



HAMPSHIRE ATHLETICS - EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON FRIDAY 8 SEPTEMBER 2017 PARK SUITE, FLEMING PARK, EASTLEIGH

Present:

Mike Neighbour (Chair), Mike Williams (Secretary), Richard Dean (Treasurer), Mary Axtell (Vice Chair), Michael Coker (Minutes Secretary), David Churcher, James Clarke (Ordnance Survey Runners), Mary Goater, Richard Pearson, Jackie Tobin, Eileen Williams, Terry Williams

Apologies:

Colin Goater, John Fitzmaurice, Sheena Fitzmaurice, Peter Newton, Carol Quinn, Pam Rogers, Christine Weeks, Simon (IOW Chairman).

Minutes from Meeting on the 14 July 2017: Were accepted as an accurate record.

Matters Arising: None

Secretary: Mike Williams

SEAA Annual General Meeting is 10 September 2017. Steve Snodden has been elected unopposed to the Track & Field Group. Some key resolutions are to be debated with reference to the two distinct groups:- SEAA Ltd & SEAA Competitions.

James Clarke (Ordnance Survey Runners) attended and confirmed the Club were formed in 1998 and were now affiliated with 150+ runners. The Club wished to participate in the Hampshire Road Running League, had subscribed and had been accepted. They now wished to affiliate formally to Hampshire Athletics. The Chair & Committee welcomed Ordnance Survey Runners to HA; the HA affiliation fee will be waived for 2017 with full 2018 payment to be notified.

Mike Williams confirmed his new E Mail address - mikekwilliams@btinternet.com

Treasurer: Richard Dean

Report circulated and appended to these minutes.

Development Report

Hampshire Athletics Grand Prix, Basingstoke – 19 July 2017

There was a record entry of 500 athletes for this event with strong representation from Hampshire Clubs and neighbouring Counties. Athlete numbers exceeded our previous record entry (2016) by 102 athletes!

500 athletes competed in **699** events. **Income to Hampshire Athletics** from athlete entries exceeded **£5,550**. The leading **Club** participation was:-

Basingstoke **94**
Southampton **87**
Portsmouth **45**
Aldershot **40**
Winchester **31**
Bracknell **44**
Reading **21**
Andover **11**
Fleet & Crookham **11**
Newbury **11**
Poole **9**
Camberley **8**
Eastleigh RC **7**
Windsor, SE&H **7**
Havant **6**
Guernsey **6**

Isle of Wight **5**

Team Bath **5**

39 other Clubs/ Schools/ Colleges were represented by 1 or more athletes.

Once again the Grand Prix event enhanced Hampshire Athletics' reputation for athletes achieving **Personal Best** performances - the 2017 Basingstoke total was **131 Personal Bests!** These are excellent statistics taking account of the negative winds in all sprints, hurdles and U15G Long Jump events. Credit is particularly due to the 7 pacemakers for the 800m & 3000m events:- (Alex Teuten, Aaron Bennett, Ollie Smith, Max Costley, Dave Ragan, Chris Hilton, Amy Jaramazovic).

100m **6 PBs**

200m **7**

300m **3**

400m **5**

800m **50**

3000m **35**

Sprint Hurdles **2**

High Jump **3**

Long Jump **8**

Pole Vault **2**

Shot **7**

Javelin **3**

We have received a lot of positive feedback from competing athletes, their coaches and parents. Constructive suggestions for modifying the timetable in future years include running the U15 3000m (or possibly 1500m?) earlier in the evening (maybe directly after 200m, as Starter/ Assistants are already in place on the track). Additionally the U15G Long Jump is always well supported – this could be re- timetabled elsewhere in the evening to ease the Field programme.

Overall a very successful event, which continues to build Hampshire Athletics reputation for hosting and resourcing a high- quality, athlete- friendly competition. Alton Sports, the Volunteer Corps (car parking), Basingstoke Hockey Club, Collingwood First Aid, the volunteers on Athlete Registration all fully supported Hampshire athletics in achieving its objectives.

