seconds they had recently introduced. County road running championships that we will award county medals for have been agreed at the following events in 2019: Bourton 1 mile, Dave McNamee memorial 10km on 23 June, and Haresfield 5 km on 1st August. One final notice concerns a change to the timetable for the county track and field championships. Commencing with this year's championships on 11/12 May 2019 the shot putt will move to the Saturday so that we have two long throws on Saturday, the hammer and shot putt, and two on the Sunday, javelin and discus.

This change has been introduced to try and give time between events for the officials to have a break rather than like last year where some of them were out in the field for the entire day without any break. The change will also hopefully mean that we will have sufficient level 2 officials to go around which again was an issue at last year's championships.

ITEM 6. CROSS-COUNTRY SECRETARY'S REPORT

6. Arthur Daly reported that after initial discussions with clubs it was possible that we would be using the same venues as last year for the 2019/20 league season. The change to some fixtures taking place on a Sunday had gone off OK and without any problems in terms of size of fields, etc. As there were hardly any postal entries submitted this past season it is intended that we will only offer on-line and on-the-day entries for the new season. The improvement in numbers of on-line entries is very good to see as it results in a significant reduction on the workload of the entries/results team on the day as well as at registration. Some venues may swap dates with others compared to last year but that will be announced once things are finalised. As we have retained the January date for our championships Rendcomb College will again be the venue for that event with the host club being Cirencester AC. Norman Wilson requested the league dates for next season. Arthur said he did not have them with him but that he would pass them on shortly to Mick for inclusion in these minutes. *(Secretary's note: the dates have been duly received and are 12 October 2019 (Week 41), 2 November 2019 (Week 44), 8 December 2019 (Week 49) and 15 February 2020 (Week 7) with the county championships on 4 January 2020 (Week 1)).* Norman Wilson also advised that he had attended a meeting recently at which it was announced that there may be changes to the overall winter fixture calendar in the near future as there are plans afoot to move the World Cross-country Championships to an earlier date leading to the Inter-counties Championships (and World trials) moving to a February date with county championships moving to before Christmas to allow counties time for team selection and entry.

ITEM 7. EDUCATION AND WELFARE OFFICER'S REPORT

7. As Albert Gardiner was unable to attend the meeting there was no report under this heading.

ITEM 8. ROAD RACE SERIES CO-ORDINATOR'S REPORT

8. As Lynn and Steve Hudson were unable to attend the meeting Mick Morris read out a short report supplied by them. Two races have now been processed for this year's road race series. The third – Gloucester AC 20 mile – will take place this coming Sunday at Quedgeley and the Angels RC will promote their 10 km at the beginning of April. Following the previous committee meeting in January Running Somewhere Else and Cirencester AC approached us regarding each purchasing a series trophy. These have been duly obtained and were engraved with the 2018 winners for the LV65 and LV70 age categories, Sharon Smith and Liza Darroch. The clubs have now received the trophies and will be presenting them to the two winners in due course. May we repeat our request for volunteer(s) to come forward to take over the responsibilities for the road race series. *(Secretary's note: as Steve and Lynn stated at the time of our last meeting, they are willing to have someone work alongside them during this year so that they may learn the ropes before taking over the road race series responsibilities. Therefore it would be good if we could have someone step forward for this important role in the very near future. Lynn and Steve are also happy to discuss what is involved with people before they make a final decision without people having to commit beforehand).*

ITEM 9. ROAD RUNNING TEAM MANAGER'S REPORT ON SOUTH WEST ROAD RUNNING CHAMPIONSHIPS FOR 2019

9. Norman Wilson reported that the South West had recently voted on which events they wished to have as their road race championships in 2019. For the half marathon they have selected the Chippenham Half. However, as that event traditionally uses an ARC licence rather than the usual UKA one then if they are unwilling or unable to change then the event will turn instead to the Exeter Half later in the year. If the Chippenham event becomes licenced through UKA instead of ARC then the county would support it with teams but if the event moves to Exeter we would not enter teams as the race would clash with one of our cross-country league fixtures. Norman is waiting for the final decision. For the 10 km event the South West have again agreed to hold this in the Quedgeley event on 24 November 2019. As with last year we would aim to select full teams for this race. Norman Lane queried what the problems were with the Chippenham event. Norman Wilson said the main issue was that Run Britain and therefore Power of 10 would not recognise times from an ARC event for the rankings. The Chippenham Half takes place three weeks before the Cheltenham Half.

ITEM 10. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

10. Celtic Plate. Norman Wilson advised that Jon Barnes of Cheltenham & County Harriers has been selected to represent England in this annual ultra-distance road championships. He will run in the 100 km event on 24 March 2019. This will be his first international vest so congratulations to Jon.

ITEM 11. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

11. The next Gloucestershire AAA executive committee meeting will take place at 8.00 p.m. on Friday 14th June 2019 at the Gala Club, Fairmile Gardens, Tewkesbury Road, Gloucester.

MICK MORRIS
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