

ESSEX COUNTY ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION - A.G.M on 7th December 2009

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting of the Essex County Athletic Association held on Monday 7th December 2009 in the club house of Chelmsford Athletic Club, Chelmsford.

1a) Present:

P. Cassidy (Chairman), J. Weir (Treasurer), P. Sketchley (Secretary), L. Bates, P. Bates, J. Cork, P. Dawson, R. Dawson, D. Ferguson, C. Hopkins, E. Jones, R. Meadowcroft, K. Merrywest, P. Merrywest, D. Mullane, C. Rolewicz, P. Sergeant, M. Seaman, D. Staines, J. Stow, J. Tierney, K. Waite, D. Wooler, P. Wilson & L. Williams.

1b) Apologies for Absence:

K. Bench, C. Dowsett, R. Burrows, A. Maycraft, O. Megit, G. Mountstevens, R. Pearce, M. Quinn, W. Tydeman & H. Williams,

1c) Announcement: The Chairman announced the sad news of the death of Sheila Waite, a Essex County A.A. timekeeper. Keith Waite expressed his thanks to all those who attended the recent funeral and to those who sent cards and letters.

2) Minutes of the last Meeting - 1st December 2008 were approved subject to the following changes:

- Para 1a) Present - D. Mullans to be correctly spelt as D. Mullane.

- Para 6a) 2nd line - "his successful year" to replace "her successful year".

Proposed by R. Meadowcroft and seconded by D. Mullane. Unanimously agreed.

3) Matters Arising: None.

4) Presentation of Accounts:

Honorary Treasurer John Weir presented the past years accounts with detailed explanations where appropriate. It was noted that last years loss off £2458 had become a profit of £1179 despite income from road race levies now ending. Thanks were expressed by those present for all of his efforts during his years in office as he was now standing down. Proposed by K. Merrywest and seconded by J. Tierney. Unanimously approved.

5) Presentation of Secretary's Report:

Honorary Secretary Peter Sketchley presented his report for the year. Vote of thanks expressed by those present for the past years efforts. Proposed by J. Tierney and seconded by P. Merrywest. Unanimously approved.

6) Election of Officers and Executive Committee:

a) President: Secretary P. Sketchley introduced P. Cassidy as President for the year 2010. He also received the Badge of Office from past President E. Jones. Retiring President E. Jones then gave a short speech expressing his thanks to all of the officials and helpers who have made it a superb year for him. The proposal was nominated by R. Dawson and seconded by D. Mullane. Unanimously elected. Past Presidents E. Jones (2009) and R. Dawson (2008) received shields to mark their terms in office.

b) President Elect: Chairman P. Cassidy introduced P. Sketchley as President Elect. Proposed by K. Merrywest and seconded by D. Staines. Unanimously elected.

c) Vice Presidents / Life Members: No Proposals for new Vice presidents or Life members.

d) Honorary Treasurer: Danny Mullane elected at Honorary Treasurer. Proposed by K. Merrywest and seconded by D. Staines. Unanimously elected.

e) Honorary Secretary: Peter Sketchley re-elected as Honorary Secretary. Proposed by J. Stow and seconded by M. Seaman. Unanimously elected.

f) Chairman: Further to receipt of no nominations, existing Chairman Peter Cassidy agreed to continue. Proposed by R. Dawson and seconded by D. Mullane. Unanimously elected.

g) Vice Presidents / Life Members: The following were re-elected; Dot Ferguson, Roy Meadowcroft, Kaye Merrywest, Ray Pearce, Howard Williams and Keith Waite to sit on the Executive Committee. Proposed by D. Mullane and seconded by R. Dawson. Unanimously elected.

h) Members on the Executive Committee (20 +1 as Essex Schools AA Representative): The following were elected to sit on the Executive Committee: Linda Bates, Peter Bates, Chris Dowsett, Ron Dawson, Clive Hopkins, Ernie Jones, David Keeley, Tony Maycraft, Paul Merrywest, Claire Rolewicz, Phil Sergeant, Mike Seaman, David Staines, John Stow, Jean Tierney, Wendy Tydeman, John Weir, Robert Thickpenny (England Athletics) and Gerry Mountstevens (Schools Representative).

i) Honorary Auditors: R. Silk to continue as Honorary Auditor. Proposed by P. Merrywest and seconded by J. Weir. Unanimously elected.

j) Honorary Trustees: Kaye Merrywest, Olive Megit and Keith Waite to continue as Honorary Trustees. Unanimously elected.

7) Presentation of Trophies: President P. Cassidy presented the county trophies to the following clubs:

- Anna Neagle Trophy for Senior & U.20 Women to Havering Maysbrook (Collected by J. Tierney).
- Jo King trophy for U.17 Women to Chelmsford (Collected by J. Weir).
- Pat Mills trophy for U.15 Girls to Chelmsford (Collected by J. Weir).
- George Holroyd trophy for U.13 Girls to Chelmsford (Yet to be returned by Basildon).
- Sidney Taylor cup for Relays Challenge to Chelmsford (Collected by J. Weir).
- George Deer trophy for U.15 Girls (Schools). Results in dispute, not presented).
- Arthur Turk trophy for Senior Men to Woodford Green (Collected by J. Stow).
- Herbert Pash cup for U.13 Boys, U.15 Boys, U.17 Men & Senior Men to Woodford Green (Cup not presented as it is still missing - Athletic Clubs are asked to search possible locations for this cup)

8) Election of Officers for Executive Committee:

- a) Track & Field Championship Secretary's: Kaye Merrywest & Paul Merrywest
- b) Track & Field Team Managers: Decision deferred to next meeting as a number of managers had failed to reply and indicate whether they were available for 2010.
- c) Cross Country Secretary (Up until end of March 2010): Howard Williams.
- d1) Cross Country Team Manager (Up until end of March 2010): Howard Williams.
A Volunteer to take over the above Cross Country positions is urgently required. If interested contact Honorary Secretary - Peter Sketchley.
- d2) Cross Country Assistant Manager: Keith Botcher
- d3) Cross Country, All Young Males Manager: Keith Botcher
- d4) Cross Country, All Female Athletes Manager: John Hyland
- e) Road Running Secretary and Team Manager: David Staines
- f) Walking Secretary: Ray Pearce
- g) Race Walking Association Representative: Ray Pearce
- h) Eastern Region A.A. Representative: David Staines
- i) Coaching Secretary: John Stow
- j) Officials Secretary: Chris Dowsett
- k) Championships Records Secretary: Roy Meadowcroft
- l) Trophy Secretary: Danny Mullane
- m) Sports Hall Athletics Coordinator: Position vacant
- n) School Liaison Representative: Gerry Mountstevens

9) Any Other Business

- a) Proposal by Southend on Sea Athletic Club.
"That Essex County Team Championships be restricted to affiliated open clubs".

A number of members spoke for and against the motion. At the end of which a vote was taken with the following results;

For the motion = 5 votes. Against the motion = 7 votes. Abstaining = 9 votes. Proposal lost.

Meeting closed at 21.05 hours.

Next Executive Committee Meeting is on **4th January 2010** at the Chelmsford AC club house commencing at 19.30 hours.