



## HAMPSHIRE ATHLETICS - EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

### MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON - FRIDAY 8 NOVEMBER 2013 PARK SUITE, FLEMING PARK, EASTLEIGH

#### **Present:**

Mike Williams (Secretary) Michael Coker, Graeme Lowndes' Richard Dean (Treasurer)  
Pam Rogers, Christine Weeks, Terry Williams Eileen Williams, Mike Barratt,  
Mary Axtell (President), Betty Tabor, Sheena Fitzmaurice, John Fitzmaurice, Alan Cropp,  
Richard Pearson

#### **Apologies:**

David Churcher, Mary Goater, Reg Eade, Christine Benning, Colin Goater (Chair),  
John Lofts, David Vossier, Tim Wilding

**In the absence of Colin Goater (chair) who sent his apologies, the meeting was chaired by the President, Mary Axtell**

**Minutes from Meeting on the 13 September 2013:** Minutes accepted.

**Matters Arising:** The grant from England Athletics has now been received.

#### **Secretary: Mike Williams**

A very quiet time of the year for correspondence, however Mike was pleased to report that the grant cheque for £750 from England Athletics had now been received.

#### **Treasurer: Richard Dean**

Please see full report attached.

It was agreed to purchase an additional 4 radios and earpieces. Terry Williams will organise this purchase and will liaise with Richard Dean re payment.

#### **Finance and Sustainability Sub Group: Michael Coker**

The Finance & Sustainability Sub Group met on 18 September 2013. Various grant applications have now been made, and some significant funding received for Athletics Development work in Hampshire. We can now support Coach Education with 'Bursaries' of £25 available to support Hampshire Club coaches attending the 'Leader' and 'Assistant' courses and £75 for the 'Coach' courses.

#### **Cross Country Championships: Pam Rogers**

**Date: 4 January 2014**

**Venue: Fleming Park (former golf course) Eastleigh**

Online entries opened, and the entry form is also available on the website to download. Permit received. Officials have been appointed. Cabins, First Aid and Porta Loos ordered. Race numbers and Saucony tape received. The Saucony team will provide, start and finish flags, the backdrop for the medal presentation and banners to go around the course on the day. Pam liaises regularly with the team from Eastleigh RC who are organising the courses and the recruitment of marshals.

Full details of 'how to enter' is available on the county website:-  
**[www.athletics.hampshire.org.uk](http://www.athletics.hampshire.org.uk)**

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

**Multi Event Championships:**

**10k Road Race: Quad Kids Events:**

Date: 5 May

Venue: Mountbatten Centre, Portsmouth

**Track and Field Championships:**

Date: 24 and 25 May

Venue: Mountbatten Centre, Portsmouth

Dates have been agreed, see above. A suggestion was made that instead of holding a 10k race on the 5 May, this could be changed to a 5k race, this will be discussed fully at the next meeting in January 2014, a Race Director and Volunteer Marshals Coordinator need to be recruited though!

A report with recommendations for the 2014 championships has been produced by the Officials Committee, Eileen and Terry Williams will ensure this is emailed to the secretaries'.

It was also agreed that competitions for wheel chair athletes should continue being held in the Saucony Hampshire Grand Prix events.

**Team Managers:**

Graeme Lowndes reported that the visit of Countances Athletic Club members to compete in the Bupa 5k and Junior Great South Run was a great success. Please see the report and results published on the home page of the county website – [www.hampshireathletics.org.uk](http://www.hampshireathletics.org.uk) Graeme thanked the organisers, Nova International, who provided complimentary entries for the visiting team and the use of a marquee on the day. Graeme said he had great support from families in Hampshire who kindly agreed to be hosts, and the team had a most enjoyable visit.

A question was asked with relation to how the teams will be selected for the SEAA Inter County Cross Country Championships on Saturday 14 December, especially if athletes are not able to compete in the second league match.

This information had been published on the county website, but please see below the details:

*Selection will be based on athletes' performances in the first two Hampshire League races (Reading and Goodwood). Any athletes who wish to be considered for selection, and are unable to attend these selection races, should contact the team manager, David Vosser.*

**Joint Technical Officials Report: Eileen & Terry Williams**

Congratulations to Janet Smith who won the England Athletics, South East Region, Official of the Year, the National winner being another Starter, Peter Shilling from London.

We held Level 2 Courses in all disciplines at The Sports Academy, Andover on 6<sup>th</sup> October with 37 attendees of which 22 were from Hampshire and also included 2 from Leicester on the Starter/Markman Course. Our thanks go to the Tutors, Alison Friend, Steve Baldwin and Janet Smith. Unfortunately UKA sent us 16 names of people who indicated interest in becoming an Official at their stand at the Anniversary Games in July but we received this some 3 weeks after our Courses. We contacted them all and await responses to see where we go from there. Also emailed UKA to ask why the delay as it took them 3 months but no response!

Our Officials committee met yesterday and have made the appointments for the County Championships and these will be circulated shortly together with the HSAA Appointments. We have had record responses this year. Our thanks go to Pam Rogers for her invaluable input.

We have summarised the Meeting Reports from the County Track & Field Championships and will be emailing these to Christine, Mike and Richard for their consideration shortly. On the whole comments were positive with just a few ideas for tweaking things to make the Championships even better. The Committee still feel that a Computer programme for seeding would be advantageous. Additionally we have been in contact with Richard and he is prepared to put an Officials section on the website in due course and we will supply him with the relevant information.

