

Gloucestershire Amateur Athletics Association

Executive Committee Meeting

Held at the Gala Club, Gloucester

On Friday 12th April 2024

1. Present

Arthur Daley, Andy Hawkins, Lynn Hudson, Steve Hudson, Phil Jeyes, Elliot Prince, Andrew Kaighan, Rachel Vines, Helen Pemberton, Jo Carter, Chris Yates, Hugh Griffiths

Apologies

Alan Robertson, Lynn Hudson, Steve Hudson, Pauline Tilsbury

2. Agreement of the Minutes

It was agreed that the minutes dated 9th February 2024 as accurate.

3. Matters Arising

- Gloucester Track Management Trust has an EDM.
- Affiliation letters to go out.
- New bank accounts to be set up.
- Portaloos shared between Gloucester Athletic Club and Cheltenham and County Harriers for Open Meetings but not for Midsummer Open Track Meetings.
- The big field is not to be used for car parking at the Track and Field Championships on 12th May. However The Crypt School have allowed us to park these for free.
- John Rogers has stood down as Cross Country Secretary. Arthur will be writing a letter of thanks to him on behalf of the County.
- Power issues for the new potential results team in the absence of Steve and Lynn. A possibility is the use of a Power bank. As there will be no van available there is a possibility of the County purchasing a tent, table and chairs for the new results team.

4. Chairman's/Secretary's Report

Arthur distributed his report prior to the meeting for the committee to read.

Cross Country

After discussion the cross country calendar is as follows with exact dates to be confirmed:

League Fixture 1	Pitville Park, Cheltenham	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

- There will be no rule changes. Therefore Senior teams must score in all 4 fixtures.
- Hosting clubs to take more control of each Cross Country fixture they are staging.
- Job description for the Cross Country Secretary to be accepted i.e.

1. Liaise with clubs to promote the 4 league fixture and cross country championships. (Clubs ideally will take control of designing, licensing, setting up and marshalling courses.)

2. Appoint a website to take all entries. There may be a team manager portal as well as individual entries

3. Liaise with the results team who will download the spreadsheet of entrants

4. Arrange first aid

5. Recruit officials and arrange meals 6. Functions within this list can be delegated

Inter-Counties Cross Country Championships

- We entered teams into this event. Most finished mid-table around the 20th position.
- As usual we hired a coach. The first operator, Jackie's Coaches, ceased trading after we paid them. They have not responded to several emails or phone calls and a letter. Arthur has recently found a further address for the directors and has written to them in an attempt to recover the £775 paid. They do not seem to have been yet included in the Insolvency Register. A new coach firm is now being used.

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. Road Race Secretary's Report

Phil distributed his report as follows:

- The Berkeley 20 results have been added to the series table but there are still a few missing DoBs (the race organisers were not willing to share such details and I have had a limited response from the relevant clubs I reached out to). As a result, the table has been amended a number of times and is still likely to see further changes:

Race	Date	Status
Linda Franks Race	21 Jan 24	completed
Boddington 10	28 Jan 24	completed
Berkeley Fission 20	23 Mar 24	completed
Bourton 1 mile	10 May 24	entries open
Stroud Beer Race	3 Jun 24	entries open

Race	Date	Status
Fairford 10k	9 Jun 24	entries open
Blaisdon 10k	July 24	to be confirmed
Haresfield 5k	21 Aug 24	to be opened
Cranham Boundary	7 Sep 24	to be opened
Angels 10k	15 Sep 24	to be opened
Bourton Half	29 Sep 24	entries open
Guy Fawkes 5	Nov 24	date to be confirmed

- Race dates have been submitted for all but two races (Blaisdon 10k, Guy Fawkes 5 – I expect these to fall on roughly the same dates as 2023) and entries are open for the next three races on the series (Bourton One Mile, Stroud Beer Race, Fairford 10k).
- Calculations for the series table file have been updated so competitors tied on points will also be tied in rankings (subject to meeting qualification criteria).
- It was discussed that the Gloucester 20 may appear again in 2025.

6. Proposal for an Inter-county U15 & U17 Track and Field meeting

The proposal from Andy Day was distributed prior to the meeting. After discussion we decided that we do not enter a team.

7. 2024 UK Inter-Counties Track and Field Championships

- Report distributed prior the meeting and at the meeting.
- After discussion we decided that we do not enter a team.

8. Any Other Business

- Treasurer's Report - Rachel reported the following:
£1,452.00 in – this is from cross country entry fees and vest sales.
£7,649.00 out
£20,859.72 in the Main Account
£12,000 in the Deposit Account

Cotswold Farm Park have invoiced us twice.

Andrew Kaighan will be sending Rachel expenses for the Pitville Park Cross Country.

- There was a disappointing turnout of the Seniors at the Inter-counties Cross Country Championships. Apparently there were issues with the invitation e-mails. Amber, who was involved with sending out the e-mails, has said that all e-mails went out. The most disappointing aspect is that there was no Senior men running. All had withdrawn. There has been a lack of commitment with the Senior men for a number of years now. The Senior Women had the minimum of 6 who ran to get a team score, 9 could of ran. It was decided that for Seniors only, the first 6 to cross the line at the Cross Country Championships would be given a selection letter as they finish. The next 14 would be given a different letter saying they may be selected.

- Arthur will write to Joe Mower asking why runners have to be entered so far in advance.
- We may run a 3 race Cross Country League if we cannot get a 4th race.

9. **Date of Next Meeting**

The next meeting will be held on Friday 14th June 2024 at 20:00.

There being no more business, the meeting closed at 21:10