

MINUTES OF THE GLOUCESTERSHIRE AAA EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

HELD BY ZOOM ON FRIDAY 25TH JUNE 2021

Present:	Sandra Ennis	Chair
	Arthur Daley	Chair – Designate/Webmaster
	Rachel Vines	Treasurer
	Andy Hawkins	Vice-Chair
	Alan Robertson	Forest of Dean AC
	Lynn Hudson	Results Co-ordinator
	Steve Hudson	Result Co-ordinator
	Elizabeth Anthony	Angels RC
	Elliot Prince	Track and Field Team Manager
	Ian Willoughby	Gloucester AC
	Albert Gardiner	Secretary – Designate
	Mick Morris	Secretary
Apologies:	Philip Jeyes	Road Race Series Co-ordinator
	John Rodgers	Cross-country Secretary
	Derrick Lord	Cheltenham & County Harriers
	Ruth Fulford	Cirencester AC

ITEM 1. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

1. The minutes of the previous executive committee meeting held on Friday 30th April 2021 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, on behalf of Anne Wilson I have been asked to thank clubs and athletes who have sent cards, messages and flowers for the funeral of Norman Wilson. Mick and I were able to attend the funeral service at Hucclecote Methodist Church, which was where Norman and Anne were married, followed by the internment at Bourton on the Water where Norman spent his childhood and where his parents are buried. The rain stayed away and he had a very good send off.
4. I would like to say a big thank you from me to Mick for all his hard work during his time as secretary and in my position as chairman, a position I have thoroughly enjoyed, he made my life very easy. As this is my last meeting I will leave the various reports to bring you all up to date and at the end I will ask Arthur to arrange the date for the next meeting. I wish you all every success for the future and I am sure the County will go from strength to strength.

ITEM 4. TREASURER'S REPORT

- At the last meeting the balance on our current account was £10723.83 and since then we have received £2805.30 income from the county track and field championships and spent £2709.54 giving a current balance of £10822.59. The savings account balance stands at £12906.23. Entry fees for the county championships amounted to £2808.00 and we spent £2007.95 on hire of toilets, first aid, refreshments for officials, etc so there was a profit of £800.35 on putting on this event. We have also paid out £870.00 for medals ready for the upcoming county 1 mile road championships (Bourton 1 mile) and the August short course cross-country championships. We will have some medals left over for a further event as we also purchased those for the 5 km road championships which is not currently scheduled to take place. Arthur Daley asked if these sums included the £250 grant from England Athletes towards championships costs and Rachel answered, no, as we have not received the grant yet.

ITEM 5. SECRETARY'S REPORT

- There had been no correspondence since the last meeting so the only matter to bring to everyone's attention is that the county short course cross-country championships planning is going ahead well for that event which is scheduled for 21st August 2021. It is being organised by Ali and Norman Lane who are proving the course for the event. Ensuring social distancing in case that is still required 8 races are planned, 4 at the 1 mile distance for the youngsters and 4 at the 2 mile distance for the older athletes. Full details are expected shortly. Please accept my thanks to all those in the county and on the committee who have supported me so well during my 23 years in office. I have thoroughly enjoyed my time as secretary especially the many friendships made and seeing so many people achieve and enjoy our sport. I hope that everyone on the new committee will get as much pleasure and enjoyment as I did. Best wishes to you all.

ITEM 6. ROAD RACE SERIES REPORT

- Philip Jeyes emailed in the following report. With the loss of the Gloucester 5 km and the Gloucester/Dave McNamee Memorial 10 km this year, a revised draft has the Cranham Boundary Chase (reverting to its road course) and (to be confirmed) Blaisdon 10 km replacing these. Forest of Dean have given a provisional date of 14 September for the Blaisdon race so I have pencilled that in for now and hope to publish the final race series details next week. We still have two reserve races, the Linda Franks (now being rescheduled) or the Age Grader event near Oldbury (both 5 miles). Whilst the Oldbury race involves a bit of a distance for travelling and is hosted by an events team I have expressed a preference for this event over the Linda Franks on the basis that the latter has had its field reduced (200 limit) for Covid precautions (and it takes place on residential streets – another Covid concern). A set of rules specific to the truncated series has been drafted and is available to view – along with the proposed series – on the Glos AAA road race web page. I have requested up-to-date membership lists from the various clubs and am working with Steve Hudson on updating the relevant software data base. The latest (provisional) series race list is as follows:

