

## ESSEX COUNTY ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION

Minutes of the Committee Meeting which was held on 2<sup>nd</sup> November 2009 which took place in the club house of Chelmsford Athletic Club, Melbourne Park, Chelmsford commencing at 19.30 hours.

Apologies for the late circulation of these minutes to those of you with e. mail addresses. This is due to our volunteer distributors been away on holiday during the early part of November.

**Present:** P. Cassidy (Chairman), E. Jones (President), J. Weir (Treasurer), P. Sketchley (Secretary), L. Bates, P. Bates, R. Burrows, R. Dawson, C. Hopkins, D. Keeley, D. Mullane, R. Meadowcroft, J. Mountstevens, R. Pearce, C. Rolewicz, M. Seaman (From 19.55 hours - Item 6c) on the agenda) & D. Staines.

**1) Apologies:** K. Merrywest, P. Merrywest, C. Dowsett, D. Ferguson, J. Stow, W. Tydeman & H. Williams.

**2a) Minutes of the last Meeting - 5<sup>th</sup> October 2009** were approved.  
- Proposed by D. Mullane. Seconded by R. Pearce.

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

Matters arising which were not covered in the subsequent agenda.

- Para 6)g): Outstanding commission payment from Digital Photographer on Day 1; Still waiting for address details from a couple of members for matter to be pursued by Secretary.
- Para 6g): Travel payments to Senior Athletes; Subsequently the Associations Treasurer has established that £889 was paid in 2008/09 to Cross Country Athletes & Fell Runners representing Essex at Inter-County competitions. This sum was close to that paid this year to our Senior Track & Field athletes.

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

- a) Letter from member R. Burrows confirming his decision to resign from the Associations Executive Committee at the next AGM due to his current high workload.
- b) E. mail from Colchester Harriers Secretary indicating a change in committee. See Club Register Changes Section.
- c) Notification of the Queens Baton Relay linked to the Commonwealth Games. A Mini Opening Ceremony taking place at Newham Leisure Centre on 6<sup>th</sup> November commencing at 10.30 hours.
- d) Three letters from member H. Williams on Cross Country and Road Running matters (See those respective sections). Also notice of H. Williams intention to stand down as Cross Country Secretary at the 2010 AGM.
- e) Letter from SEAA of their Inter-County Cross Country at Parliament Hills on 21<sup>st</sup> November. Details sent onto Secretary H. Williams.
- f) Letter from SEAA Road Running Discipline Working Group seeking to recruit two new members. See road Running Section.
- g) Reply letter from Lee Valley's Club House Administer giving details about the Officials lunch, etc, for the Indoor Championships. See Track & Field section.

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

- a) Colchester Harriers now have "Joint Secretary's"; Ms L. Garnham joins Ms K. Wheat in undertaking this role. Ms L. Garnham's address; 52 The Willows, Colchester, Essex, CO2 8PY. Telephone = 01206 513001. E.mail = [linda.garnham@ntlworld.com](mailto:linda.garnham@ntlworld.com)
- b) Any club which has a change of Club Secretary please inform the County Secretary, P. Sketchley (215 Cressing Road, Braintree, Essex, CM7 3PH) as soon as possible, in order that the correct up to date details are included in the 2010 County Club Secretary's Register to be issued with February's Committee Minutes.

### **5) Essex Athletic Development Group:**

- a) The Basildon / Chelmsford group have agreed their proposals at a recent meeting. The Braintree / Colchester / Ipswich group expect to be in receipt of grant funding shortly.

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

- a) 2010 Indoor Track & Field Championships at Lee Valley Centre on 6<sup>th</sup> & 7<sup>th</sup> February:
  - Successful meeting recently took place at Dartford track with representatives of Kent to agree a number of matters linked to these shared championships.
- b) 2010 Outdoor Track & Field Championships:
  - Day 1 ( 3<sup>rd</sup> May - B.H. Monday) at Thurrock.

- Days 2 & 3 (8<sup>th</sup> & 9<sup>th</sup> May) at Chelmsford.
  - Days 4 & 5 (15<sup>th</sup> & 16<sup>th</sup> May) - Combined Events at Woodford Green.
  - Day 6 - Evening Relay Championships at Braintree (See Below); Date to be agreed.
- As there were no further host applications, it was agreed that the sole applicant Braintree AC should host these championships.

c) 2011 Indoor Track & Field Championships:

- Further to 5<sup>th</sup> October meeting; Minute 6) f). It was agreed that Essex should seek to share these championships with the Eastern AA from 2011. The issue linked to the payment of Officials Travel Allowances above a defined distance from an officials home and the competition venue, to be discussed further with the Eastern AA, who it is hoped will agree to organising this arrangement. It was also agreed that whilst incurred costs and most income be split 50/50 the ration should be reviewed after the first championships. P. Sketchley to write to the Eastern AA.

d) Increase in Athletes Entry Fees:

- Agreed that the entry fee for each event be increased from £4 to £5. To be implemented from the May 2010 out door championships. Further discussions on this topic to take place at the next Track & Field Sub. Com. to consider and propose athletes entry fee payments from 2011 for the next January committee meeting.

e) Next Track & Field Sub. Com. meeting to take place on 30<sup>th</sup> November 2009 at the Chelmsford AC club house commencing at 19.00 hours.

