

MINUTES OF THE GLOUCESTERSHIRE AAA EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING
HELD AT
THE GALA CLUB, FAIRMILE GARDENS, TEWKESBURY ROAD, GLOUCESTER
ON FRIDAY 14TH JUNE 2019

Present:	Sandra Ennis	Chair
	Andrew Hawkins	Cross-country Team Manager
	Norman Wilson	Road Running Team Manager
	Anne Wilson	Beyond the Limitations
	Elliot Prince	Cheltenham & County Harriers
	Philip Jeyes	Almost Athletes
	Lynn Hudson	Road Race Series Co-ordinator
	Steve Hudson	Deputy Road Race Series Co-ordinator
	Mick Morris	Secretary
Apologies:	Rachel Vines	Treasurer
	Norman Lane	Vice-Chair
	Ian Willoughby	Coaching Secretary
	Suzanne Tharme	Tewkesbury RC
	Julie Walford	Stroud & District AC
	Geoff Trueman	Stroud & District AC
	Albert Gardiner	Officials Secretary/Education & Welfare Secretary

ITEM 1. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

1. The minutes of the executive committee meeting held on Friday 15th March 2019 were accepted as a true record.

ITEM 2. MATTERS ARISING

2. There were no matters arising.

ITEM 3. CHAIR'S REPORT

3. Good evening everyone, and thank you for braving the elements. I must start by saying a big thank you to everyone who officiated or helped in some way to make our track and field championships such a great success. I have to admit it would be great to see a few more seniors participating but the younger athletes certainly enjoy the occasion and some very good results were recorded. Also included in quite a busy timetable the Paralympic athletes both in the field and on the track had a very enjoyable day with some great results. We now look forward to our cross-country season and the way the weather is going at the moment we could be officiating in shorts. If we have similar entries to last year Rachel will be well pleased with our bank balance. I think I am right in saying we are still looking for someone to take over from Lynn and Steve so please will you all give it serious thought as it would be a shame to lose our very successful road race calendar. Finally I know it is only June but before you know it it will be November so please can you remind all coaches and others to be thinking about our county athletic achievement award as nominations will be required for consideration at our AGM. Nominations may be for athletes, coaches, officials, in fact anyone who gives a lot of their time and effort into helping promote and run our sport. You have heard enough from me so now over to our treasurer.

ITEM 4. TREASURER'S REPORT

4. Mick Morris read out the following report supplied by Rachel Vines. Since the last meeting we have had £1656 of income and £2950 of expenditure leaving a balance of £8111.64 on the main account ledger. The income was from the county track and field championships and inter-counties cross-country and the bulk of the expenditure was for the medals and first aid for the county champs. There have been some issues regarding the affiliation for a couple of our clubs but this is in the process of being resolved.

ITEM 5. SECRETARY'S REPORT

5. Mick Morris concurred with Sandra that we had a good championships again this year and added his grateful thanks to all our officials and others who worked so hard to make the event the success that it was. As usual everyone displayed wonderful flexibility and we were also fortunate that some parents/officials that came along to support their competing family members pitched in and assisted. There was there usual good atmosphere and we received numerous messages of thanks plus a number of people commented on how helpful and welcoming the officials had been which they felt contributed greatly to their enjoyment of the event. We had received some feedback on the timetabling and will be looking to adjust that for next year particularly on the Saturday where we clashed a little with Parkrun and other activities at the stadium. This meant that car parking was an issue amongst other things so we will be looking in the future to starting and finishing later on Saturday's so as to avoid this in the future both to our benefit and that of other users of the facilities. We will also look at tightening up the timetable to remove some of the long gaps we experienced this year. Mick the reminded everyone that Part 3 of our championships will take place at the Gloucester track on the evening of Friday 30th August 2019 where we will see 1 mile, 10000 metres, 4 x 100 metres relay and 4 x 400 metres relay championships taking place. We will be looking for officials for the meeting shortly as well as sending out the entry forms and timetable. There then followed a good discussion on the timetabling with a number of helpful and sensible suggestions put forward for consideration when making our changes. On the parish notices side Mick stated that he had received very little correspondence since the last meeting. The main item of interest had been notice of an upcoming officials course at Cheltenham in October which we will cover later in the meeting.

ITEM 6. CROSS-COUNTRY SECRETARY'S REPORT

6. Mick Morris reported that Arthur Daley had been in touch to advise that everything was proceeding well for the new season. He had unfortunately given us the incorrect dates at our last meeting and stated that they actually are: Sunday 13 October 2019 at Wotton Under Edge, Saturday 2 November 2019 at Charlton Park, Saturday 14 December 2019 at Old Down Country Park, and Sunday 16 February 2020 at Cheltenham. The county championships will take place at Rendcomb College on Saturday 4 January 2020. These dates have now been unloaded to the website and on-line entries for the new season will be live in mid-August.

ITEM 7. EDUCATION & WELFARE SECRETARY'S REPORT

7. Although Albert Gardiner was unable to make the meeting Elliot Prince advised that a Level 1 field and track officials' course will be held on the Prince of Wales Stadium in Cheltenham on Saturday 12 October 2019. This is a good opportunity for people to undertake this training in the county thereby obviating the need for long travel and additional expense. It is hoped that the course will receive good support and that we are able to see a number of new officials qualified in time for our next track and field championships. Mick Morris said that he still had some county officials' polo shirts available and that he would be very pleased to award these to anyone qualifying from the October course. They just need to contact him after the course with their required polo shirt size.

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

8. Lynn Hudson said that the fifth event in this year's series was now complete and the sixth, the Bourton Hilly Half, will take place on Sunday. They discovered on Wednesday that a couple of our lady competitors had been omitted from the series results tables and this was being sorted out ready for the issue of updated tables after this coming weekend. Lynn introduced Philip Jeyes who was attending the meeting as he was interested in maybe taking over as series co-ordinator at the end of the year when Steve and Lynn stand down. Norman Wilson had also expressed an interest but decided to leave this to Philip if he is happy to take on this responsibility. However, Norman was thanked for showing such support for our activities especially in view of his other responsibilities at this present time.

ITEM 9. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

9. Dave McNamee 10 km Road Race. This will take place at Boddington this year on Sunday 23 June 2019. The event incorporates the county 10 km road championships and county medals will be awarded alongside the event prizes which include the Dave McNamee trophy which is to be awarded to the first Gloucestershire county club member that is Gloucestershire qualified. Norman Wilson also stated that entries were proceeding well for the 5 km race in August which incorporated the county road championships for that distance (that event takes place at Haresfield).

10. South West Road Race Championships 2019. The South West Road Race Championships for 2019 takes place at the Chippenham Half Marathon on 8 September 2019 and the Gloucester 10 km. Norman Wilson will be selecting our teams for these events and will be contacting clubs and athletes in due course to discuss/agree their participation. Norman said that the 10 km course for this year's event will be changed from that used for last year to hopefully make it a faster and more runner friendly event.

ITEM 10. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

11. The next Gloucestershire AAA executive committee meeting will take place at the Gala Club, Fairmile Gardens, Tewkesbury Road, Gloucester at 8.00 pm on the evening of Friday 6th September 2019.

MICK MORRIS

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