

Gloucestershire Amateur Athletics Association

Executive Committee Meeting

Held at the Gala Club, Gloucester

On Friday 9th February 2024

1. Present

Arthur Daley, Andy Hawkins, Lynn Hudson, Steve Hudson, Phil Jeyes, Elliot Prince, Andrew Kaighan, Rachel Vines, Helen Pemberton

Apologies

Chris Yates, John Rogers, Alan Robertson, Derrick Lord

2. Agreement of the Minutes

It was agreed that the minutes dated 14th July 2023 as accurate.

3. Matters Arising

- a. Wet weather kit for officials – Gloucester Sports are unable to supply and print.
- b. No further information about an electronic starting gun (GAC) but GATM may have an EDM machine.
- c. Rachel will send out affiliation letters to clubs for this year and set up new bank accounts next week.

4. Treasurer's Report

Rachel presented her report. The bank reconciliation was distributed prior to the meeting. Rachel gave a summary of her report and reported that the accounts are in a healthy state. The accounts were accepted by those present.

5. County Track and Field Championships 2024

- The track and field championships will be held over 1 day on 12th May 2024.
- The provisional timetable was discussed. It was decided to remove the 3000m and replace it with a 5000m. Arthur will send out a new provisional timetable. The final timetable will be sent in the middle of March.
- It was felt that all throws could be staged on the same day due to the expected low entries.
- There will be EDM on the day.
- We have enough starters.
- Entries – After much discussion, we will use Sports Soft. There will be no entries on the day. Closing date for pre-entries will be 1 week before the event.

- Elliot Prince and Andrew Kaighan will work out the seeding.
- The cost of the Portaloos will be shared.
- The field will not be available for car parking.

6. Road Race Secretary's Report

Phil distributed his report to the meeting via e-mail

- 2 races have been completed already.
- The age of Masters for male and female will be 35.
- It was decided to keep to tied scores.
- It was decided that for the age group V75, the 4 best races will count for scoring.

7. Cross Country Secretary's Report

John Rodgers's report was distributed at the meeting.

- Points raised from the fixture at Cotswold Farm Park:
 - a. There was issue with obtaining purple bands to gain entry.
 - b. The overflow parking was on muddy ground.
 - c. The Park was open to the public as well. Which caused delays at the café, toilets and issues with car parking.
- Offers of courses have already been received. Provisional list of fixtures are as follows:

League Fixture 1	Cotswold Farm Park to be investigated by the new secretary	Oct'24
League Fixture 2	Cirencester Park	Nov'24
League Fixture 3 incl County Champs	Bath University	Dec'24
League Fixture 4	Pitville Park, Cheltenham	Feb'25

Further details to be confirmed.

- Proposed charges to be slightly increased and simplified. The 25% discount which was meant to be an incentive to the club to collect money in and handle a lot of the data has caused confusion. Therefore it was decided to scrap it. New charges are one race entry of £10/£6 with a season entry of £26/£13. As the team entry process had many steps which lead to errors, races must be entered individually not as a team, with team manager's not managing entries.
- Relay Champs - Cheltenham Harriers considering of organising relay event with a possible venue of Plock Court. The event would probably be held on a Sunday. More details to follow at a future meeting.

8. Identifying Volunteers to Succeed Officers

- John Rogers thinking of doing another year as Cross Country Secretary.,

(Since the meeting I have been informed that John has in fact stood down as Cross Country Secretary)

- David Durden may be able to provide volunteers from Dursley RC.
- Possible replacements for Steve and Lynn Hudson have been identified. **(Further issues regarding the need for power and location (that is, no van available) of the results compilers have been identified since this meeting.)**

9. Any Other Business

- None

10. Date of Next Meeting

The next meeting will be held on Friday 12th April 2024 at 20:00.

There being no more business, the meeting closed at 21:25