**7) Cross Country:** From a), b) & c) H. Williams & d) C. Rolewicz

a) If any club / athlete misses the stated closing championship date for entries, their entry will not be accepted.

b) Essex County Cross Country Championship programme for 2009 / 10:

- 5<sup>th</sup> December: Veterans at Chigwell Row.
- 9<sup>th</sup> December: Young & senior Athletes at Hadleigh.
- 17<sup>th</sup> January: Cross Country Relays at Stubbers, Havering.

c) Present Secretary H. Williams has indicated that he intends to stand down at the December 2010 AGM. Anyone interested in undertaking this role to contact H. Williams or P. Sketchley.

d) Colchester & Tendring AC are seeking Officials / Volunteers for the Eastern AA Cross Country Championships at Hilllyfields on 6<sup>th</sup> December, commencing at 10.30 hours. Parking at St. Helena School. Anyone interested to contact J. Hyland on 01206 573238.

**8) Road Running:** From a) P. Sketchley, b) & c) H. Williams & d) D. Staines

a) If any club / athlete misses the stated closing championship date for entries, their entry will not be accepted.

b) The SEAA Road Running Working Group are seeking two 2 new recruits. H. Williams has indicated no interest. D. Staines to discuss matter with representatives from the Road Running Forum.

c) H. Williams has agreed to stand down from his shared Team Managers role with D. Staines at the 2010 AGM. An arrangement D. Staines is happy with.

d) Results of the Young Athletes & Veterans Road Relay Championships at Colchester on 18<sup>th</sup> October 2009.

- U.13 Girls = 1<sup>st</sup> Team Basildon + fastest lap by M. Jones of Basildon.
- U.15 Girls = 1<sup>st</sup> Team Southend + Fastest lap by E. Johnson of Basildon.
- U.17 Women = 1<sup>st</sup> Team Basildon + Fastest lap by E. Ballard of Basildon.
- U.13 Boys = 1<sup>st</sup> Team Southend + Fastest lap by J. Mann of Southend.
- U.15 Boys = 1<sup>st</sup> Team Southend + Fastest lap by J. Kerridge of Southend.
- U.17 Men = 1<sup>st</sup> Team Newham & Essex Beagles + Fastest lap by L. Blakie of Woodford.
- Veteran Women = 1<sup>st</sup> Team Colchester Har. + Fastest short lap by A. Oakman of Colchester Har.  
+ fastest long lap by K. Sande-Cock of Colchester Har.
- Veteran Men = 1<sup>st</sup> Team Springfield striders + Fastest lap by G. Chandler of Springfield Striders.

e) Further to recent discussions at the last Road Running Forum they hope to manage the organising of courses for Officials taking the proposed Endurance course.

**9) Trophies:** From a), b) & c) D. Mullane & d) P. Sketchley

a) Further to October Committee Minutes para 9)a): Most recent receiver of the Cushion trophy for "Best Field Performance" has yet to be established.

b) Results of the "point scores" for the following trophies:

- Anna Neagle trophy for Senior & U.20 Women = Havering Mayesbrook.
- Jo King trophy for U.17 Women = Chelmsford.
- Pat Mills trophy for U.15 Girls = Chelmsford.
- George Holroyd trophy for U.13 Girls = Chelmsford.
- Sidney Taylor cup for Relays Challenge = Chelmsford.
- George Deer trophy for U.15 Girls = Southend H.S. for Girls.
- Arthur Turk trophy for Senior Men = Woodford Green.
- Herbert Pash cup for U.13 Boys, U.15 Boys, U.17 Men & U.20 Men = Woodford Green. Note: this trophy is still missing.

D. Mullane to contact winners of the above trophies to arrange for a club representative to attend the AGM + contact last years trophy winners to arrange for their return.

c) D. Mullane needs to know how many medals are required for the Indoor Track & Field Championships at Lee Valley. P. Sketchley to establish requirement.

d) Presidents award: D. Mullane and J. Weir to make purchasing arrangements for awards to be given to current and last years Presidents at the AGM. Apologies offered to R. Dawson (Last years President) for the oversight.

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

a) No report.

**11) Coaching** From J. Stow

a) No report.

**12) Officials:** From R. Burrows

a) C. Dowsett has indicated that replies are now coming in from Officials who are available for the Indoor Champs.

b) C. Dowsett has commenced contacting Officials whose licence and / or CRB has expired.

c) Progress has been made on selecting assistants to help share out C. Dowsett' workload.

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

a) No report.

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

a) Due to the unavailability of the Basildon course; The Essex Schools Cross Country Championships to take place at Hylands Park, Chelmsford.

b) The Schools Association AGM to take place the Brentwood School on 9<sup>th</sup> November commencing at 19.30 hours. Secretary P. Sketchley to attend and raise on behalf of the County Association; Their Summer Track & Field fixture dates + Do they need further Level 1 Officials courses.

c) English Schools Track & Field Championships at Sheffield in 2009: A recalculation of the main team results has established that Essex not Surrey won the Broadbridge trophy for the aggregate winners.

d) There are National proposals for Officials courses to be organised in groups at schools.

**15) Any Other Business**

a) County Web Site: P. Cassidy reported that the site was now up to date.

b) Treasurer J. Wear: Reminder to clubs that annual Affiliation payments are now due. Please send to the Treasurer.

Meeting concluded at 20.38 hours

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Date of Annual General Meeting:

7<sup>th</sup> December 2009 commencing at 19.30 hours in the Chelmsford A.C. club house. Refreshments to follow.

Agenda previously sent to all Executive Committee members and all Essex Club Secretaries.

Date of next Executive Committee meeting:

4<sup>th</sup> January 2010 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, 4) Correspondence / Club & Committee Changes, 5) Networking 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.