## **Sportshall: Michael Coker**

The first 2013- 14 Hampshire Sports Hall League match took place at Fleming Park on 20 October 2013 with over 180 athletes participating. Match 2 is at Andover Leisure Centre on 24 November 2013. The 2014 Regional competitions have been confirmed as 12 January (U11s) and 23 February (U15/U13) at Burgess Hill. These competitions will go ahead despite Sports Hall Associates being adversely affected by UKA loss of Aviva sponsorship. There is no date yet for the 2014 UK Sports Hall Final.

### **2014 League Dates:**

26 January at the Mountbatten Centre, Portsmouth

16 March at Fleming Park, Eastleigh

## **Development: Michael Coker**

The first 2013-14 Hampshire & IOW Coaching Day ran successfully at Portsmouth on 12 October 2013 with excellent feedback from the 72 athletes and 15 coaches attending. 12 of the athletes attending were invited as a direct result of their performances at Hampshire Schools events, and all showed interest in joining Hampshire Clubs. The 2<sup>nd</sup> Coaching Day is at Andover on 7<sup>th</sup> December.

The 2013 Hampshire Talented Athlete Scheme was launched in September 2013, and c.60 Hampshire athletes have applied (far more than any other sport). The panel meets on 15<sup>th</sup> November. This Hampshire County Council scheme provides support services to help Hampshire's most talented athletes reach World- Class podiums:- Olympics, Paralympics, World Championships.

We are meeting Saucony on 21<sup>st</sup> November to plan ahead to 2014 events and monitor the continuing business partnership with Hampshire Athletics.

Please find below summary of some 2013 key Hampshire Athletics Track & Field performances:-

Hampshire Schools achieved the best results for many years at the **English Schools Championships (Birmingham – 5/6 July 2013)**. A record total of 17 medals included:- **Gold (7)** Adam Jones JB HJ; Katya Oldfield JG HJ; Millie Cavanagh JG Shot; Leslie Parkes IB Hammer; IB 4 x 100m; Kierra Barker IG HJ; Nick Percy SB Discus. **Silver (6)** Andrew Douglas IB PV; Eddie Jenkinson JB Discus; Leanne Davies IG Javelin; Oliver Bromby IB 100m; Jacob Ness IB 400m; Andrew Mead- Briggs IB Discus. **Bronze (4)** Tom Sear JB High Jump; Jordan Campbell IG Javelin; Charlie Maw IB Pole Vault; Henry Ridgers SB Shot. Additionally Shadine Duquemin, Jersey won gold in the SG Discus.

**World Youth Championships (Donetsk, Ukraine 10-13 July 2013)**. Emily Jenkinson, Southampton 6<sup>th</sup> 800m Semi Final.

**European U20 Championships (Rieti, Italy 18-21 July 2013)**. Emilia Gorecka, AFD 1<sup>st</sup> 3000m; Nick Percy, IOW 2<sup>nd</sup> Discus; Shadine Duquemin, Jersey 7<sup>th</sup> Discus

**European U23 Championships (Tampere, Finland 11-14 July 2013)**. Isobel Pooley, AFD 4<sup>th</sup> High Jump; Zane Duquemin, Jersey was 4<sup>th</sup> in the Shot and 11<sup>th</sup> in the Discus.

Hampshire Clubs fared reasonably well in 2013 **National League** competition. In the UK Women's League – Southampton were promoted to the Premier Division for 2014; Portsmouth remain in Division 2 after a 5<sup>th</sup> place finish; Aldershot stay in Division 3 despite an 8<sup>th</sup> place League finish. In the British Athletics League – Basingstoke finished 7<sup>th</sup> in Division 1 and are relegated to Division 2 in 2014, where they will join Southampton who finished 4<sup>th</sup> in 2013. Channel Islands A.C. finished 4<sup>th</sup> in Division 4.

**Development continued:**

In other senior League competition, Southampton won the SAL Division 1 League competition for the 2<sup>nd</sup> consecutive year, with Basingstoke 4<sup>th</sup> and Portsmouth 12<sup>th</sup>. In Division 2 South, Andover & Overton finished 7<sup>th</sup>, Havant 14<sup>th</sup> and Winchester 15<sup>th</sup>. The SAL is viewed as an ideal competition format in many respects:- regionalised to reduce travel burden; full, but concise event timetable; male/ female athletes and coaches/ officials in one venue (unlike SML and SWL); Non-scoring athletes are permitted. The SAL had 82 member Clubs in 2013, and is likely to expand further in 2014.

In contrast, the new UK Youth Development League is not generally deemed to be working well, with lengthy travel, a drawn out timetable, and very poor attendance in the U20/ U17 age group. Fixtures were not 'athlete- friendly', unentertaining for spectators, leading to Officials not supporting the UKYDL.

The Hampshire Wheel Chair Race Group meets monthly with recent increasing numbers at Winchester Stadium. We are currently extending the activity to Portsmouth and Aldershot with new coaches, race chairs and Club support.

Hampshire Athletics are looking to support the Sport England Satellite Clubs programme, where 'satellite' Clubs linked to affiliated Athletics Clubs are set up at School sites. There is likely to be some funding support.

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**England Athletics: Christine Benning**

Please see attached report.

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**AGM Date:**

The date agreed was - Friday 7 March 2014, starting at 7.30 pm, Fleming Park, Eastleigh.

**Nomination for President 2014/15:**

The Executive Committee members unanimously agreed to nominate **Pam Rogers** as President for 2014/15.

**AOB:**

Betty Tabor reported that plans have been submitted to extend Fleming Park in 2014, this may have an impact re the meeting rooms available, Mike Williams to check this out with the management at the centre.

**Dates for your Diary:**

**Executive Committee Meeting** - Friday 10 January 2014

**AGM** – Friday 7 March 2014

Venue : Park Suite, Fleming Park Leisure Centre, Eastleigh, at 7.30 pm

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