Mini Grand Prix, Basingstoke – 30 August 2017

This event attracted just fewer than 100 U11 & U13 athletes. Competitors took part in 3 events (including at least one track and one field event). There was a particular emphasis on newly trained Volunteers/ Officials supporting the event, and all performed very creditably. There is cautious optimism that we could expand the event in future years.

England Athletics Coach Education Courses

Michael Coker met Sarah Gardiner (the new England Athletics SE Regional Coordinator on 31 May 2017), who made us aware that EA were re- designing their Coach Education courses. We stated Hampshire Athletics would seek to secure some subsidised spaces on the new pilot programmes in autumn 2017.

We've received an update in September 2017 from Becky Turford, EA South Area Education Coordinator, with regard to the 'Athletics Coach' course - the course structure is changing and likely to revert to a similar programme as former years: - more akin to Level 1-4 Courses with more formal Track & Field technical input. Some 'pilots' of the new Jumps module were planned at Stoke Mandeville but nothing local to Hampshire, and all places have been filled. There will be a 'break' whilst the new Coach course is fully developed & promoted, with a planned implementation in April 2018.

Hampshire Talented Athlete Scheme

Applications have opened for the Hampshire Talented Athlete Scheme (HTAS) now being managed by 'Energise Me'. Eligibility criteria for HTAS applicants include a minimum age of 11+ and Hampshire residency. The application form requests evidence of athlete performance level. For individual sports the general requirement for support is a top 15 National Ranking and/or top 15 National Championships performance. In addition to financial grants, the HTAS also offers non-grant packages to assist athletes access other

services – this can include:

- Free access to participating Leisure Centre's and training facilities
- A fast-track Physiotherapy Service
- Sport Science support with access to the latest research and techniques
- Public Speaking and Presentation Skills training.

Applications close on **Sunday 15 October**.

Action:- MGC to circulate detail to Track & Field Clubs.

Hampshire Athletics Clubs & Athlete Track & Field 2017 Highlights

British Athletics League - 2017

Southampton AC were relegated from the Premier Division to Division 1 in 2018, despite strong performances over the 4 matches. Basingstoke & Mid Hants were relegated to Division 2. Portsmouth finished 3rd in Division 4.

UK Women's League - 2017

Southampton AC were promoted from Division 1 to the Premier Division in 2018.

UK Youth Development League U13/U15 Division - 2017

Southampton AC won the Southern League 1 and eventually finished 3rd at the UK National Finals in Birmingham on 2 September 2017

European Under 23 Championships – Bydgoszcz, Poland, July 13-16 2017

Cameron Chalmers (Guernsey) captained the Great Britain team and achieved a gold medal in the 4 x 400m relay. He also finished 4th in the 400m final. Amy Griffiths (Aldershot) finished 5th in the 1500m final.

European Under 20 Championships – Grosseto, Italy, July 20-23 2017

Mair Edwards (Basingstoke) achieved a bronze medal in the 4 x 400m relay. Oliver Bromby (Southampton) gained a bronze medal in the 100m. Owen Richardson (Basingstoke) ran a Personal Best of 46.49 to finish 5th in the 400m.

Commonwealth Youth Games – Nassau, Bahamas, July 20-23 2017

Holly Mills (Andover) won the Long Jump representing England, and carried the Team England flag at the opening ceremony. Alastair Chalmers (Guernsey) won the 400m Hurdles in a British U18 record of 51.22 seconds.

World Para Athletics Championships – London Stadium, July 14-23 2017

Olivia Breen (Portsmouth) achieved a gold medal in the T38 Long Jump, and finished 4th in the 100m. Dave Henson (Southampton) attained a bronze medal in the T42 200m final. Georgie Hermitage (East Hants resident) won the T37 400m in a new World Record of 60.29. She also won gold in the 100m.

IAAF World Championships – London Stadium, August 4-13 2017

Stephanie Twell (Aldershot) finished 15th in her 5000m heat; Jessica Martin (Aldershot, formerly IOW) did not finish in the 10,000m final. Nick Percy (IOW) finished 15th in the Discus qualifying round. Cameron Chalmers (Guernsey) was an unused squad member in the 4 x 400m relay.

