

## ESSEX COUNTY ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION

Minutes of the Committee Meeting which was held on 6<sup>th</sup> July 2009 which took place in the club house of Chelmsford Athletic Club, Melbourne Park, Chelmsford commencing at 19.30 hours.

**Present:** P. Cassidy (Chairman), E. Jones (President), J. Weir (Treasurer), P. Sketchley (Secretary), L. Bates, P. Bates, R. Burrows, R. Dawson, C. Hopkins, A. Maycraft, D. Mullane, R. Meadowcroft, K. Merrywest, P. Merrywest, J. Mountstevens, R. Pearce, M. Seaman, D. Staines, J. Tierney & J. Stow (from 20.15 hours)

**1) Apologies:** C. Dowsett, D. Keeley, A. Maycraft & C. Rolewicz

**2) Minutes of the last Meeting** - 1<sup>st</sup> June 2009 were approved subject to the following change:

- Para 4A) h) Correspondence; Replace R. watts with R.Watt.

Proposed by R. Meadowcroft and Seconded by D. Mullane.

### **3) Matters Arising:**

- Para 4A)i) - Letter passed to Chairman P. Cassidy for completion of D. Green's "Services to Athletics" award nomination.

- Para 4A) r) - Letter sent to J. Cork of Southend AC informing her that the content of her recent letter will be considered at next Track & field Sub. Com. Meeting.

- Para 6f) - Letter sent to UK Counties Athletic Union Secretary. No reply at this time.

- Para 15b) - County vests and Inter-County trophies collected from former team manager S. Orton. Outstanding expenses cheque still to be received.

- Para 15c) - All "Standards" certificates linked to May Championships completed by C. Rolewicz and either handed out or posted to clubs / schools by P. Sketchley.

- Para 15 g) - P. Sketchley unsuccessful in obtaining Starter D. Searles address from UK Athletics. Agreed a formal letter be sent to UK Athletics complaining about the lack of a reply.

### **4A) Correspondence:** From P. Sketchley

a) SEAA Information Listing received, includes Cross Country matters (See Cross Country).

b) Satisfactory CRB information received for new team manager S. Sergeant.

c) England Athletics information received on Coaching grants. (See Coaching).

d) letters from Kent County AA on matters linked to 2010 Indoor Championships. (See Track & Field).

e) Letter from H. Williams. (See Cross Country & Road Running).

f) Letter from Halstead R.R. Secretary informing us of her new address. (See Club Register Changes).

g) Delayed letter from Chelmsford Sport & Athletics Centre Manager on matters related to para. 6b) in the June minutes.

h) SEAA Notice of AGM on 6<sup>th</sup> September. No nominations or resolutions proposed.

i) Letter from UKA; Any proposed changes to their Rule Book for 2010 to be with UKA by 31<sup>st</sup> July.

j) Letter from member D. Mullane offering his services as Treasurer. (See AOB).

k) Letter from Sussex County AA giving details about the U.17 Inter-Counties at Crawley on 2<sup>nd</sup> August. Information passed to Essex team managers.

l) Letter from Great Bentley R.R. Secretary. (see Club Changes and Road running Sections).

m) Letter from a G. Spring on behalf of Thurrock AA. offering to host Track & Field championships next May. (See Club Changes and Track & Field Sections).

### **4B) Club / Committee Register Changes:** From P. Sketchley

a) Halstead Road Runners: New address for Secretary Julia Woolnough at 2 Shelley Road, Lexdon, Colchester, CO3 4JN. New home phone number not known.

b) Eton Manor AC: New address for Secretary Stephen Dunn at The Cottage, Marsh Lane, London, E11 7BL.

c) Great Bentley Running Club: Secretary R. Watt to have two e.mail addresses available as follows;  
[watt136@btinternet.com](mailto:watt136@btinternet.com) & [watt@essex.ac.uk](mailto:watt@essex.ac.uk)

d) Thurrock Harriers: Surname change for Secretary - From Soames to Noonan.

## **5) Networking**

It was reported that initial meetings had taken place between a number of clubs.

## **6) Track & Field:** From P. Sketchley

a) Indoor Track & Field Championships at Lee Valley Centre:

- Kent has agreed to share venue with Essex on 6/7<sup>th</sup> February 2010.
- Agreed to explore an alternative to Kent for 2011. Eastern AA suggested, evaluate further at 3<sup>rd</sup> August Track & Field Sub. Com meeting then report back to September meeting.

b) Days 1,2 & 3 of May Track & Field Championships:

- Discuss matters related to the 2009 championships at the 3<sup>rd</sup> August Track & Field Sub. Com. meeting.
- Request from Thurrock Harriers offering their track / facilities for the May 2010 championships. Agreed at this stage to consider offering Day 1, as their 7 lane track is not ideal for the prime championships on Days 2 & 3. P. Sketchley to send letter to club inviting representatives to attend Track & Field Sub. Com. Meeting on 3<sup>rd</sup> August at Chelmsford to discuss matters further.
- No other clubs had offered to host next years championships. Agreed R. Burrows to identify tracks / clubs suitable to host Days 2 & 3 for 2010. P. Sketchley to send letters to club secretary's.
- EDM booking for 2010; Agreed that only one set to be booked for use on Days 2 & 3 of championships.

c) Combined Events Championships at Woodford Green:

