



HAMPSHIRE ATHLETICS - EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON FRIDAY 14 JULY 2017 PARK SUITE, FLEMING PARK, EASTLEIGH

Present:

Mike Neighbour (Chair), Mike Williams (Secretary), Richard Dean (Treasurer), Michael Coker (Minutes Secretary), Richard Pearson, Eileen Williams, Terry Williams, Peter Newton, Vicky Brunswick

Apologies:

Carol Quinn, Jackie Tobin, Paul Farres, Colin Goater, Mary Goater, John Fitzmaurice, Sheena Fitzmaurice, Mary Axtell (Vice Chair), Tim Wilding, Pam Rogers, David Churcher, Christine Weeks

The Meeting stood in silence to pay respect to the memory of Roy Dyer (AFD), who has recently passed away. Roy had held many roles in Hampshire Club & County Athletics including Hampshire Athletics County President.

Minutes from Meeting on the 26 May 2017: Were accepted as an accurate record.

Matters Arising: There was a discussion around Disability & Masters Athletes, specifically related to the possibility of them throwing their own lighter weight implements in future County events. It was agreed that there is **no** capacity within the main County Championships events to enable this. However further consideration will be given to inclusion of some additional events within the Multi Events Championships, and/or linking with the pre-existing Surrey/ Sussex Masters Championships. (It was noted that the Hampshire Masters League was thriving with 4 fixtures each Track & Field season).

Action:- Bronwin Carter, City Of Portsmouth to be included in examining possible alternatives & making future recommendations to Hampshire Athletics.

Secretary: Mike Williams

Chapel Tristar have requested to affiliate to Hampshire Athletics to enable c.20 young triathletes to participate in HA events. Meeting agreed they can affiliate to HA for £50 for the remainder of 2017 (July- December). **Action: - MW to communicate decision.**

We have received a letter from Leighton Buzzard AC/ Bedford County seeking support for a proposal to amend existing UKA qualifying rules to include 'over the border' athletes in County Championship's events. This would potentially enable athletes with no residency to compete. After some discussion, the meeting concluded that HA cannot support this proposed amendment. **Action: - MW to respond reflecting HA views.**

A SEAA update has been circulated to all Clubs

An U15 Girls 300m event had been introduced to the Southern Inter- Counties Meeting in 2017.

No venue has been designated yet for the 2018 SEAA Senior Cross Country Championships.

Hampshire Athletics have received a request from City of Portsmouth AC to retain a letter on file for possible future reference. This relates to an ex- athlete now coaching (but with no evidence of DBS or coaching qualifications), and proving an unwelcome presence to coaches and volunteers at Club and County events. If there is evidence of continuation, HA would consider necessary interventions.

Treasurer: Richard Dean

Report circulated and appended to these minutes.

Development Committee Report

Hampshire Athletics Grand Prix, Basingstoke – 19 July 2017

There is a record entry of approaching 500 athletes for this event with strong representation from Hampshire Clubs and neighbouring Counties. Income from entries is approaching £5500. Alton Sports are the appointed retailer and will provide sponsors kit to the Middle Distance pacemakers. .

Mini Grand Prix, Basingstoke – 30 August 2017

This event will be for Under 11 & Under 13 athletes. Competitors will take part in 3 events (including at least one track and one field event). It was agreed to omit the shot for Under 11 athletes. There are sufficient Track Officials appointed, with additional Field cover being sought. There will be a particular emphasis on newly trained Volunteers/ Officials to support this Young Athlete's event. The event will be promoted to Clubs, Coaches and Athletes immediately following the 19 July Grand Prix.

SLD Athletics Festival 2017 - 15th June 2017

The Athletics Festival for school athletes with Severe Learning and Profound Difficulties took place successfully at Mountbatten Centre, Portsmouth. 122 athletes competed representing 8 Hampshire Special Schools.

England Athletics

Michael Coker met Sarah Gardiner, the new SE Regional replacement on 31 May. EA are re- designing their Coach Education courses, and Hampshire Athletics are seeking to secure some subsidised spaces on the new pilot programmes in autumn 2017.

Hampshire Schools Year 7&8 Championships, Southampton – 11 July 2017

Hampshire Athletics had a presence at this well- attended event. All medalists completed a form ensuring contact details will be captured, enabling us to send invitations to future coaching and competitive opportunities.

Cross Country Championships 2018

Plans will be confirmed shortly for the Championships to be held on 6 January 2018 at Fairthorne Manor. Pam Rogers will update the September 2017 Executive Meeting.

