

GLOUCESTERSHIRE AMATEUR ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION
MINUTES OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING
HELD AT THE GALA CLUB, FAIRMILE GARDENS, TEWKESBURY ROAD, GLOUCESTER
ON FRIDAY 1ST JUNE 2018

Present:	Sandra Ennis	Chair
	Norman Lane	Vice-Chair
	Georgina Emile	Angels RC
	Norman Wilson	Gloucester AC
	Anne Wilson	Beyond the Limitations
	Arthur Daley	Cross-country Secretary
	Elliot Prince	Cheltenham & County Harriers
	Julie Walford	Stroud & District AC
	Geoff Trueman	Stroud & District AC
	Mick Morris	Secretary
Apologies:	Rachel Vines	Treasurer
	Andy Hawkins	Cross-country Team Manager
	Albert Gardiner	Education & Welfare Secretary
	Lucinda Blandford	Tewkesbury RC
	Ruth Fulford	Cirencester AC
	Lynn Hudson	Road Race Series Co-ordinator
	Steve Hudson	Deputy Road Race Series Co-Ord
	Andrew Beadle	Cheltenham & County Harriers
	Phil Lucker	Running Revolutions
	Ian Willoughby	Coaching Secretary
Jo Willoughby	Gloucester AC	

ITEM 1. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

1. The minutes of the executive committee meeting held on Friday 16th March 2018 were accepted as a true record with the following amendment:

ITEM 14 – South West Road Running Championships – the meeting on 16 March 2018 agreed that the county would pay the entry fees for both a ladies and men’s team to represent the county in this event.

ITEM 2. MATTERS ARISING

2. There were no matters arising.

ITEM 3. CHAIR’S REPORT.

3. Sandra Ennis welcomed everyone to the meeting. Sandra offered a very big thank you to everyone who officiated or helped at our very successful county track and field championships. Bob Purcell and his team made us very welcome as did Gloucester AC who provided the refreshments both for competitors and officials. We had great feedback from athletes and parents of the younger athletes who had thoroughly enjoyed both days and especially appreciated going home with medals

or certificates or in many cases both. One particular lad who was at our championships 2 years ago and arrived in a wheelchair at that time this year walked into the club house and filled out his own entry. He had also been free from pneumonia this year when previously he would have had at least 2/3 bouts this year so as you can imagine his parents were overjoyed at the improvements his athletics had made. Numbers went up again this year and I commented to Mick that at the rate we are going we will soon be holding the championships over 3 days instead of 2. There have been a few comments concerning possible changes so would you please consult your club members, mainly I think senior athletes, and let Mick know of any suggestions you have. One suggestion I know of was for vets/masters to be able to throw their own weights. Just a quick reminder that for our next meeting on 3rd August Lynn and Steve would like people to put forward their road race details so that we are able to make an early decision on what events will be included in the 2019 road race series. Norman Lane said that the championships were a brilliant event. The officials were offering guidance to new throwers which was a great help to them and many of the Bourton athletes felt this greatly enhanced their enjoyment of the event and was very welcome. Sandra then closed her report by reminding everyone that we are now looking forward to Part 3 of the county track and field championships in Cheltenham on 7th September 2018 and then the cross-country season. She recommended everyone should make sure they have a good rest at some time during the summer.

ITEM 4. TREASURER'S REPORT

4. Rachel Vines was unable to attend the meeting but had sent in the following report. The brought forward balance has changed as I had double counted a receipt into the bank last time. In summary since that meeting we have taken £1865.80 and spent £4021.57. I have added on the deposit that we paid for the park for the cross-country as this should not be cashed as I have not heard that there was any damage. This leaves £4921.39 on the ledger in the current account. We still have c£12k in the savings account. Looking back over the records, there are a few clubs that do not appear to have paid their affiliation fees for this year. I will chase these up.

ITEM 5. SECRETARY'S REPORT

5. Mick Morris commenced his report by saying that he wished to record a massive vote of thanks to the officials who turned out at this year's track and field championships. We only had a limited number available and they all performed magnificently. Without their flexibility and co-operation we would not have had such a successful event and we are very lucky with the people we have in this county who turn out so regularly for our events. There were some lessons to be learnt from allocation of officials at this year's event in terms of event allocation as one unfortunate individual worked throughout the Sunday with barely any break. There have been proposals presented to the county for one of the long throws to be moved from Sunday to Saturday to hopefully make things a bit more comfortable in this regard so once we have all comments in we will revisit the timetabling to take all this into account. The overall number of entrants this year was slightly up on that from previous years which was great to see but the main improvement was the great increase in the number of pre-entrants. That makes such a difference to the on the day administration as we are then able to have most of the start list detail entered before the day and Mick asked that a big thank you be passed on to the clubs for facilitating this. Other important occurrences since the last meeting have been the changes to data protection legislation and all club secretaries should have received email guidance from UKA in respect of this. To close Mick mentioned that the closing date for entries for the South West track and field championships in Exeter on Sunday 22nd July 2018 was understood to be 15th July 2018. Mick requested that clubs advise their athletes of this to avoid

potential disappointment if anyone misses the deadline. The county will be looking to send a team manager down to issue county vests to those representing us. However, athletes should be aware that they must enter themselves as the county are not able to enter athletes. The county then select those to represent them from a list of entrants provided by the SW championships organisers.