Hampshire Athletics Development Officer

The Chair reported that Michael Coker was standing down due to family & career reasons, and thanked him for his 14+ year's service to the County which included many significant development achievements and growth in our sport. The next County Development Meeting is scheduled for **Friday 6th October 7.00pm at Down Grange, Basingstoke**. **All are welcome to attend**. The Chair stated that it was likely that several people would be required to lead on different aspects of County Athletics Development.

Cross Country Championships 2018

The Championships will be held on 6 January 2018 at Fairthorne Manor. Most aspects are now confirmed including quotations for First Aid, Time Clock hire. Medals will be ordered shortly. The proposed entry fee is currently under discussion. Car parking arrangements and risk assessments are being planned. Officials will be identified at the 26 October Meeting. The course is virtually identical to 2017, with some re-measurement to be undertaken by

John Osman.

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

Planning for 2018 Hampshire Athletics events will commence shortly. There is potential to include some Masters & Disability events (possibly throws, sprints and hurdles), also possibly Wheel Chair races.

Action: - MGC to seek guidance from Bronwin Carter (Disability), and views from Masters competitors.

Track & Field Championships – 12/13 May 2018, Portsmouth

Dates confirmed – no report.

Team Managers

County Athletics Union (CAU) Championships – 29/30 July 2017, Bedford

DC circulated a written report. As in 2015 & 2016 this event had been amalgamated with the England AAA Championships. Hampshire finished 9th team from 44 Counties. (5th overall aggregate, when scores combined with men).

Senior 8 Counties Meeting – 2 July 2017, Kingston

Hampshire Men finished 3rd from the 8 competing Counties with the Ladies finishing 5th (overall aggregate 5th). Hampshire had 3 winners: - (Alex Teuten – 5000m; James Forman – 400m Hurdles; Chris Snook – Walk).

U13 Inter-Counties Match – 1 July 2017, Kingston

RD reported an excellent performance with the Hampshire Girls finishing 1st and Boys 5th.

Hampshire Schools – Eileen Williams

No report, as Schools are just returning from summer break. Next Hampshire Schools AA Executive Meeting is 12th September, when the 2017-18 timetables will be planned.

Technical Officials Report – Eileen & Terry Williams

The Mini Grand Prix went well for the first time we have held this with over 30 Officials and this was refereed by Young/ New Officials who did well. Thanks to Jacky Tobin for overseeing it on the evening.

We will be sending out availability letters for the Cross Country meetings shortly and selections will be made at our next Officials Committee Meeting on 26th October.

New Officials Courses have been arranged at Winchester on 12th and 26th November and thanks to Richard for putting these on the website. We are possibly going to Jersey at the beginning of November to run Track & Field Courses. Current Channel Island contacts are:- Paula Aubert (Jersey) & Tom Druce (Guernsey).

Road Running

The Hampshire Road Relay Championships will take place on 10 September 2017 at Lakeside. The event has attracted 76 relay teams (this is 7 more than in 2016).

Sports Hall

We had a 2017-18 Hampshire Sports Hall planning meeting on 8 September 2017 for all Team Managers. Dates/ venues are all booked and confirmed for the 2017-18 Hampshire League Sports Hall season. **2017- 18** dates are:-

8 October 2017 – League Match 1 – Applemore Leisure Centre

12 November 2017 – League Match 2 – Applemore Leisure Centre

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

1. Hampshire Cross Country League 2017-18.

Ken Littlejohns has retired as League Chairman. The interim chair is Alan Ive. All dates/venues are now confirmed for 2017- 18.

Action: - RD to put detail on Hampshire Athletics web- site.

2. England Athletics South East Regional Awards.

Bronwin Carter (City of Portsmouth) won the Coach of the Year Award; and Ann Flitcroft (Basingstoke & Mid Hants) the Young Official of the Year Award.

3. England Athletics 2018 Registration

MN reported that the EA proposal to the AGM for 2018 was for Club registration fee to remain unchanged, and athlete registration to increase to £15 per athlete.

Meeting closed **2100** hours.

Dates of next meetings:-

Friday 10th November 2017

Friday 12th January 2018

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