

GLOUCESTERSHIRE AMATEUR ATHLETICS ASSOCIATION

MINUTES of MEETING

Friday 14th April 2023

Present:	Arthur Daley	Chair / Gloucester AC
	Rachel Vines	Treasurer / CLC
	Emma Jeffery	Secretary / Gloucester AC
	Elliot Prince	Team manager SW T&F / Cheltenham & County Harriers
	John Rodgers	Cross Country Secretary / Dursley RC

Apologies: Lynn Hudson (Bourton RR), Steve Hudson (Bourton RR), Philip Jeyes (Almost Athletes), Andrew Kaighin (Cheltenham & County Harriers), Andrew Hawkins (Vice Chair), Libby Anthony (Angels RC), Alan Robertson (FoD AC)

1 MATTERS ARISING

Minutes for the previous meeting were accepted.

Arthur's old county youth club still to be assigned a competition: it can be awarded to the U15 boys and girls club that has the least combined points at the end of next season's XC league.

2 TREASURER'S REPORT

XC League analysis (see table below) shows we made £18,440 in total, with a profit of almost £8,000. Very worthwhile financially; also positive feedback on the varied locations / courses. Pre-entry worked well, and guaranteed income even if athletes later decided to drop out of a fixture.

John will endeavour to ascertain the bank details of clubs hosting a fixture so they can receive a £100 fee by way of thanks from the GAAA.

Virgin have started charging us to use the bank account. This is due to the amount of transactions. Rachel will enquire if other banks offer free accounts.

We now have the paperwork to sort out the bank mandate.

Most of the counties clubs' affiliation fees have been obtained – however there are a few clubs outstanding (Angels, Cirencester AC, Cotswold All Runners, Tetbury Dolphins, Tewkesbury RC). These will be chased.

The accounts (below) were accepted.

Opening bank balance	13,762.72
Income	14,468.00
Expenditure	<u>-7,492.01</u>

20,738.71

Per statement 11/01/2023 20,750.81

Unreconciled payment -11.60
Balance per I&E statement 20,739.21
Diff -0.50

Opening bank balance 20,738.71
Income 1,385.50
Expenditure -2,830.08
19,294.13

Per statement 16/02/2023 19,306.23

Unreconciled payment -11.60
Balance per I&E statement 19,294.63
Diff -0.50

Opening bank balance 19,294.13
Income 3,006.00
Expenditure -4,229.98
18,070.15

Per statement 12/04/23 18,082.25

Unreconciled payment -11.60
Balance per I&E statement 18,070.65
Diff -0.50

GAAA XC Analysis: year ending 30 September 2023

	Total	Cirencester	Arlingham	County champs	Pitville	Over Farm
Income	9,544.00	2,753.00	1,897.50	1,942.50	1,329.50	1,621.50
Club entry	8,896.00	2,224.00	2,224.00		2,224.00	2,224.00
Total income	18,440.00	4,977.00	4,121.50	1,942.50	3,553.50	3,845.50
Toilets	846.00	432.00	414.00	included	n/a	not yet known
First aid	1,500.00	300.00	300.00	300.00	300.00	300.00
Venue Hire	6,064.08	900.00	1,400.00	1,252.80	88.36	2,422.92
Running imp/medals	1,152.54	253.86	253.86	137.10	253.86	253.86
Numbers £522.90 (JR) less official costs	346.10	86.53	86.53		86.53	86.53
Officials tent Split by 5	235.98	47.20	47.20	47.20	47.20	47.20
Officials' costs	307.96	65.00	111.80	72.80	58.36	
Total expenses	10,452.66	2,084.58	2,613.38	1,809.90	834.30	3,110.50
Profit/(loss)	7,987.34	2,892.42	1,508.12	132.60	2,719.20	735.00

3 ROAD RACE SERIES

The Blaisdon 10k has been included in the series, replacing the Staverton 10. Whilst this reduced the proportion of longer-distance events in the series, it is the best available option and allows us to maintain a 12-event series.

The series table has been updated following the Berkeley 20. There was a very small delay while information was gathered on runners who were not in the software database.

The next event in the series is the Berkeley 10k on Coronation Day – May 8th. This is also a county championship race, as are the Bourton 1 mile and half marathon, and the Gloucester August 5k.

How do we encourage participation in the series – and also – how do we encourage ‘higher quality’ athletes’ participation? (following on from a comment that many ‘quality’ athletes don’t bother entering these races). **PLEASE CAN CLUBS DISCUSS THIS AND VOICE ANY COMMENTS / SUGGESTIONS – OR SEND A REPRESENTATIVE TO OUR NEXT MEETING SO WE CAN DEBATE THIS FURTHER?**

Road Race Series 2023

Mon 8 th May	Berkeley 10k	Dursley RC
Fri 12 th May	Bourton One Mile	Bourton RR
Wed 31 st May	Stroud Beer Race (7.2m)	Stroud & District AC
Wed 14 th Jun	Cirencester Park 10k	Cirencester AC
Sun 2 nd Jul	Bourton Half Marathon	Bourton RR
Thu 13 th Jul	Blaisdon 10k	Forest of Dean AC
Wed 9 th Aug	Bugatti 10k	Almost Athletes
Wed 16 th Aug	Gloucester 5k	Gloucester AC
Sun 17 th Sep	Angels 10k	Angels RC
Sun 5 th Nov	Guy Fawkes 5	Tewkesbury RC

4 CROSS COUNTRY

Andrew K. highlighted via email some concerns about Arlingham (long walk from car park & high costs) but also understands difficulties in seeking venues.

John is trying to pursue a fixture in Bath for next season. Appreciate it would be a long journey south for some – however, seeing as how Bath clubs provide many runners for our league, it would be good to have a different club put on a fixture (and our county league or indeed championships do not have to be held in our own county).

Provisional dates & fixtures:

October 14th?? – Stratford Park, Stroud??

November 4th – Cirencester Park

December 9th – Arlingham or Bath

February 17th – Pitville, Cheltenham

We moved away from holding a fixture in January due to clashes with the SW championships. However, there remains the possibility of Cotswold Farm Park the first weekend of January if all else fails.

AS ALWAYS, CLUBS ARE ASKED TO CONSIDER WHETHER THEY COULD IDENTIFY AND HOST ALTERNATIVE VENUES! N.B. there must be provision for 200+ car parking.

5 TRACK & FIELD CHAMPIONSHIPS

Selina has put together the group of officials – though more are always welcome: PLEASE ASK CLUBS!

The person who normally helps with the fixation of disabled athletes (Carolyn) is away on the date: Arthur will look into how this can be sorted.

Elliot and Andrew K. are devising the timetable and the heat compositions. Each heat should have a varied spread of athletes from different clubs and of different abilities.

Clubs are reminded there is no entry qualification for the county championships – so please encourage athletes to enter!

We confirm there is unlikely to be a 10,000m due to lack of interest.

Entries close 5 days beforehand: April 24th.

6 OTHER MATTERS

We clarified a query resulting from a recent race where there was not a certain veteran category (LV35). Apparently, due to equality, the veteran categories will start at 35 for both men and women.

Perhaps in view of the poor turnout for this meeting, in future it might be better to stay clear of school holidays! Although there shouldn't be too much to discuss, perhaps the next meeting should be before the end of the summer, so that the committee can tie up loose ends well in advance of the autumn season: Provisional date set July 14th.