

GLOUCESTERSHIRE AMATEUR ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION

MINUTES OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

HELD ON FRIDAY 10TH APRIL 2026

Everyone was welcomed by the Chairman, Arthur Daley.

1. **Present**

Arthur Daley, Lynn Hudson, Steve Hudson, Andy Hawkins, Andrew Kaighin, Elliot Prince, Philip Jeyes, Derrick Lord, Martin Brooke, Mandy Neufield, Chris Yates, Albert Gardner, Samantha Watts

Apologies

Rachel Vines, Helen Pemberton

2. **Agreement of the Minutes**

It was agreed that the minutes from Friday 20th February 2026 as accurate.

3. **Matters Arising**

- None

4. **Cross Country Secretary's Report**

Phil's report was distributed prior to the meeting:

Provisional Plan for Gloucestershire Cross Country League 2026/27:

Sat 10th or Sun 11th 2026 October — Tinkley Gate – Stroud and District AC (Probably Sun 11th October as Gwent League is likely to be 10th October)

Sat 31st October 2026 – Cirencester Park– Running Somewhere Else AC Guy Fawkes 5 is Sun 1st Nov

Sun 13th December 2026 – Bath University – Team Bath AC

Sat 20th February 2027– Pittville Park – Cheltenham and County Harriers AC

It is proposed to use Tempo Events for chip timing and to produce results based on a recommendation from the Oxfordshire League. We'll need to ensure people retain their bib numbers with their chip if possible or think about new chips for each race? They charge £550 per event plus travel expenses. They may not be able to cover the first event, but these can be processed manually. We can use Entry4Sports for entries and bib number allocation as long as some issues like County allocation are streamlined. A face-to-face meeting is to be arranged with Temp Events. Martin Brooke will do some research regarding the system to be used for entries.

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Gloucestershire CC Rules 2026 onwards:

1. Rules

1. These rules will be applied as appropriate to GAAA CC Championships and any other cross-country event organised by GAAA.

2. Registration

1. The registration system may be chosen by the Cross-Country Secretary. All competitors will be issued with a number card.

2. Changes to personal details may be made before the closing entry date on any website used or in writing at Registration before the race start.

3. Any requests for changes to the provisional race results must be submitted for consideration to the cross-country secretary within 5 days following the publication on www.Athletics4u.co.uk. The Referee will be asked to make a decision if the request relates to UKA Rules. It must be noted that UKA rules state that the athlete is responsible for the accuracy of the information they provide to registration.

4. The cross-country secretary's or Referee's decision on any change requested will be final.

3. Age Groups

1. Age groupings for all but Masters categories are as defined by UKA rules.

2. Male and female Masters are 35 or over on the date of the first County Championship which is usually the third planned event of the season in the League. They remain in this age group for the whole of the season including the first two meetings.

3. Individual Masters awards are given in 5-year age groups; for example, M40 covers male athletes aged 40, 41, 42, 43 and 44.

4. We will only promote U12 and upwards events.

5. Athletes in the U12, U14, U16 U18 age groups usually may only compete in the appropriate category and will be scored individually accordingly.

6. The referee can give permission for athletes in the U12, U14, U16 U18 age groups to compete in a higher age group if the distance of that race is not more than the maximum for that age group. Any athlete doing so will not be eligible for any individual award or score in

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a team. 1 Adopted for 2023/24 season onwards. 3 7. The U20 competition is held within the Senior race; runners will remain in their age group for Gloucestershire Cross Country League individual and team competition, but may also be included in the Senior age group team competition. 8. Males aged 65 or over compete in the approximately 6k race. All other rules apply. 9. Males over 65 may opt to “down age” and race in the approximately 10k race as a M60. They cannot compete in both races on the same day but may opt for different races at successive meetings. Competition within the approximately 10k race is taken as evidence of a decision to down age and the referee's consent is not required. 10. Results from male longer 10k and shorter 6k races cannot be combined.

4. Team Competition

1. All competitors must wear Club or School vests. Failure to do so may mean disqualification unless the referee or a registration official acting with delegated permission accepts a request to run in a non-club or non-school vest.
2. There are team competitions for each age group except Masters where one team for men and one for women will cover all Masters age groups. Male Masters aged 65 and above who compete in the 6k race will also constitute another Masters team competition.
3. Masters may also score in the appropriate Senior Men/Women team.
4. In the senior men's competition, the six highest placed individuals will score for the team result. The race position including U20's and Masters is used for this. Runners belonging to age groups (usually U18/M & W) but running in approximately 10k and 6k races and not permitted to make up the senior men's or women's teams will not score when determining the senior men's, women's and master's teams.
5. In the men's Master's competition, the four highest placed athletes will make a scoring team. The position in the combined Masters age groups is used for this.
6. In all the other age groups the three highest placed athletes will make a scoring team. The position of the runner in the age group is used for this.
7. Scoring for all teams will be on the lowest aggregate system.
8. Only first claim runners may score in a team.

5. League Awards

1. For individuals and teams, the basis will be best three scores from the 4 races.
2. Individuals and teams equal on points share the placing.

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The Cross-Country Report including amendments to the Cross Country Rules were accepted by those present.

