

Gloucestershire Amateur Athletics Association

Executive Committee Meeting

Held at the Gala Club, Gloucester

On Friday 5th September 2025

1. Present

Arthur Daley, Andy Hawkins, Phil Jeyes, Terry Haines, Martin Brook, Helen Pemberton, Derrick Lord

Apologies

Elliot Prince, Andrew Kaighan, Rachel Vines, Mandy Neufeild, Steve Hudson, Lynn Hudson, Chris Yates

2. Agreement of the Minutes

It was agreed that the minutes from Friday 13th June 2025 as accurate.

3. Matters Arising

- None

4. Treasurer's Report

- Rachel sent her apologies. Her report is as follows:

BANK RECONCILIATION

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| • 1 OCTOBER 2024 TO 30 SEPTEMBER 2025 | • Per statement 08/04/2025 42,009.23 |
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| • Opening bank balance 32,333.97 | • Unreconciled payment -11.60 |
| • Income 16,095.00 | • Balance per I&E statement 41,997.63 |
| • Expenditure -7,617.84 | • Diff -0.30 |
| • 40,811.13 | • Opening bank balance 41,997.33 |
| • Per statement 05/02/2025 40,823.03 | • Income 2,961.57 |
| • Unreconciled payment -11.60 | • Expenditure -4,892.48 |
| • Balance per I&E statement 40,811.43 | • 40,066.42 |
| • Diff -0.30 | • Per statement 1/09/25 40,078.32 |
| • Opening bank balance 40,811.13 | • Unreconciled payment -11.60 |
| • Income 1,968.00 | • Balance per I&E statement 40,066.72 |
| • Expenditure -781.80 | • Diff -0.30 |
| • 41,997.33 | |

- Clubs that are paid up for 2025 on affiliation fees, there are: Angels, Bourton, Chelt Harriers, CLC, Cirencester, Dursley, FOD, Gloucester, RSE, Stroud, Tewkesbury AC, Severn AC, Western Tempo
- I have not had aff fees from: Almost athletes (Philip - perhaps you could mention your end), NCTR.
- I have had £35 from New Berkeley Harriers which I assume someone has told them to pay, should have been £30 but I do not have any details to correct.
- Arthur mentioned that we should have some kind of Audit and also that we should have 2 signatories as well as the Treasurer.

5. Chairman's Report

- Elliot Prince is collecting some medals for XC relay championships on 27/09/25 to be hosted by Cheltenham Harriers at Plock Court.
- Photo electric timing could be trialled at the relays and then to be brought in ready for the Cross Country League. 2 x I Pads are required. 1 x I Pad is required for video recording.
- Chip timing will not be used for the for the cross country season at a cost of £6,000.

6. Cross Country Report

- Martin Brook presented his report at the meeting.
- *The fixtures for the upcoming season are as follows:*
- *Event 1 Sunday October 12th 2025 Tinkley Gate National Trust, Nympsfield, Stroud – Thanks to Stroud and District Athletics Club for hosting and thanks goes to the National Trust for allowing us to use this new and interesting course. The National Trust have laid out a hilly 10km trail route with monthly free entry informal runs on the 4th Sunday of the month.*
- *Event 2 Saturday November 1st 2025 Cirencester Park – Thanks for Running somewhere Else Cirencester and Bathurst Estate for hosting. The courses will be based on last year's successful races.*
- *Event 3 Sunday December 14th 2025 University of Bath – This will be the County Championships in combination with Avon, Somerset and Wiltshire. Team bath are lead organisers and thanks to the University for hosting.*
- *Event 4 Saturday February 14th 2026 Pitville Park Cheltenham – Thanks to Cheltenham and County Harriers for organising this event and the Borough Council for hosting this traditional end of the season finale.*
- *Timetables for each date will be published in due course.*

