

# Avon Athletic Association (Affiliated to M.C.A.A.)

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## MINUTES OF COMMITTEE MEETING Held :- 24<sup>th</sup> January 2005.

At Civil Service Club, Filton Avenue, Bristol.

**PRESENT** : Peter GRIFFIN (President); Graham HOWELL (Chairman); Mike DOWN (Vice Chairman); Mike STRANGE (Hon Sec); Bill KINGSTON (Hon Treas); Ray GOODING (Officials Co-ordinator); Andy HEYES (XC Co-ordinator); John ROBBINS (Life Vice-President); Hilary NASH (Coaching Co-ordinator); Mike ANDREWS (Clevedon AC); James MURPHY (Westbury H; Arthur RENSHAW (Thornbury R.C.; Colin HICKEY (AXA A.C.) Nigel BARKER (Great Western Runners); Mike BULL (Great Western Runners).

**APOLOGIES** : Gordon ROBBINS (Road R Co-ordinator); Hugh BURCHARD (City of Bath AC); Ian MACINTOSH (Life Vice-President); Karen WALSH (Sole Sisters).

## MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

**TRACK & FIELD** (Item missed from the minutes)

Somerset agreed to advise their athletes that the Open West of England Champs (held the day after their Champs) is open for them to compete in.

## SECRETARY

Development Meeting – ‘treat’ should read ‘threat’ (2<sup>nd</sup> para)

## TREASURER

Current Balance change to **£ 19,902.53** (the £ 843.50 from cheques omitted from banking are included)

## OFFICIALS

Dress Code – Officials Co-ordinator indicates that it is not he that is “thinking of introducing a County uniform”. He will follow the recommendations of UKA etc.

**Otherwise the Minutes were accepted as a true record of the Meeting.**

## MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

### SECRETARY

**First Claim locally.** *The Hon Sec sought clarification and commented thus:*

In answer to the question posed at the last meeting the MCAA advise : “Rule 5.5 applies ‘Where athletes’ first claim Clubs do not included all disciplines (as listed) they are eligible to represent an additional first claim in any of the disciplines of athletics for which the first claim club does not cater, following **approval** from their appropriate Territorial or National Eligibility Committee, commencing on the **first day of the following month.**

Other points established were : “Westbury & Yate are partner clubs”. “A member joining Westbury will become 1<sup>st</sup> claim to that club and the MCAA will also enter them as 1<sup>st</sup> Claim members of Yate”. This observes an understanding established from the outset by those clubs with the MCAA.

### Athletes to Bristol & West AC

No letters were received making complaint about the movement of athletes. The MCAA have been informed. Mike Down on behalf of Bristol & West AC requested that an apology be made to that Club in view of the failure of any other club to substantiate comments made. It was pointed out that comments emanated from a SW Development Meeting and had been referred through our Committee. They had not been made directly to Avon AA. The Hon Sec undertook to take this request to the next SW Development Meeting. **[Action: Hon Sec]**. John Robbins proposed that furtherance of this issue should be a club matter. No vote taken.

### Letter David Hughes - Standing Orders

The Hon Sec responded to David Hughes.

## TREASURER

### Avon & Somerset Cross Country – 2004

Mike Down again pointed out that expenses for the Inter-County XC 2004 event remained outstanding for the athletes listed in minutes of our last Meeting. It was agreed that these expenses should have been reimbursed by

Somerset but some clarification was needed in respect how and when these expense claims had been proffered to Somerset. It was agreed that we should speak directly with Roger Lee the Somerset Hon Treas. **[Action – Hon Treas]**.

### **Grant Template**

The formal 'Grant Application Form' prepared by Huw Burchard had been circulated and was discussed. With the minor amendment of the omission of the line 'Benefit to Avon AA' the form was duly adopted.

Proposed Bill Kingston; Seconded Arthur Renshaw; Unanimous response.

## **ROAD RUNNING**

### **Race Calendar**

Latest issue was distributed

### **UKA Road Running Handbook.**

Road Running Co-ordinator requested approval to purchase 12 booklets @ £ 4 each (£ 12) for race organisers (non athletics clubs). Proposed Mike Strange; Seconded Hilary Nash; Passed unanimously.

**[Action: RRC to order & distribute]**

### **Unattached Levy**

Road Running Co-ordinator advises this levy is now proposed at £ 2 each.

He again protests (and is voicing this through the Midlands) that they (MCAA) are not feeding this information through. (Gordon learns this from the South West Road Running meetings.)

### **Race Organiser Fees – Unaffiliated Clubs**

Road Running Co-ordinator informs that this fee will be £ 30 (not £ 20). (Insurance cover fee). He asks "how can they propose these alterations in the short term when the road racing set up makes plans and advertises up to a year ahead? Again very little information forthcoming from MCAA. **[Action: Road Running Coordinator - continue to monitor this developing change to rules.]**

### **Bath Half Marathon**

Road Running Co-ordinator is currently anticipating full permit support information from the event organisers. **[Action: Road Running Coordinator - continue to pursue satisfactory responses].**

## **OFFICIALS**

### **Officials Exam**

A list of those passing that exam are listed in the appendix.