5a – To agree arrangements for the Track and Field Championship Day

- i. Medals for the Track and Field Championships (and the Road Race Championships) have been ordered at a cost of about £850.
- ii. Entries opened on Roster on Monday.
- iii. We are still awaiting replies from several officials. If we do not get positive replies we may have to cancel a field event.

5b – To agree Sunday 14th June 2026 at Gloucester for the Hammer Throw Championship

- i. Crispian Webb and myself have tried to find a date for the Hammer Championship to be held at Cheltenham. We have not been successful as the infield has several regular bookings and the throwing cage at Cheltenham POWS is now out of action.

However, a new date of Friday 12th June 2026 at Gloucester Blackbridge was proposed.

Both Item 5a and Item 5b were agreed by those present.

6. Road Race Secretary's Report

- The first three races of the series are completed and we have dates confirmed for the next three, with provisional dates for the remaining events. The series table has been updated and I am monitoring the other events for entry opening (and closing) dates.
- The Jenner Jog 10k was a well-received new introduction to the series; with an additional 10k on the calendar I will look at how the various 10k events are rotated; seven events from which to allocate four slots:
Jenner Jog 10k new addition
Berkeley 10k rotated with the Bugatti 10k until now
Fairford 10k presently rotated with the Cirencester 10k
Cirencester Sizzler 10k presently rotated with the Fairford 10k
Blaisdon 10k every year – county champs rotated with the Angels 10k
Bugatti 10k rotated with the Berkeley 10k until now
Angels 10k every year – county champs rotated with the Blaisdon 10k
- The next event is the Bourton One Mile, a county championship race. The organisers / host clubs of the county championship races (including the Blaisdon 10k and Bourton Half Marathon) have all been reminded of the need to include a field for eligibility in entry forms.

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- I will be available to hand out medals for the Bourton One Mile and, if necessary, for the Blaisdon 10k. However, I am away on the date of the Bourton Half Marathon.
- Remaining Road race series schedule (cc denotes County Championship):

Date (2026)	Race	Host
8 May (cc)	Bourton One Mile	Bourton Road Runners
27 May	Stroud Beer Race	Stroud AC
7 Jun	Fairford 10k	Running Somewhere Else
14 Jul (cc)	Blaisdon 10k	Forest of Dean AC
5 Sep	Cranham Boundary Chase	Severn AC
13 Sep	Angels 10k	Angels RC
27 Sep (cc)	Bourton Half Marathon	Bourton Road Runners
4 Oct	Sharpness 4	Dursley RC
1 Nov	Guy Fawkes 5	Tewkesbury RC

The Road Race Report was agreed by all present.

- It has been decided in the past not to have a commercial race in the Road Race Series. At the next meeting we will discuss whether we are going to have commercially organised races in the Road Race Series and what affiliation to charge.

7. Terry Haines Memorial Service

- A reminder was announced that the memorial service will be held on 19th April 2026 at 15:00 at Gloucester Cathedral.

8. Any Other Business

- County Championships Entries – Entries for the County Championships have been set up on Roster, much as they were in 2025. The system has been improved so that competitions from a previous year can be 'cloned'. This year's process took a little longer than normal with the new age categories being introduced and ensuring that the system included the correct ages for the correct age groups. Entries are coming on well and will continue until a week before the competition.
- Sportshall Athletics League – The Gloucestershire Sportshall Athletics League again provided a great platform for athletes to compete in a fun, friendly, team environment in the year that George Bunner, the founder, sadly passed away. Athletes from Cheltenham and County Harriers, Cirencester AC, Dursley RC, Gloucester AC, Stroud AC, Swindon Harriers and Yate AC all competed with a healthy number of athletes overall. The league continues to comprise of 3 meetings in

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November and December, with this being used to help select a county team to represent Gloucestershire in the regional and intercounty championships, which this year were held in Taunton. This year, a new scoring system were introduced for all age groups. Much as the league had in its infancy, a team of people from across the clubs is now supporting the running of the league and the scoring system will be further refined for this coming season. We are also moving to a stage where results can be recorded and processed purely on electronic devices, without the need for lots of printing and paper.

- **Treasurers Report** – Rachel sent her apologies for not being present at the meeting. Below is her report:

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BANK RECONCILIATION

1 OCTOBER 2025 TO 30 SEPTEMBER 2026

Opening bank balance	38,882.53
Income	16,054.00
Expenditure	-
	5,999.97

	48,936.56
Per statement (15/02/2026)	48,948.16
Unreconciled payment	-11.60
Balance per I&E statement	48,936.56
Difference	0.00

Opening bank balance	48,936.56
Income	1,213.00
Expenditure	-
	1,576.42

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	48,573.14
Per statement (07/04/2026)	48,584.74
Unreconciled payment	-11.60
Balance per I&E statement	48,573.14
Difference	0.00

Treasurer's Report was accepted by those present.

- Arthur proposed to purchase photo finish equipment and to train people how to use it. Whatever we get will be mobile. The cost will be approx. £22k shared between the County, Gloucester AC and Cheltenham Harriers. There is a UKA course for photo officials. We could hire out the equipment to recoup some money. We also need to consider maintenance and storage.

9. Dates of Next Meeting

- The date of the next meeting will be Friday 12th June 2026 at the Gloucester Blackbridge Sports Hub.

There being no other business the Chairman closed the meeting at 21:05