- Discuss Matters related to the 2009 championships at the 3<sup>rd</sup> August Track & Field Sub. Com. Meeting. Concern expressed that results not received from the Woodford Green club by the Championship secretary K. Merrywest. This information is also required by R. Meadowcroft for his points scoring awards J. Stow to pursue matter.
- The Woodford Green club to be invited to send a representative to the above Sub Com meeting to discuss the 2009 & 2010 events. P. Sketchley to send letter.

d) Relay Championships to be held at Braintree on 14<sup>th</sup> July:

- From K. Merrywest - 8 clubs entered for the relays which will all be straight finals. 11 athletes entered in the Senior Men's 3000m race.
- Officials Secretary's illness has resulted in Officials allocations not been known. R. Burrows to coordinate requirements as necessary for these Championships.

e) Seniors Inter-Counties at Chelmsford on 9<sup>th</sup> August:

- Acknowledged that participating counties to be informed that R. Burrows instead of C. Dowsett to take details of Officials wishing to attend. P. Sketchley to inform county secretary's.
- J. Weir to confirm that St John Ambulance has been booked.

## **7) Cross Country:** From P. Sketchley

a) SEAA Championships for 2009/2010; 21<sup>st</sup> November = Inter-Counties at Parliament Hill.

30<sup>th</sup> January = Main Championships at Parliament Hill.

b) SEAA Cross Country Working Group sought views on of clubs as to whether the existing 15K event remain or be reduced to 12K as currently offered by the North and Midland regions.

c) H. Williams has sent to all clubs details about the coming Winter programme. Anyone failing to receive should contact H. Williams.

## **Road Running:** From P. Sketchley a), b)) & c) + D. Staines d)

a) SEAA date for the 10K road Running championships at Crystal Palace on 4<sup>th</sup> October 2009.

b) Letter from Great Bentley RC agreeing to £1 levy for athletes entered in their 2010 Essex Half Marathon. They also intend to increase the number of entries from 900 to 1000 which will hopefully overcome the Essex athletes closing date issue of 2009.

c) H. Williams has sent all clubs details about the coming Winter programme. Anyone failing to receive should contact H. Williams.

d) Recent Road Running Forum considered to be a success with a number of issues solved. Agreed that county championship medals be awarded to the + 70's from this coming Winter for a trial period. There would also be an appropriate time extension for completion of an event.

**9) Trophies:** From D. Mullane

a) No report.

**10) Walking:** From R. Pearce

a) No report.

**11) Coaching:** From P. Sketchley a) & J. Stow b)

a) Recent M. Beaver (England Athletics) e. mail gave details about potential Coach funding available via Skills Activity, County Sports Partnership and Association of Colleges in the East Region. Details on <http://www.acer.ac.uk/leadingthe field.php>

b) Agreed that Coaching Secretary J. Stow should pursue with England Athletics the possibility of obtaining a grant for "Beginners Development Workshops" this coming Winter. All such workshops to "break even" financially. To report back to committee for approval if suitable grant obtained.

**12) Officials:** From R. Burrows a) & b) + P. Cassidy c) + P. Sketchley d) & D. Mullane e)

a) Further to C. Dowsetts illness he was now home from hospital and recovering slowly. Doubt was expressed that he would be able to return to his full duties as Coaching Secretary. Agreed that we should commence seeking a replacement.

b) R. Burrows indicated he will be standing down from his current position on the committee at the next AGM.

c) Agreed that P. Cassidy would arrange for C. Dowsetts name to be removed from the associations Web Site.

d) A suitable card and well wishes had been sent to Chris on behalf of the committee.

e) Officials Training Courses normally took place each Autumn. Would any club who has need for members to attend such courses contact R. Burrows with appropriate details so that he can make arrangements with England Athletics.

**13) Sports Hall Athletics:** From P. Sketchley

a) No report.

**14) School Liason:** From J. Mountstevens

a) Once again strong Essex teams have been entered for the English Schools Track & Field championships shortly taking place at Sheffield.

b) Thanks expressed to all of the Essex Officials who had helped out at recent Schools Cross Country and Track & Field events.

### **15) Any Other Business**

a) Association Treasurer: With J. Weir standing down the offer by D. Mullane to take over this position at the next AGM was welcomed by the committee.

b) P. Sketchley: He had recently received from England Athletics a Volunteer Card with his registration number.

c) P. Merrywest: Need to discuss at next Track & Field Sub. Com. the need for athletes Affiliation number to be included on championship entry forms.

d) G. Mountstevent: At the recent Schools World Championships held in Estonia. Southend High School for Girls came 3<sup>rd</sup> and Southend High School for Boys came 7<sup>th</sup>. Both were excellent results.

Meeting concluded at 21.07 hours.

**Date of next meeting:** 7<sup>th</sup> September 2009 commencing at 19.30 hours in the Chelmsford AC club house.

Please note that the next Track & Field Sub. Com. Meeting is taking place on the 3<sup>rd</sup> August 2009 commencing at 19.00 hours in the Chelmsford AC club house.

**Next Meeting Agenda:** 1) Apologies for Absence 2) Minutes of the Last Meeting 3) Matters Arising 4) Correspondence & Recent Club / Committee Member Changes 5) Networking Progress 6) Track & Field 7) Cross Country 8) Road Running 9) Trophies 10) Walking 11) Coaching 12) Officials 13) Sports Hall Athletics 14) School Liaison & 15) A.O.B.