

ESSEX COUNTY AMATEUR ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION

Minutes of the Committee Meeting which was held on Monday 3rd March 2008 which took place in the club house of Chelmsford Athletic Club, Melbourne Park, Chelmsford.

Present: P. Cassidy (Chairman / Secretary), R. Dawson (President), L. Bates, R. Burrows, C. Dowsett, D. Ferguson, S. Herbert, D. Keeley, E. Jones, R. Meadowcroft, P. Merrywest, K. Merrywest, G. Mountstevens, M. Seaman, R. Thompson, and W. Tydeman.

1) Apologies for Absence: P. Sketchley, J. Weir, J. Stow, R. Pearce, J. Tierney, A. Maycraft & D. Mullane.

Chairman reported that Danny Mullane had recently been involved in a road accident but had not been seriously injured.

2) Minutes of the Last Meeting - 4th February 2008 were approved.

3) Matters Arising:

- All matters dealt with in subsequent sections.

4A) Correspondence

a) Letter from Lee Valley Athletics Centre inviting Essex to a possible Indoor Inter-Counties match next year. Agreed that Essex would participate if such a competition took place. Ideally for Seniors, U.20's and U.17's. Two athletes per event with a 4 x 200M Relay. Organisers to arrange for Officials. Date to be after our indoor championships. P. Sketchley to reply.

b) Letter received by Chairman from L. William's, Chairman of Colchester Harriers who had received a letter of complaint from a member of staff at Hamilton Lodge about the conduct of a number of athletes prior to the start of the Essex 20 mile Road Championships. P. Cassidy to send letter of apology to the manager of Hamilton Lodge.

c) Note from A. Maycraft, who planned to have new County Web Site launched by Easter.

4B) Club / Committee Register Changes

a) Peter Bates of Pitsea R.R. co-opted onto the Committee.

b) Halstead R.R. has a new Secretary - Julia Woolnough, 23 Pretoria Road, Halstead, CO9 2EQ.
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b) Orion Harriers has a new Secretary - Tim Wright, 59 Preston Road, Leytonstone. London, E11 1N
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c) Pitsea Running Club has a new Secretary - John Pettifer, 22 Bartley Close, Benfleet, SS7 4DD
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d) New Club Woodham Runners R.C.: Secretary Tina Henderson, 38 Champions Way, South Woodham Ferrers, CM3 5NJ Tel: 01268 450688 E.mail tinajanehenderson@hotmail.com
Need for affiliation payment letter to be sent by Treasurer.

5) Essex Athletics Development Group (EADG) Matters

a) Grant invoice (Up to end of March 2008) sent to EADG.

6) Track & Field:

a) Agreed that Day 4 of Track & Field Championships to be held at Southend on Saturday 20th September 2008.



b) Entry information for Days 1,2 & 3 of Track & Field Championships had been sent out to all clubs. Closing date is 16th April. Information about the Combined Events championships to follow shortly.

c) The Eastern A.A. Track & Field Championships to take place at Cambridge on 6th July.

d) Concern expressed that no information received from the SEAA on the date of the U.15 & U.20 inter-counties match or required financial contribution by each county.

e) U.17 Inter-counties match to be held at Basildon. Todate, acceptances received from Hertfordshire & Middlesex. Essex need to appoint an Event Organiser and Basildon identify a liaison contact.

7) Cross Country: From H. William's

a) Results of the Senior Cross Country Relays at Hadleigh on 20th January:

1st Mens Team = Chelmsford A.C.. Fastest lap by G. Riddell of Basildon AC.

1st Womens Team = Southend A.C. Fastest lap by C. Cornwell of Southend A.C.

b) Next Winters Fixtures Meeting to take place on 14th May at Chelmsford A.C. club house. Clubs wishing to host an event to contact Howard prior to this meeting.

8) Road Running: From H. William's

a) Results from Essex County Road Championships at Gt. Bentley on 3rd February:

Men: 1st C. Bloomfield of Billericay, 1st Team = Colchester Harriers.

Women: 1st S. Stradling of Colchester & Tendring. 1st Team = Benfleet.

b) Results from 20 Miles at Gt. Bromley on 17th February:

Men: 1st C. Bloomfield of Billericay. Women: 1st T. Ranson of Springfield Striders.

c) Results from Senior Road Relays at Chelmsford on 1st March:

Men: 1st Basildon. Fastest leg = M. Sandford of Basildon.

Women: 1st Colchester & Tendring. Fastest leg = M. Deasey.

d) The following forthcoming events were announced:

County 10 Miles at Gt. Baddow on 18th May & County 10K at Ongar on 6th July.

9) Trophies: From D. Mullane

a) Waiting on H. William's for reply to letter requesting information on past Cross Country & Road Running trophies. O. Megit contacted for information on past Track & Field winners. Whereabouts of all Walking trophies are known.

b) Awaiting details as to number of medals need to be ordered for the May T & F Championships.

10) Walking: From P. Cassidy

a) Results from County 10 miles Lee Valley on 16th February:

1st S. Davis of Ilford. 2nd P. Barnard of Castle Point. 3rd S. Crane of Ilford. Team: 1st Ilford A.C.

b) Future championships: 50K in conjunction with National at Stockton on Tees on 27th April.

3000M at Basildon on 11th May. 20K at Basildon on 28th June.

11) Coaching:

Nothing to report.

12) Officials: From Chris Dowsett

a) C. Dowsett to be circulating clubs shortly about a Level 1 course linked to severely disabled athletes. No information received on a training course for Endurance Event Marshals.

13) Sports Hall Athletics:

Nothing to report.

14) School Liaison: From G. Mountstevens

a) Inter-counties event to be held on 29th March. Problems were been encountered getting Officials for midweek events. Thanks expressed to all those officials who made themselves available to undertake a range of duties.

15) Tug of War: From E. Jones

a) The Rosenhaim league to commence its season in two weeks time.

16) Any Other Business:

a) The view was expressed the County Association should drop "Amateur" from its title. Matter to go to the December A.G.M. Until that decision was agreed, Amateur to remain.

b) A professional photographer Mr S. Richardson given permission to take photographs at Days 1, 2, 3 & 4 of this years Track & Field Championships for possible resale to competing athletes, with 10% of all income to be invoiced to the county association.

c) A request by the Mayor of Hertford's Charity Run for the county to circulate details of this event was declined. Whilst this was a worthy cause, the county could not undertake this request or any other charity event.

d) M. Seaman reported that the recent Eastern Region Seminar at Newmarket had been poorly supported by Essex clubs. Clubs are asked to inform C. Jones at the Eastern Regional Offices in Newmarket who their "direct" club contacts are.

e) Concern was expressed about First Aid cover at Cross Country events. At a recent competition an athlete had suffered a asthma attack at a remote location and it had taken some time for an attendant to arrive. It was agreed that it was important that event organisers should consider such matters in their planning of an event course, etc. Likewise, all athletes with this type of medical condition should take sensible precautions.

f) C. Dowsett reported that the National Grid where planning to be involved in a future Disability event at Pickets Lock (Lee Valley Athletics Centre). County should consider seeking the involvement of some large companies at this event to bring athletics and commerce closer together.

Meeting closed at 21.15 hours.

Date of next meeting

7th April 2008, commencing at 19.30 hours in the Chelmsford A.C. club house.

Next Meeting Agenda: 1) Apologies for Absence 2) Minutes of the Last meeting 3) Matters Arising 4A) Correspondence 4B) Club / Committee Changes 5) EADG Matters 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) Tug of War 16) A.O.B.