Sat 10 Jul 21	Bourton 1 mile (county champs)	Norman & Ali Lane
Mon 12 Jul 21	Stroud Beer Race 7.2 miles	Stroud & District AC
Fri 6 Aug 21	Cranham Boundary Chase 5.8 miles	Severn Valley Events
Wed 11 Aug 21	Bugattie 10 km	Almost Athletes

Sun 5 Sep 21	Gloucester AC 20 mile	Gloucester AC
Sep (tbc)	Blaisdon 10 km	Forest of Dean AC
Sun 19 Sep 21	Angels 10 km (county champs)	Angels RC
Sun 3 Oct 21	Berkeley 10 km	Dursley RC
Sun 7 Nov 21	Guy Fawkes 5 mile	Tewkesbury RC

I note that Anne and Jonathan Wilson wish to put on the Gloucester/Dave McNamee Memorial 10 km next year (possibly in April 2022) as a combined memorial race for Norman Wilson and Dave McNamee as they worked together for so many years organising events at local, national and international level. Sandra Ennis advised that as well as the Dave McNamee trophy for the 1st Gloucestershire male finisher there will now be a trophy for the 1st Gloucestershire lady finisher in memory of Norman. Arthur Daley asked if this was intended as a one off event or would it become an annual one. Sandra replied that it is intended to become an annual event. All the current races that Norman and Anne were promoting have been cancelled and Entry Central are putting out a message to this effect on their website.

ITEM 7. TRACK AND FIELD CHAMPIONSHIPS

- Arthur Daley reported that this had been a success, despite the poor weather. We had more guest competitors than normal which did cause us some problems. However, it did result in us getting some extra officials (especially at Level 3) which was a definite benefit. We didn't allow late entries this year and had a few enquiries after the closing date but we stuck to that ruling. Planning for Part 3 is already in hand and we have already had two entries for the 10,000 metres.

ITEM 8. CROSS-COUNTRY LEAGUE

- John Rodgers has proposed the following dates for our league fixtures for the 2021/22 season: Week 41 – 16/17 Oct 21, Week 44 – 6/7 Nov 21, Week 49 – 11/12 Dec 21, and Week 6 – 12/13 Feb 22. John has begun negotiations with Entry Central to take entries on that website. These dates avoid clashing with the Birmingham League and the Bourton 10 km. No venues have been agreed yet so clubs are invited to send any offers to host the league to John Rodgers or Arthur Daley. The date for the county championships is 8 January 2022 (the second Saturday rather than the usual first). Steve Hudson said he had contacted John to suggest that we only do on-line entries this season and do not do any entries on the day. That will reduce the workload on the results team and allow more time to sort out any questions that arise on the day. Of course if there are any covid restrictions imposed this winter we could well have no option. Sandra Ennis said that we would still need someone available with spare numbers in case anyone forgets theirs and requires a replacement on the day and also to act as an information point. The fact that we have also now lost most of our usual registration team impacts on this part of the operation.

ITEM 9. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

- No items were raised under this heading.

ITEM 10. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

11. Arthur Daley said that it was proposed to hold the next meeting, probably Zoom again, at 8.00 p.m. on Friday 23rd July 2021 with the main items of business being to confirm the arrangement for the short course cross-country in August, Part 3 of the county track and field championships and for the cross-country league. Possible dates for the AGM were Friday 29 October 2021 or Friday 12 November 2021. Rachel Vines confirmed that preparing the accounts for a 29 October meeting would not be any problem

ITEM 11 – MEETING CLOSE

12. Sandra Ennis again expressed her thanks to everyone and wishes everyone well for the future. Arthur Daley expressed his thanks to Sandra and Mick for all that they have done on county matters over the years.

MICK MORRIS
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