



## HAMPSHIRE ATHLETICS - EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

### MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON FRIDAY 26 MAY 2017 PARK SUITE, FLEMING PARK, EASTLEIGH

#### **Present:**

Mike Neighbour (Chair), Carol Quinn, Mike Williams (Secretary), Richard Dean (Treasurer), Michael Coker (Minutes Secretary), Richard Pearson, David Churcher, Christine Weeks, Jackie Tobin, Dave Sherry

#### **Apologies:**

Janet Smith (President), Eileen Williams, Terry Williams, Colin Goater, Mary Goater, John Fitzmaurice, Sheena Fitzmaurice, Mary Axtell (Vice Chair), Tim Wilding, Cliff Manton, Pam Rogers, Mike Barratt, Vicky Bronwick

**Minutes from Meeting on the 13 January 2017:** Were accepted as an accurate record.

**Matters Arising:** Michael Coker has accepted the Minutes Secretary role.

#### **Presentation by Dave Sherry, Winchester & District AC**

Dave Sherry reported that WADAC were working with a number of partners including Winchester City Council, Winchester University, Pindar Trust and others with the intention to build an athletics indoor facility adjacent to the current Winchester Track & Field facility and Garrison ground. Likely budget for the track is £2.7m and between £30-35m for a broad vision. The University are pledging a £6m contribution and the Trust an additional £1m. The wider plan includes a 50m swimming pool, 6 tennis courts, 190 station gymnasium, office/studio areas, an all-weather pitch and peripherals, shops etc. Car parking considerations were vital.

LA Architects were appointed in March 2017 – (they had involvement with the design of the Spectrum Centre, Guildford). The aim would be for a 2020 build completion, with the nearby River Park Leisure Centre scheduled to close shortly. Winchester University are very keen to also build a new Sports Hall for student and community use. It was likely that a management company would be appointed to run and maintain the facility ultimately.

Winchester & District Athletics Club view the proposals as a significant opportunity and have committed to supply £30-50K athletics equipment within the facility including throwing implements and sports hall equipment. The Club had involved England Athletics at an early stage in the discussions. Dave Sherry was representing the Club's interests in creating a proposal to Winchester City Council. The facility would need to be self-funding and generate significant revenue through year-round, daytime and evening usage. The design would be a multi-use facility on two floors which could be hired separately. Revenue would be optimised from non-athletics use (5 a side football, cricket, bowls, children's activities). The aim was to encourage wide use from Winchester, Hampshire and preferably the Region whilst maximising use of the existing track facility.

The meeting noted that Hampshire athletes and coaches currently travel to use indoor facilities at Bath, Brunel, Eton, Lee Valley – a new Winchester facility would be well placed with good transport links to neighbouring Counties. It was recommended that the facility would have the potential to host future coaching and officials' courses. Members of the Hampshire Athletics community are encouraged to forward comments to Dave Sherry.

**Action:** - Hampshire Athletics agreed to supply supportive references in the future when requested.

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

Hampshire Athletics had received an England athletics affiliation pack.

We have received an invitation to the U13 Inter-County Match in Surrey. Mark Hyde will be Hampshire Team Manager.

### **Treasurer: Richard Dean**

Report circulated. The County had paid the majority of invoices from the recent Championships events. £500 income had been received from England Athletics. An award of £200 was anticipated from the Michael Austin Harlick Fund later in 2017. Total costs of Officials refreshments from the County Championships approximated £800. Detailed report appended to minutes.

### **Development Committee Report**

#### **London Mini Marathon – 23 April 2017**

14 Hampshire Club athletes competed in the 36 strong SE Regional team who finished 2<sup>nd</sup> in the UK.

#### **National Sports Hall Final, Sports City, Manchester – 23 April 2017**

Hampshire U13 Boys performed superbly to finish 4<sup>th</sup> in the National Final from 13 teams.

#### **SLD Athletics Festival 2017 - 15<sup>th</sup> June 2017**

The Athletics Festival for school athletes with Severe Learning and Profound Difficulties will take place at Mountbatten Centre, Portsmouth. Entries received from 8 Hampshire Special Schools (122 athletes).

#### **Hampshire Athletics Grand Prix, Basingstoke – 19 July 2017**

A planning meeting was held on 10 April 2017. There are some small programme changes to include sprint hurdles in 2017 – otherwise the majority of the successful 2016 competition model is being maintained. We aspire to increase entries above the 2016 record of 398 athletes. A second smaller event for young athletes is planned for Basingstoke on 30 August 2017. Alton Sports have agreed to be event retailer.

### **England Athletics**

Christine Benning has retired. Michael Coker is meeting Sarah Gardiner, her SE Regional replacement on 31 May. We are hoping that EA will host a Coach Education course in Hampshire in early autumn 2017.

### **2017-18 Hampshire Athletics Development Plan**

A copy will be appended to these minutes.

### **Cross Country Championships 2018**

Plans to be confirmed for the 2018 to held on 6 January 2018 at Fairthorne Manor.

### **Multi Events & Quad Kids Championships – 1 May 2017, Portsmouth**

79 athletes entered the Multi Events and 71 the Quad Kids event. There had been a few timetable clashes due to bringing forward some events. Additional small income was received from open mile and 3000m events. A number of thoughts were debated how to increase the scale of the day including extra competition for masters athletes (possibly Inter-Counties competition?).

### **Track & Field Championships – 13/14 May 2017, Portsmouth**

Richard Dean presented a summary report of the Championships which had 735 athlete entries (the highest since 1997), and were deemed to be very successful. Bronwin Carter, City of Portsmouth had raised a complaint and asked that disability athletes and Masters athletes should be permitted to throw their own lighted weight implements at future Championships events to enable greater inclusiveness.

#### **Action:- Bronwin to be asked to make recommendation to Hampshire Athletics.**

The official photographers (D-E) were deemed to have been somewhat intrusive.

### **Team Managers**

No reports. Helen Glyn from New Milton has been appointed Senior Team Manager.

### **Hampshire Schools**

No written report presented. The Hampshire Schools Championships are at Portsmouth on 10 June 2017, with Hampshire hosting the Schools Inter- Counties at Basingstoke on 17 June. ESAA team selection would be finalised following these meetings with Hampshire allocated an increased team size of 70 in 2017. The Hampshire Schools Year 7&8 Championships are at Southampton on 11 July 2017

**Technical Officials Report**

No report tabled

**Road Running**

No report

**Sports Hall: Michael Coker**

Planning to start booking venues for 2017-18 season, as Andover Leisure has moved management to 'People for Places' from Valley Leisure – and the sports hall closed until 2019. A Team Managers meeting to be organized.

**Any Other Business**

MN stated he planned to seek EA independent advice over an athlete welfare matter.

Meeting closed **2110** hours.

**Dates of next meetings:-**

Friday 14<sup>th</sup> July 2017

Friday 8<sup>th</sup> September 2017

Friday 10<sup>th</sup> November 2017

Friday 12<sup>th</sup> January 2018

**Hampshire Athletics website: - [www.hampshireathletics.org.uk](http://www.hampshireathletics.org.uk)**