- *Thanks to Steve and Lynn Hudson for their long service in providing the results service for many years.*
- *Another special note of the thanks to Wendy Sutton and Helen Pemberton. Wendy has retired from the post-race results production and Helen is away for the first event so some assistance will be needed.*
- *The possibility of using chip timing was considered and quotations sought but in consultation with Arthur, it was agreed that this was too costly.*
- *This season's entries and results will be via Entry4Sports. There have been a few teething issues with one outstanding regarding county affiliation but there was a useful meeting with Wendy and Helen to discuss details with Paul Day from Entrt4Sports.*
- *Arrangements for officials and their refreshments need to be progressed.*
- *Thanks to Arthur for helping me in my first year of being cross country secretary and doing the booking for first aid and portaloos. Also for the purchase of a timing mat for timing finishers which will be matched to bib numbers which will be manually entered into the Entry4Sports software.*

7. Road Race Series Co-ordinators Report

- Phil's report is as follows:
- *As of the beginning of September, the first seven events have been completed.*
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| Boddington 10 | | 28-Jan | completed |
| Berkeley Fission 20 | | 23-Mar | completed |
| Bourton One Mile | cc | 10-May | completed |
| Stroud Beer Race | | 28-May | completed |
| Cirencester 10k | | 9-Jun | completed |
| Blaisdon 10k | | July | completed |
| Bugatti 10k | | 6-Aug | completed |
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| Cranham Boundary Chase | | 6-Sep | entries open |
| Angels 10k | cc | 15-Sep | entries open |
| Bourton Half | cc | 29-Sep | entries open |
| Sharpness 4 | | 12-Oct | entries open |
| Guy Fawkes 5 | | 2-Nov | entries open |
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- *Dates have been conformed for the remaining races and entries are open.*
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- *I'm yet to make progress on the removal of points for clubs – and associated competitors – not affiliated to the county association. Besides Tewkesbury Allrunners, I do not have confirmation of the withdrawal (or non-affiliation) of other clubs.*
- *I plan to schedule the 2025 awards presentation evening for Friday 9th January 2026 and will make the necessary booking request for the Civic Suite at Gloucester Docks in due course, assuming the date is agreeable with the committee.*
- *I will also commence drafting up a race series for 2026. I expect it to largely follow the 2025 series subject to the following:*

- *age category to be determined by age on the day of the first race (CLC Striders have provisionally scheduled the Boddington 10 for 25th January)*
- *Confirmation of the Berkeley 10k for 2026 (rotation with the Bugatti 10k). There are some doubts with this race.*
- *Whether Bourton RR wish to have the Bourton One Mile as a county championship event. There are some doubts with this race.*
- *Fairford 10k to 'rotate in' for the Cirencester 10k*
- *Sharpness 4 clashes with the first Cross Country fixture at Nympsfield.*
- *North Cotswold Tri Runners are not to be affiliated.*
- *Tetbury Dolphins are only a social running club and not too be affiliated.*
- *There is potentially a 5k race to be staged at Bishops Cleeve.*

8. Age Group Change

- There are now 5 age groups instead of 4, U12, U14, 16, 18 AND U20.
- Gloucester AC had a recent meeting. Arthur reported "We discussed the new age groups at the meeting last night and the club are happy for Gloucestershire AAA to incorporate events into Gloucester AC open meetings and believe that the number of competitors won't change much, so have no concerns going forward."

No other feedback yet.

9. Privately Promoted Road Races

- Terry Haines is not happy that private companies are putting on races and charging high prices and putting nothing back into the sport.
- Terry feels they have no interest in athletics just to make a profit.
- Terry suggests that the County writes to the private companies to see if they can make a financial contribution to the County AAAs. He is concerned that the Prince of Wales Stadium, which was built to be in the regions premier facility but has been out of 2-3 years.
- After a discussion it was decided that Terry will pursue this matter on behalf of the County.

10. Any Other Business

- None

11. Date of Next Meeting

- The next meeting will be held on Friday 7th November 2025 at 20:00. This is the

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- There being no more business, the meeting closed at 21:05