

ESSEX COUNTY ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION - A.G.M on 6th December 2010

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting of the Essex County Athletic Association held on Monday 6th December 2010 in the club house of Chelmsford Athletic Club, Chelmsford.

1a) Present:

P. Cassidy (Chairman), P. Sketchley (Secretary), K. Bottjer, K. Cockell, R. Dawson, D. Ferguson, C. Hopkins, E. Jones, R. Meadowcroft, P. Merrywest, R. Mills, K. Palmer, R. Pearce, C. Rolewicz, P. Sergeant, M. Seaman, A. Shiret, D. Staines, J. Stow, D. Tierney, J. Tierney, A. Tullett, K. Waite, J. Weir, D. Wooller, P. Wilson, L. Williams & M. Williams.

1b) Apologies for Absence:

L. Bates, P. Bates, O. Megitt, K. Merrywest, D. Mullane, G. O'Doherty, W. Tydeman & H. Williams.

1c) Announcement: The Chairman announced the sad news of the death of David Searle, a Essex County A.A. Starter.

1d) Treasurer: Due to the absence of Treasurer D. Mullane through illness, it is planned to transfer presentation of the Treasurers report to the next Executive Committee meeting in January.

2) Minutes of the last Meeting - 7th December 2009 were approved.
Proposed by R. Pearce and seconded by P. Wilson.

3) Matters Arising: None.

4) Correction to past Minutes of AGM held on 1st December 2008:

Agreed that the nomination of Christine Ohurogu be a Life Member of the County Association. Proposed by L. Williams and seconded by E. Jones.

5) Presentation of Accounts:

Transfer presentation and discussion on Accounts to next Executive Committee meeting on 3rd January 2011 when it is hoped Treasurer D. Mullane will be well enough to attend.

6) 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. Unanimously approved.

7) Constitution Changes:

a) Agreed to replace existing paragraph 5) with "Life Vice Presidents: The Association may appoint any person Life Vice President of the Association. Election to Life Vice President may take place only at the Annual General Meeting of the Association and only those nominations previously approved by the Executive Committee may be considered for election".

b) Amendment to paragraph 7)a)ii): "Vice Presidents to be replaced with Life Vice Presidents".

c) Amendment to Paragraph 8d): Add "Life Vice Presidents attending the Annual General Meeting be allowed to vote".

The above proposed by the Executive Committee and unanimously approved.

8) Election of Officers and Executive Committee:

a) President: Chairman P. Cassidy introduced P. Sketchley as President for the year 2011. He also received the Badge of Office from past President P. Cassidy. Retiring President P. Cassidy 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 the Executive Committee and unanimously elected.

b) President Elect: Chairman P. Cassidy introduced A. Tullett as President Elect. Proposed by the Executive Committee and unanimously elected.

c) Life Vice Presidents: No Proposals for new Life Vice Presidents proposed.

d) Honorary Treasurer: Danny Mullane re-elected as Honorary Treasurer. Proposed by Executive Committee and unanimously elected.

e) Honorary Secretary: Peter Sketchley re-elected as Honorary Secretary. Proposed by Executive committee unanimously elected.

f) Chairman: Peter Cassidy re-elected as Chairman. Proposed by Executive Committee and 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 Executive Committee and unanimously elected.

H) Members on the Executive Committee (20 +1 as Essex Schools AA Representative): The following 19 members were elected to sit on the Executive Committee: Linda Bates, Peter Bates, Ron Dawson, Chris Dowsett, Clive Hopkins, Ernie Jones, Tony Maycraft, Paul Merrywest, Gerry O'Doherty, Claire Rolewicz, Phil Sergeant, Mike Seaman, David Staines, Jean Tierney, Arthur Tullett, Wendy Tydeman, John Weir, Diane Wooller & Robert Thickpenny (England Athletics). Plus vacant Essex Schools representative.

i) Honorary Auditors: R. Silk to continue as Honorary Auditor. Proposed by Executive Committee and unanimously agreed.

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

9a) Presentation of Trophies: President P. Sketchley presented the county trophies to the following clubs:

- Anna Neagle Trophy for Senior & U.20 Women to Chelmsford (Collected by J.Weir).
- 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 Basildon (Not returned by Basildon for presentation).
- Sidney Taylor cup for Relays Challenge to Chelmsford (Collected by J. Weir).
- George Deer trophy for U.15 Girls (Schools) to Southend High School for Girls. (Not returned by Southend High School for Girls for presentation).
- Arthur Turk trophy for Senior Men to Newham & Essex Beagles (Not returned by Woodford Green for presentation - J. Stow to return).
- Herbert Pash cup for U.13 Boys, U.15 Boys, U.17 Men & Senior Men to Havering Mayesbrook (Cup not presented as it is still missing).

9b) Life Membership of the Association was awarded to Mike Seaman and John Weir.

10) Election of Officers for Executive Committee:

a) Track & Field Championship Secretary's: Kaye Merrywest & Paul Merrywest

b) Track & Field Team Managers: Senior Men: Keith Palmer.

U.17 Women & Senior Women: John Stow.

U.15 Girls & U.20 Women: Vacancy.

U.15 Boys & U.20 Men: Paul Cheal.

U.17 Men: Roger Mills.

U.13 Boys: Phil Sergeant.

U.13 Girls: Sylvia Sergeant.

c) Cross Country Secretary: Gerry O'Doherty.

d) Cross Country Team Managers: Male - Keith Bottjer.

Female - 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: Temporary deletion of post.

j) Officials Secretary: Diane Wooller. (Two candidates Chris Dowsett and Diane Wooller offered their services as the Associations Officials Secretary; Diane Wooller elected).

k) Championships Records Secretary: Roy Meadowcroft.

l) Trophy Secretary: Danny Mullane.

m) Sports Hall Athletics Coordinator: Temporary deletion of post.

n) School Liaison Representative: Vacant.

o) Web Site Manager: Tony Maycraft.

11) Any Other Business: None

Meeting closed at 20.15 hours.

After Light Refreshments a talk by Tony Shiret (Chair of the London Regional Council) on "The Future after 2012" was well appreciated by the audience.

Next Executive Committee Meeting is on **3rd January 2010** at the Chelmsford AC club house commencing at 19.30 hours.