

Avon Athletic Association

Minutes of an abbreviated Management Committee Meeting of the Avon Athletic Association, held on Monday March 18th 2013, in Room 2B065, Block B, UWE Frenchay Campus, starting at 8.40pm.

Those Present: Stuart Nunn (Chairman / Yate & District AC), Keith Brackstone (CC Coordinator), John Deaton (Secretary), Pam Gooding (Life Member), Ray Gooding (Officials Secretary), Cy Knibb (Bristol & West AC), Bob Lavis (Hogweed Trotters), Neil Newman (Emerson's Green RC), Lesley Nunn (Avon Schools AA), Ben Redwood (T&F Championships Organiser / Yate & District AC), Gordon Robbins (Road Running Co-ordinator, Bitton RR), John Robbins (President), Gareth Thomas (Thornbury RC), Mike Willcox (GWR).

Apologies : Rachael Fisher (Vice-Chairman, North Somerset AC), Andy Heyes (Clevedon AC), Ian Macintosh (Life Member / Trustee), Neil Miller (Westbury Harriers / SW Council) , Hilary Nash (Treasurer / Bristol & West AC, Jim Strudwick (Westbury Harriers).

Minutes of Previous Meeting: (January 21st 2013): Accepted.

Matters Arising:

1. Local Track and Field calendar: issued as requested.
2. UK CAU Inter-Counties Cross-Country Championships: went ahead, with good representation from Avon & Somerset.
3. SW County Cross-Country Coordinators are meeting in early April.
4. SW Inter-Counties T&F Championships: the Secretary had contacted the other six SW counties, but had only received one reply (Devon: fairly happy with current situation but some reservations).
5. Sportshall: all four teams through to the National Finals again.
6. The Rodway Easy Runner MT race had gone ahead successfully: entries were up on last year. Surplus would probably be similar to last year, as prizes were more generous.

Track and Field matters:

1. Avon / West of England T&F Championships: entries were fairly few as yet. It was agreed that medals would be more suitable for the lower placings than certificates.
2. Ray Morgan (UK CAU Secretary) would be discussing with Ben Redwood the possibility of on-line entries.

Matters Raised at AGM:

1. Agenda for Committee meetings: Stuart Nunn was asking for a different format of Committee meeting agenda. Cy Knibb considered that the Agenda attachment to the notification e-mail was almost too boring to be worth opening: the Secretary strongly requested that the basic structure of the AGM remain as it is. Gareth Thomas suggested that we should be more proactive about seeking agenda items. The meeting agreed that a trial agenda should be prepared for the next meeting.

2. Insurance: the AGM had expressed uncertainty whether the BA/UKA's insurance policy was the most comprehensive available. Bob Lavis mentioned an injury to a Hogweed Trotters member; a Bristol & West AC member had also been involved in an accident. John Robbins suggested that we look at the policy drawn up for British Cycling. John Deaton suggested that athletes consider a Personal Accident policy which could cover them for accidents while training solo or even for non-sporting injury. The meeting was unsure how well covered members were for legal expenses insurance. The Secretary would look into the matter and prepare a suitable letter for EA/UKA.

Any Other Business:

1. EA have scheduled consultative meetings with member clubs and associations in various parts of the country: the Secretary planned to attend the one at Exeter.
2. Stopwatches: Mike Strange had raised (via Keith Brackstone) the need for quality stopwatches (including at least one with printer incorporated for use at Road / Cross-Country events). The meeting suggested two standard and one with printer: Ray Gooding would liaise with Mike Strange to discuss the purchase.
3. The Secretary had received a request from an athlete for financial support towards the costs of a training trip to South Africa. The meeting declined the application.

Date of Next Meeting: Monday May 20th, venue to be advised .

Meeting Closed at about 9.15pm.