

# **Gloucestershire Amateur Athletics Association**

## **Executive Committee Meeting**

### **Held at the Gala Club, Gloucester**

#### **On Friday 6<sup>th</sup> December 2024**

#### **1. Present**

Arthur Daley, Andy Hawkins, Helen Pemberton, Lynn Hudson, Steve Hudson

#### **Apologies**

Elliot Prince, Andrew Kaighan, Phil Jeyes, Derrick Lord, Rachel Vines, Ruth Fairford

#### **2. Disclosure of any Interests in Agenda items**

- Olivia Avery

#### **3. Agreement of the Minutes**

It was agreed that the minutes dated 14<sup>th</sup> April 2024 as accurate.

#### **4. Matters Arising**

- We still have not been invoiced for the Portaloos at Blackbridge.
- No further progress with the situation with Jackie's Coaches. Jackie's Coaches have ceased to exist.
- Affiliation fees – a few more clubs have paid their fees since the AGM. There is nothing in the Constitution with a time limit to the pay fees.
- New Berkeley Runners are not yet affiliated.
- No feedback from the England Athletics Survey.
- The funeral of Dave Lucas was well attended.

#### **5. Chairman's/Secretary's Report**

Arthur presented his report at the meeting:

- Arthur is pleased and relieved that we have a Cross Country Secretary and a well-staffed working group.
- Martin Brook is the new Cross Country Secretary supported by Richard Marston (Recruit Officials), Mandy Neufeld, (Provide Officials lunches), Mick Morris (Provide result sheets), Andrew Beadle (Provide event infrastructure, tent) and Louise Lewis (Provide medals).
- Arthur plans to establish a similar group for the Track and Field Championships.

## 6. Treasurer's Report

- In the absence of Rachel, there was no Treasurer's report

## 7. Road Race Secretary's Report

Phil presented his report as follows:

- The road race award winners have been submitted for the engraver, who will probably have received the shields from Steve and Lynn Hudson by the time of the meeting. Invites for the presentation evening (Friday 10<sup>th</sup> January 2024) have been sent out to all relevant parties.
- For the 2025 series, the Boddington 10 is full and a waiting list is in operation. Entries for the Berkeley Fission 20 are open. To date, there are no other changes to the series and as event dates are confirmed, these will be added.
- We have not had a definitive response from England Athletics on affiliation requirement for inclusion in the County Series, after the enquiry from Cheltenham Running Club but have replied to say: our position is that it will be necessary. An England Athletics contact has been passed on to the club chair in the hope that the affiliation issue may be resolved.
- I am yet to issue the 2025 versions of the series rules and County Championships race eligibility guidelines, but will do so in due course. I'll also issue a reminder to all clubs specifically over the age category change option (for those eligible) and County Champs Race eligibility (mentioning to hosting clubs that this must be included as a check-box on race entry).
- Haresfield 5k may not take place in 2025.
- Lynn Hudson kindly volunteered to do the food at the Awards evening.

## 8. Awards

### **Anthony Lancaster Memorial Award (which honours the best track performance by a County senior and/or veteran runner)**

- The committee decide on this.
- We had no nominations. Arthur went through the Power of 10 rankings. The names therefore put forward were :  
Tracey Hinxman (Glouceser AC)  
Annie Tester (Birchfield)  
Ben Robinson (Bristol)
- After discussion, Ben Robinson was selected by those presented.

### **Bob Hussey Memorial Award – (presented to the county young athlete putting up the best track performance of the season for 2024. Pat and Andrew Hussey will decide on the recipient of this award)**

- The two nominations are:  
Jack Shinglar (under 13 boy) – A member of Cheltenham & County Harriers he has had a fantastic season, so many track highlights it is tough to decide which is the best overall performance. His range of distances goes from 1 mile down to 600m. His 1 mile time of 4:54.54 is ranked number 1 in the Power of 10 rankings.

Olivia Avery (under15 girl) – A member of Gloucester Ac. Her range of distances goes from 3000m down to 800m. This year she won a YDL 1500m race by over 30 seconds. She has taken 16 secs off her 800m PB and 7secs off her 1500m PB

- These names will be passed to Pat and Andrew Hussey for them to decide the winner.

#### **9. Track and Field Championships 2025**

- Arthur proposes that it be held on Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> May. This is the UKA suggested weekend. The venue will be at Blackbridge, Gloucester. The POW stadium at Cheltenham is still not up to standard.

**Everyone present agreed on this date.**

- All events will be on one day again.
- With regards to the 10000m Championship. A suggestion was raised to incorporate it into an out of the County event such as Midland Counties AAA Championships. **This was accepted by those present.**
- With regards to the 3000m, a suggestion was made to incorporate it into the Gloucester AC Open event on 27<sup>th</sup> April. **This was accepted.**
- With regards to the 5000m, a suggestion was made to incorporate it into one of the Midsummer Open meetings organised by Cheltenham and County Harriers. **This was also accepted.**
- Arthur has e-mailed the three people who worked on entries last year asking if they will continue and have one volunteer to recruit officials.

#### **10. Any Other Business**

- Possible cancellation of the 3<sup>rd</sup> fixture at Bath on 7<sup>th</sup> Dec.. The course will be marked on Saturday and the decision made in the evening as to whether the fixture will go ahead. After discussion it was decided that if the race is cancelled, 75% of the entry fees for those who have just paid for Race 3 and there would be no refunds to those who have already paid for all 4.
- SW XC Champs – these will be held on 04/01/2025. Our county selectors will use County Schools and the 2 league races that have taken place so far for the younger age groups. For the Seniors, selectors will use the Birmingham League results, the 2 league fixtures that have taken place and the Midland League Champs.
- If the Bath fixture is cancelled then the County Champs could be held within the 4<sup>th</sup> league fixture at Pitville Park

**The fixture at Bath did in fact go ahead.**

- Rowland Gibbard would like to put a Race Directors Course in Gloucester as not many race directors have done a course. It will be an England Athletics run course. This course highlights the need of holding events on closed roads. Most events in the County do not operate a closed road policy.

#### **11. Date of Next Meeting**

- The next meeting will be held on Friday 7<sup>th</sup> February 2025.

There being no more business, the meeting closed at 21:00.