## **SECRETARY'S REPORT**

### **Hub Consultation Process**

The choice of 19<sup>th</sup> Feb 2005 for the South West's date to meet the deputation from AAA & UKA to outline and discuss 'Hub' proposals was described as unfortunate and insensitive. The date clashes with the National XC Champs, the Inter-City Indoor match and the AAA Under 20 Indoor event. Previous attempts to have the date changed had failed. It was resolved that a strong formal letter of protest should be sent UKA / AAA of England concerning this unfortunate clash: . **[Action Hon Sec]**

### **Welfare**

After attendance at a meeting that discussed the forthcoming launch of the UKA's Welfare (including Child Protection) Policies & Procedures the Hon Sec volunteered to initially cover this area of responsibility for Avon AA. Offer was accepted without deference.

The results of a subsequent survey of our Clubs have been returned to UKA who are now aware who is handling Welfare at club level.

### **Avon Association Ties**

A choice of Neck Tie (from 3 colour samples) was made & Peter Griffin will confirm our order. **[Action: President]**

### **Facilities - Packers**

The Town Green Application has been considered and will now become the subject of a Public Enquiry in a couple of months time. Hengrove Park Development Plans (of which the Packers Track is a part) will go forward for consideration at the end of January. Proposals should be complete with planning approvals for project commencement in 12 months time. This does not mean the track build will commence at that time.

## **First Claim Moves**

As listed in the Appendix.

## **TREASURERS REPORT**

### ***Current Balance***

£20,197.74 (excluding cheques written just prior to this meeting).

The unaffiliated levy money paid to the County amounted to £ 2,975.50 for the October to December period. (£ 2,301.00 is included and was received in respect of the Bath Half Marathon).

### **Affiliations**

Fees to date have been paid for Avon & Somerset Constabulary Triathlon Club, Clevedon AC, Bitton Road Runners, Empire AC, AXA AC, Nailsea Running Club, Yate & District AC, Somer AC, Saltford Staggerers, Hogweed Trotters & Great Western Runners.

### ***Grant Requests***

#### **Stopwatch - Great Western Runners**

Representatives of GWR represented their request for a 'Stopwatch' which will be used as a training aid. Total cost of purchase £ 198.00 (Invoice proof attached). Item proposed (award a 50% Grant) Proposed Arthur Renshaw; Seconded Mike Andrews, Carried Unanimously. [**Action: Hon Treas.**]

## **COACHING**

### **Restructuring the System**

The Coaching Co-ordinator indicated that the new Coaching structure would be in line with the National Coaching Federation's criteria.

### **Coaches Get Together**

Coaches 'get together' with the SW RDC at Bath University on 23<sup>rd</sup> Jan was unfortunately cancelled.

## **OFFICIALS**

### **Qualification - John DEATON**

Further clarification is being sought on the status of the above after a query from the MCAA. A letter has now been sent to Don Turner at the SCAA – currently Wiltshire are unable to provide the information required.

### **Midland Officials Conference**

The MCAA have enquired why so few local officials attend this annual conference. Contributions please to the Officials Co-ordinator who will respond to MCAA.

### **UKA Registration Forms**

UKA are now issuing Registration Forms to all known Officials to enable them to compile correct records of those involved. For those that have not received such forms the Officials Co-ordinator has spare copies.

### **SW Schools XC – Blaize – Sat 5<sup>th</sup> Feb.**

Avon have been requested to provide Officials for this event. Please inform the Officials Co-ordinator if you will assist.

### **A & S XC Champs / Bristol Schools XC Champs**

Thanks were expressed to those that assisted at these events.

### **Level 1 - Assistant Officials**

Mike Strange is running an initial Level 1 Assistant Officials Course for Bristol & West AC and if all goes successfully will be available to repeat the Course for other clubs. If Avon pay the £ 10 admin charge to UKA and if the venue is provided f.o.c. then there will be no charge to clubs

## **CROSS COUNTRY**

### ***Avon & Somerset Championships***

The Championships organisation of this event was excellent, competition was good and the facilities were first rate. Results complete and published (with a report) in a timely fashion in AW and the Local Papers. Helpers seemed to be sufficient in number although it is recognised that tremendous effort went in from the Clevedon AC club with probably a little contribution from other Association Members. The Hon. Treas. also noted only one club entry fee of £40 was awaited at this time.

Comments for future reference: Calls for Team Competition to be introduced for each age group, the 'Schools' turn out did not seem to materialise (even from Clifton College on their home ground), the Permit was almost overlooked (but was quickly resolved when recognised), the clash of dates with the Thornbury 'Ultra' event could have resolved into a substantially increased entry.

## **ROAD RUNNING**

Bristol & West AC have satisfactorily resolved their long standing oversight in the payment of their unattached levy fees at the Bridge Inn race series.