Multi Events & Quad Kids Championships – 7 May 2018, Portsmouth

No report, albeit planning for 2018 Hampshire Athletics events will commence shortly.

Track & Field Championships – May 2018, Portsmouth

The date will be confirmed shortly following the recommendation of the Counties Athletics Union (CAU). Likely date is 12/13 May 2018. **Action: - MW to confirm.**

Team Managers

No reports.

Hampshire Schools

This has been a very busy and successful summer for Hampshire Schools with athletes progressing from District events in May through to National and International competitions. Mair Edwards and Amaya Scott were selected to represent England in the International Schools Cup, with Amaya therefore missing the Regional Combined Events. However, she has been given a place in the Final along with Charlie Button who was at the Island Games and a number of other individuals. Caius Joseph won the Senior Boys Regional Event, and with the addition of Charlie Button Hampshire now have a team in the Final. Due to a rule change Hampshire can now take 70 athletes and 5 relay teams to the English Schools Championships and out of approximately 90 qualifiers a full team was selected for Birmingham. From the original selection 2 medal contenders were withdrawn through injury and we wish them a speedy recovery. Another 3 (Holly Mills, Gaia Osborne and Serena Vincent) were selected for the Youth Commonwealth Games. Additionally Owen Richardson was selected for the European Junior Championships. We wish them all the best. The replacements for these athletes had mixed success with Phoebe March reaching the final 8 and they all found the experience fantastic.

Overall the Hampshire ESAA team gained 10 medals (4 Gold, 1 Silver & 5 Bronze) and 38 were placed in the top 8. 19 Personal Best performances were achieved, 48 gained ESAA standards and 55 contributed points to the team. Tom Hewson and Heather Cabbage gained International vests. Hampshire were 5th overall, which is a similar position to previous years, despite all the withdrawals. Apart from the first 2 County Teams the points are fairly close.

The season ended with heavy rain at Southampton for the U13/14 Championships on 11 July 2017, with a cheer from the crowd when it was announced that the relays would be cancelled! All HSAA results will appear on the power of 10 thanks to the support of our Officials. Thanks also to Richard Dean for his support with the results and to all who made the Inter County event successful, particularly Mike Barratt and his very small team! Finally a big thank you to the various coaches at Hampshire Clubs who prepare athletes for these Schools events, and do so much to support Hampshire Schools AA.

Technical Officials Report

The bulk of the Hampshire and HSAA meetings are now over apart from the Grand Prix week and the Mini Grand Prix at the end of August. The main Grand Prix is fully staffed with Officials but, in view of the lateness in finalising the Mini Grand Prix, we are struggling to fill positions at the meeting. All the Schools events went well apart from a small problem with a local protester at the South East Schools Inter Counties at Basingstoke. Thankfully the parent of one athlete was an off duty Policeman who came to the rescue!!

We are in the process of arranging Officials Courses at Winchester in November and once arrangements are finalised we will be sending details to all Clubs and encourage clubs and Committee members to get people onto these Courses to ease the pressure on our current happy band. We are also scheduled to go to Jersey on 3rd/4th November.

Road Running

Lakeside Road Relays will take place on 10 September 2017. At the recent Hampshire Road Race League AGM, all the 2017- 18 League Races were finalized and information is now posted on the Hampshire Athletics site.

Sports Hall

We have started booking venues for the 2017-18 Hampshire League Sports Hall season - Andover Leisure is now managed by 'People for Places' (previously Valley Leisure), and the Sports Hall is closed until 2019. Fleming Park, Eastleigh and River Park, Winchester are unavailable on the nominated dates. A Team Manager's meeting is to be organized.

Proposed **2017- 18** dates are:-

15 October 2017 – League Match 1 – Venue?

19 November 2017 – League Match 2 – Venue?

28 January 2018 – League Match 3 - Mountbatten Centre, Portsmouth

10 February 2018 – Regional U11 Sports Hall, Surrey Sports Park, Guildford

04 March 2018 – Regional U13/ U15 Championships, Olympos Centre, Burgess Hill

11 March 2018 – League Match 4 - Mountbatten Centre, Portsmouth

14-15 March 2018 – UK Sports Hall Final, Sports City, Manchester

Any Other Business

None

Meeting closed **2100** hours.

Dates of next meetings:-

Friday 8th September 2017

Friday 10th November 2017

Friday 12th January 2018

Hampshire Athletics website: - www.hampshireathletics.org.uk