



**HAMPSHIRE ATHLETICS -  
MINUTES OF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING**

**HELD ON FRIDAY 30<sup>th</sup> April 2021 at 7.00 pm**

**ACCESSED VIA ZOOM, DUE TO THE ONGOING CORONAVIRUS LOCKDOWN**

**Members present:**

Mike Neighbour – Chair (MN), Eileen Williams (EW), Mike Barratt (MB), Terry Williams (TW), Richard Dean (RD), Peter Newton (PN), Mike Williams (MW), Dave Churcher (DC), Pam Rogers (PR), Carol Quinn (CQ), Stuart Horsewood (SH)

**1. Apology later received:** Colin Goater (CG)

**2. Minutes of the last meeting of 15<sup>th</sup> January 2021:** Accepted as produced and previously circulated.

**3. Matters arising from the previous minutes:**

None.

**4. Secretary's Update:**

- MW advised having been informed by Don Turner that that there will be no u13 Inter Counties Competition due to the ongoing uncertainties around Covid-19.

- MW has received from EA the Grant Application form, which he has passed to RD to complete.

**5. Treasurer's Update:**

- RD has prepared the updated accounts which continue to reflect the absence of any significant activity.

**6. Officials:**

-TW advised that responses from officials for their tentative commitment to future meetings are approx. 25% lower than usual which will impact on our ability to host such as the County Championships and on the HSAA meetings. Various possible reasons – bereavement (especially around Covid-19), retirement, shielding – themselves or relatives, absence of activity for over a year, absence of coaching courses.

**7. Schools:**

-EW mentioned the proposed HSAA u15 Pentathlon in Basingstoke on 26<sup>th</sup> May 2021. A flyer has been produced. SH to circulate this to all clubs, while RD to put on the website. SH to arrange for medals for the first three girls/boys.

-EW mentioned the ESAA Championships and the SEAA Championships for Seniors on 12<sup>th</sup> June.

-EW advised that a decision has been made that there will be no Inter-County event.

**ACTION:  
WHO?**

**RD**

**SH/RD  
SH**

**8. Cross Country:**

-PR advised that there has been nothing that needed following up after the County AGM in March 2021.

-PR advised that the UKA survey on the equalisation of distances and other potentially contentious suggestions has resulted in a report in the process of being produced. A quote from ECCA of 19<sup>th</sup> April was a continues opposition to equal distances across all athletes of the same age group. This has been supported by the majority of the survey responses. A quote from CAS and UKA indicated that most respondents prefer separate Male & Female races. It remains to be seen whether there will be any rule changes as a result of this whole exercise.

**9. Sportshall:**

- In the absence of Steve Torrance (ST) at this meeting SH reported having met with ST who indicated that it is still the intention to run sessions at the Eastleigh Leisure Centre. However no date has yet been agreed due to the continuing limitations on indoor training.

**10. General discussion on the current situation re the Covid-19 lockdown:**

- It was generally accepted that a proper return to competitive sport is entirely in the hands of government guidance.

**11. Any other business:**

-SH mentioned a Masters competition being organised by Surrey who seek other counties' participation. SH asked for and received the name of a point of contact in the county. MW will provide contact details.

-SH raised the planned, revised dates for our Track & Field Championships, as well as the Multi-event, both to be held at the end of August/first weekend of September 2021.

Alison Friend (AF) to be asked to study the 2019 programmes to consider the shortage of officials for the field events and the need for additional time to handle Covid-19 controls. RD to share the 2019 programme and SH to share this with AF for the Field events and EW and TW for the track events, where the impact of limited official's commitment is not likely to be so severe.

Reference was made as to concern over the state of the throws cage at Mountbatten, specifically if there are throwers with distances over 40 metres. PN indicated that the NAL has a meeting there on 6<sup>th</sup> June and he will feed back thereafter to SH the current status. SH also to check with Mountbatten direct.

Difficulty in getting First Aid coverage advised by SH. St John submitted details of their requirements. Medi4 had been suggested by PN but they are proving hard to tie down. ET mentioned having another company and she will provide contact details.

As soon as things are more firmed up for the August/September meetings, SH will update the announcement on the website. RD indicated that the opening of entries normally only starts approx. 2 months prior to the events.

The committee meeting was closed at 8.45pm.

**Date of the next meeting agreed as Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> July 2021.**

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**MW**

**RD/SH  
AF/E&TW**

**PN/SH**

**ET**

**SH**

