

GLOUCESTERSHIRE AMATEUR ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION
MINUTES OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING
HELD AT THE GALA CLUB, FAIRMILE GARDENS, TEWKESBURY ROAD, GLOUCESTER
ON FRIDAY 3rd AUGUST 2018

Present:	Sandra Ennis	Chair
	Norman Lane	Vice-Chair
	Georgina Emile	Angels RC
	Andy Hawkins	Cross-country Team Manager
	John Anderson	Life Member
	Elizabeth Anthony	Angels RC
	Rachel Vines	Treasurer
	Lynn Hudson	Road Race Series Co-ordinator
	Steve Hudson	Deputy Road Race Series Co-ordinator
	Ian Willoughby	Coaching Secretary
	Mick Morris	Secretary
Apologies:	Derrick Lord	Cheltenham & County Harriers
	Arthur Daley	Cross-country Secretary
	Albert Gardiner	Education & Welfare Secretary
	Lucinda Blandford	Tewkesbury RC
	Ruth Fulford	Cirencester AC
	Elliot Prince	Cheltenham & County Harriers
	Norman Wilson	Gloucester AC
	Anne Wilson	Beyond the Limitations
	Julie Walford	Stroud & District AC

ITEM 1. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

1. The minutes of the executive committee meeting held on Friday 1st June 2018 were accepted as a true record.

ITEM 2. MATTERS ARISING

2. There were no matters arising.

ITEM 3. CHAIR'S REPORT.

3. Sandra Ennis welcomed everyone to the meeting and said: I trust you are all coping with the heat and not finding it too tiring. However, I would appreciate it staying dry at least for Part 3 of the county championships at the Prince of Wales Stadium on 7th September when I hope you will all be present plus as many helpers as you can find to make the evening run as smooth as possible. That will conclude our track and field events so onward to the cross-country season with the first fixture on Saturday 13th October at Old Down Country Park unless there have been any updates which I am sure Arthur will confirm later. Our next meeting will be the AGM so I am reminding you all to speak to your clubs as we will be looking for the recipient of our annual achievement award. You may also

have some suggestions for Pat regarding the Bob Hussey Memorial Award for the best track performance of the season. Regarding road races you may remember that Steve and Lynn requested at the June meeting that race organisers submit their race details by the end of August in order for next year's fixture list to be released as early as possible so anyone who has not yet done so would you please make that a priority. Whilst helping at Norman's 5km race at Haresfield a couple from a local club asked if it was possible for some of the very popular race organisers to hold back some places for local runners (e.g. Linda Franks) as when they apply they are told it is full within hours/days of entries opening. Well I have said enough so will see you all on 7th September. Libby from Angles RC said that she always holds back a few places so that people are able to approach her to see if a place can be allocated to them if they find entries are said to be full when they try and enter. Other organisers may well do the same.

ITEM 4. TREASURER'S REPORT

4. Rachel Vines said that the balance on the current account at the time of our last meeting was £4921.39. Since then there has been very little business other than the purchase of medals for the upcoming road relays and Part 3 county champions and the current account balance is therefore now at £3724.56.

ITEM 5. SECRETARY'S REPORT

5. Mick Morris reported that there had been a very good Gloucestershire turn out at the South West Track and Field championships in Exeter. The organisers were very pleased with support from the county and many of our athletes medalled, including a number of multiple medal winners. The highlight for me was the delight on the face of Oliver Keitley of Gloucester AC who jumped a 60 cm PB to win the U17 triple jump. Oliver said this has given him confidence in achieving the England Schools qualifying distance for next season which indicates that athletes can gain many different things from going to these events. For the senior inter-counties in Manchester the abiding memory is of the horrendous travel difficulties experienced by everyone. When they finally got there our athletes all performed very well with the highlight being Tim Williams finishing 2nd in the Hammer and thereby taking home the England Athletics and Inter-counties medals for that event. Most athletes struggled to cope with the very difficult throwing conditions so it is a testament to Tim's competitive instincts that he was able to get close to his season's best and manage so well. Other county performances were Jacob Lange, 8th Hammer, Natasha Smith of Stroud, 4th High Jump, Dan Owen of Cheltenham, 5th 3000m S/C, Yvette Westwood of Yate, 7th in 200m, semi finalist in 100m, and Zoe Wassell of Stroud, 11th in the 1500m. I attended the UK CAU AGM on the Saturday and they said they had been disappointed, as had England Athletics, with the entries and spectator numbers for this event and were therefore considering maybe returning to Bedford for next year. They also reiterated that they were keen to attract new people to their committee, especially younger ones. By younger they said even 50 or 60 year olds qualify in that sense compared with the majority of those on the committee at present. If anyone is interested please let me know and I will put them in touch with the UK CAU people. Peter Matthews who has been President for a few years now mentioned that he could be stepping down and that his replacement will be Jenny Meadows the retired 800m runner.

ITEM 6. CROSS-COUNTRY SECRETARY'S REPORT

6. Arthur Daley apologised for not being able to attend this meeting but had forwarded the following report. There have not been any changes to the previously agreed venues and dates for the 2018/19 season which are listed below. Entries for the league will open around 15th August 2018 and that will be online and post. We have had enquiries about joining the league from two new clubs.

Venues and dates:

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).

Steve Hudson reported that the new points scoring system that we were looking to introduce for the 2018/19 season has been tested and looks OK.

ITEM 7. EDUCATION AND WELFARE SECRETARY'S REPORT.

7. Albert Gardiner was also unable to attend the meeting but had submitted the following report for the secretary to read. Three officials' courses have been held this year and Albert needs to follow up participants to ensure that they submit documents for accreditation. The county list of officials seems to be depleting. The next course is scheduled for 7th October 2018 at the Prince of Wales Stadium in Cheltenham and timekeeping and starters modules have been confirmed. There is still time to add further modules should there be sufficient interest. Gloucestershire has been selected to pilot a new scheme where athletes will be sponsored to become officials through being allocated a mentor and then taken through an accelerated qualification process. There have not been any safeguarding incidents in the past year and Albert will continue to act as verifier to those applying for a DBS.

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

8. Lynn and Steve Hudson reported that the series race results were being published promptly after the completion of events. The next two races in the series are the Bugatti next Wednesday and the Angels 10 km in September. Mick Morris advised that Cirencester had asked for their Summer Sizzler race to be considered for the series for 2019 as it is likely to be their only road race next year. The date for the event is Wednesday 12th June 2019.

ITEM 9. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

9. DATE OF AUGUST COMMITTEE MEETING. Mick Morris suggested that perhaps we should move our August executive committee meeting into September to avoid the clash with the holiday period and hopefully allow more people to attend. After discussion it was agreed that we would schedule this committee meeting for the 2nd Friday in September for future years.

ITEM 10. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

10. The next meeting of the Gloucestershire AAA will be the 2018 Annual General Meeting which will be held on Friday 9th November 2018 at the Gala Club, Fairmile Gardens, Tewkesbury Road, Gloucester commencing at 8.00 p.m. Clubs are reminded that nominations for the annual athletics achievement award should be submitted in time for this meeting as that will be when we decide who to give the award to for 2018. Nominations should be forwarded to the Hon Sec.

MICK MORRIS
Hon Sec