ITEM 6. CROSS-COUNTRY SECRETARY'S REPORT

6. Arthur Daley presented a proposal to the meeting to raise the entry fees for the Gloucestershire Cross-country League beginning with the 2018/19 season. The aim of the increases is to (1) encourage people to pre-enter and (2) to help cover the increases we are experiencing in the costs for hire of venues. In terms of the costs we are being charged more than before for venue hire, first aid, hire of portaloos and re-seeding of damaged ground. After discussion the fees were agreed as follows:

Seniors/Masters:

On line and paper entries for all four races: £12.00

On line entries for an individual race: £5.00

On the day entries: £6.00

Young Athletes:

On line and paper entries for all four races: £9.00

On line entries for an individual race: £3.00

On the day entries: £4.00.

Clubs:

For clubs who wish to pay for their members to race in the league a club entry fee of £400.00 for the season.

The following further proposals were also agreed:

Under 20 races would be kept to the same arrangements as were in place for the 2017/18 season. For individual awards scoring will be on the lowest aggregate system in all age groups and will use the position of the runner in the age group and not the race.

For team awards the position in the race will continue to be used as in previous seasons.

The full updated rules will be available on the county website shortly.

The currently agreed venues and dates for the 2018/19 season are as follows:

Saturday 13 October 2018 – Old Down Country Park (Stroud to host).

Saturday 3 November 2018 – Charlton Park (Chippenham H to host).

Sunday 9 December 2018 – Wotton Parc, Wotton under Edge (Dursley to host).

Sunday 17 February 2019 – Pittville Park, Cheltenham (Cheltenham &CH to host).

County Championships – Saturday 5 January 2019 – Rendcombe College (Cirencester to host).

Following completion of the cross-country matters Arthur requested agreement to a slight amendment to the road race organisers information sheet that was agreed by the association many years ago. Although Arthur's appointment as permit officer is no longer a county appointment but is done by the governing body he felt that it was important we knew what was being put out as many people will not understand the distinction and will automatically assume it is a county matter.

The additional wording is added at the end of the part advising race organisers to contact Gloucestershire Highways and the police regarding their event and recommends that races do not start taking entries until the route has at least outline planning permission. Some discussion then ensued on whether such guidance needed to be available. Mick Morris said that there were always new race organisers coming on the scene and although they were sometimes taking over established events they often asked the county if there was anything they needed to be aware of. They would then be referred to Arthur so it was good that (1) the advice was available and (2) that the county were aware of what form that advice took. The change of wording was therefore agreed.

ITEM 7. EDUCATION AND WELFARE SECRETARY'S REPORT.

7. Albert Gardiner was unable to attend the meeting but had advised the secretary that there was nothing available to report on at this time.

ITEM 8. ROAD RACE SERIES CO-ORDINATOR'S REPORT

8. Neither Lynn Hudson or Steve Hudson were available for this meeting. The only matter they wished raised was to remind people, as mentioned in the Chair's report, that they should notify details of any of their races that they wished to see included in the series for next year to the meeting on 3 August 2018. This may be done at the meeting or they may contact Lynn, Steve, or Mick Morris prior to the meeting.

ITEM 9. TRACK AND FIELD CHAMPIONSHIPS WASH-UP & PROPOSAL TO MOVE JAVELIN FROM SUNDAY PROGRAMME OF EVENTS TO THE SATURDAY ONE

9. Mick Morris advised that following Parts 1 and 2 of our track and field championships on 12/13 May 2018 concern had been expressed at the overrun of the field programme on the Sunday. It was proposed that to alleviate this and to ensure that field officials on the Sunday part had suitable and sufficient breaks during the day that we should move the javelin events from Sunday to Saturday. It was also proposed that we hold a non-hurdles track event between the sprint hurdles events for the younger age groups and the sprint hurdles events for under 20 and senior age groups. It was felt this would allow more time for the hurdles to be set to the higher settings for the 100 metres and 110 metres events without officials being unduly rushed. An event that primarily used the inside few lanes would be the best one to take place to facilitate this change so we would look to move a middle distance event to this slot in the timetable. After discussion it was decided that we would ask clubs for their comments on these proposals and ask them to notify any further suggestions for improvements that they may have in time for our 3 August meeting before making a final decision. Clubs and individuals within the county are therefore requested to contact the secretary prior to 3 August (or to attend that meeting) with (1) any suggestions they have regarding the county track and field championships, and (2) any views they may have on the above two proposals.

ITEM 10. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

10. OFFICIALS COURSES. Elliot Prince advised that there would be a field officials course and a health and safety course at the Prince of Wales Stadium in Cheltenham on 1st July 2018. Costs were £20.00 for field and £10.00 for H&S. On 30 June 2018 a Leader in Athletics course would be held at the stadium from 1000 hrs to 1300 hrs cost £50.00. This is a good course for those looking to take

their first steps into coaching as it allows them to work under an experienced coach and gain confidence and experience plus find out what is involved before committing themselves to the time and expense of full coaching training.

ITEM 11. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

11. The next Gloucestershire AAA executive committee meeting will be held on Friday 3rd August 2018 at the Gala Club, Fairmile Gardens, Tewkesbury Road, Gloucester commencing at 8.00 p.m.

MICK MORRIS
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