## **TRACK & FIELD**

### **Track & Field Champs**

The YOSC track is booked for the Junior Champs on May 14 and the West of England Champs on May 15. The Multi-Events Championships are not planned to be held this year.

## **SPORTS HALL**

### **Torbay 15<sup>th</sup> January**

South Glos were very successful at the U11 Sports:hall (Fun in Athletics) day in Torbay beating all other full County squad teams. Scores : South Glos Gladiators 390; Cornwall Stripes 380; Somerset Spartans 380; Devon Darts 350; Somerset Saracens 345; Dorset 318; Gloucestershire 257; Devon Demons 252; Cornwall Stars 223; South Glos Giants (B Team) 208; Wiltshire Wizards 197.

Excellent numbers and quality of athletes for the Avon Schools Sports:hall championships at BGS on Saturday. Top results will be reflected in the appendix to these minutes.

## **ASSOCIATION 30<sup>th</sup> ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION DINNER**

David Hemery has now indicated that he would be pleased attend our 30<sup>th</sup> Dinner as Guest of Honour.

30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Dinner: Read suggestions from Peter Griffin

### **Life Members – to be presented at the Dinner**

The president had drafted a short list of people who it was felt through their past efforts should be invited to become 'Life Members'. (Life Vice Presidents & Honorary Life Members). It was suggested that rather than discuss these in open forum it would be correct for the list to be considered and vetted by existing 'Life Members'.

## **CLUB NEWS**

### **Westbury Harriers**

Change of address for Hon Sec – Pat Gallagher, Ground Floor Flat, 26, Falladon Court, Fallodon Way, Henleaze, BRISTOL. BS9 4HQ. Tel 0117-962-1032.

### **Thornbury Running Club**

Held a very successful Ultra distance event (circa 30 miles) on 7<sup>th</sup> January which attracted a considerable entry (80 athletes).

### **Great Western Runners**

To celebrate their 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary last year GWR held an Inter-Club 'Mob Match'. This proved very successful with Westbury Harriers writing a letter of congratulation. GWR would hope to put this event on annually on a Friday evening in say July and requested a grant of no more than £ 200 to set the event up. The event does not draw an entry fee being an Inter-Club event for the benefit of all clubs. A plea is extended to draw Officials to the event as this is the foreseen area of problem. The Committee applauded the establishment of this event.

### **Clevedon AC**

The Boxing Day races expanded further this year to take in over 700 competitors. A sizeable donation subsequently was subsequently made to the Tsunami Disaster Fund.

### **A.O.B. (None recorded)**

**MEETING CLOSED** At 9.48 pm

Next Meeting – A.G.M. Mon 7<sup>th</sup> March 2005.

## APPENDIX

### FIRST CLAIM

First Claim changes – Meeting 22nd Nov 2004.

Applicable from 01/12/04

From Westbury H (R & XC) / To Bristol & West AC (R & XC Only) – Jenny BINKS (Note she remains with Yate for T & F)

From Westbury Harriers - Charlotte COFFEY (to Bristol & West AC)

First Claim changes – Meeting 20<sup>th</sup> Dec 2004.

No changes

### COACH QUALIFICATION

Children in Athletics

**Bristol & West AC** - Debbie MATTIS, Sarah SMART, Lauren MARTIN, Dean GARRETT.

**Yate & District** - Alan THOMAS, Kate SMITH, Karen JONES, Karis JONES.

**Westbury Harriers** - Peter MILLER, Thomas CARPENTER, Harry WEBB. **Bitton RR** - Sue HEWITT. **Clevedon AC** - Leanne SELMAN, Victoria CURTAIN, Laura THOMPSON. **Sports West** – Joanne ILES.

Fitness in Running & Walking

**Westbury Harriers** - Tony JEFFERIES. Colin MARRS. **City of Bath AC** - Ray BRIGDEN, Sue BRIGDEN, Robert CRAIG, Helen CROUCHER, David COALES, Lindsey DOW, Tom HUTCHINSON, Gary LEWIS, Adele BUCKINGHAM, Marcus FIELD-RAYNER, Andy MULLETT Adrian TREBBLE. **Bristol & West AC** – Chris ELSON. **Thornbury Road Runners** - Joanne WHITTAKER. **Sole Sisters RC** – Pauline MICHELL.

### OFFICIALS QUALIFICATION

Passes in recent Examinations

Field: Peter JACKSON 70%; Martin CRIPPS 65%; Steve CARR 66% (Note is Gloucestershire)

Track: Hilary NASH 83% (Note is already Field 3); Robert LAVIS 78% (Note is already Field 3)

30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Dinner

Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> June 2005 – Clifton Suite – Corus Hotel Bristol – Beggar Bush Lane, Failand, Bristol.

Suggested format.

Peter Griffin Introductions & 'Absent Friends'.

David Hemery CBE Proposer 'The Association'

Graham Howell Responder

Mike Down Proposer 'Our Guests'

Sonya Ellis Responder

John Robbins Master of Ceremonies