



HAMPSHIRE ATHLETICS - EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON - FRIDAY 10 JULY 2015 PARK SUITE, FLEMING PARK, EASTLEIGH

Present:

Kate Longhurst (President) Mike Williams (Secretary) Richard Pearson
Richard Dean (Treasurer) Betty Tabor Alan Cropp Christine Weeks
Mary Axtell (Vice Chair) Michael Coker Jackie Tobin

Apologies:

Colin Goater (Chair) Mary Goater Reg Eade Sheena Fitzmaurice
John Fitzmaurice Pam Rogers David Churcher Mike Barrett

Minutes from Meeting on the 8 May 2015: Minutes accepted.

Matters Arising: No matters arising.

Secretary: Mike Williams

Certificate of affiliation received from England Athletics.

SEAA have requested that county minutes are sent to them in the future.

Treasurer: Richard Dean

Richard explained in detail some income and expenditure figures on his latest report, which was circulated at the meeting. Full report is attached. Richard was thanked for all his hard work.

Finance and Sustainability Sub Group: Michael Coker
Proposal submitted at AGM re Affiliations:

A meeting has been arranged to take place on Monday 13 July, and all the relevant Track and Field Clubs have been invited to send a representative, as this will be a unique opportunity to shape the future of athletics development work in the county.

A full update will be presented at the next county meeting in September.

Cross Country Championships - 9 January 2016: Pam Rogers

Awaiting confirmation from Jon Osman, Eastleigh RC, to see if they are willing to host the event again, hopefully by the meeting in September, Pam will have more news, and then will be able to make a start on producing the entry form.

Track & Field Championships: Richard Dean, Mike Williams and Christine Weeks

The Track and Field Championships took place on the 23 and 24 May, please see report attached.

A special thank you to our President, Kate Longhurst, who worked tirelessly to ensure the medal presentations worked so well.

Sports Hall: Michael Coker

A replacement is being sought for Carol Quinn, who has 'retired' as Hampshire County Sports Hall Secretary. Some dates are now confirmed for 2015-16 season. Venues are proving significantly harder to book. Known dates are:-

18 October 2015 – No current venue available

22 November 2015 – Andover Leisure Centre

24 January 2016 – Fleming Park (but will have to 10am – 2pm, as facility booked from 3.00pm)

28 February 2016 – Regional U11 'Fun in Athletics' Championships – Burgess Hill

6 March 2016 – Regional U11/ U13 Championships – Burgess Hill (Mothering Sunday!).

13 March 2016 – Fleming Park 12-4pm tbc

Development: Michael Coker:

The 2 Hampshire Athletics Grand Prix events are scheduled for 22 July - Basingstoke & 23 August - Southampton. An organising team is planning all aspects of these very popular and high quality events.

The Gosport parkrun was launched on 4 July 2015 along the Lee-on-Solent coastline. 430 runners completed the inaugural event (the 6th highest attendance worldwide for a launch event).

Thule have confirmed that there will be a new National Primary Schools Cross Country Championships developed, with the first event being held on 19th March 2016. The event is likely to also include a Year 7 competition (as not currently catered for by English Schools). Thule have suggested some infrastructure support will be made for Hampshire Schools in terms of equipment purchase. Further discussions will be required to determine how best to hold 'trials' within Hampshire to ensure fair team selection for the National event.

English Schools Athletics Championships are taking place this weekend (10/11 July 2015) in Gateshead. NB 13 medals were achieved. Hampshire Schools AA had a record number of athletes (105) with ESAA qualifying standards. 43 of these athletes had also achieved National Standards. Whilst this is testament to the tremendous development work being undertaken within the Clubs and County – it does mean, with a maximum team size of 60, that a large number of athletes targeting the ESAA Championships have been disappointed for a second year running.

The 2015 Island Games was hosted by Jersey from 28 June to 3 July, largely managed by Hampshire Athletics and Jersey local Officials. Jersey, Guernsey and IOW teams were prominent in the medal table.

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England Athletics: Christine Benning

Christine's latest report will be published on the counties website.

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A.O.B:

Mike Williams was asked to send congratulatory letters to; Sophie Merritt, Oliver Bromby and Isobel Pooley, for their recent excellent athletic performances. Their postal addresses to be sent to Mike by Michael Coker asap.

Dates of next meetings:-

11 September

13 November

8 January 2016.

Counties website address is :- www.hampshireathletics.org.uk