

# Avon Athletic Association

**Minutes** of an abbreviated Management Committee Meeting of the Avon Athletic Association, held on Monday 26th March 2018, in Room 2B066, Block B, UWE Frenchay Campus, Bristol, starting at 8.10pm.

**Those Present:** Martin Bates (North Somerset AC), Roger Brocklesby (Bristol & West AC), John Deaton (Secretary), Martin Fisher (North Somerset AC), Pam Gooding (President), Ray Gooding (Officials Secretary), Pat Jefferies (Life Member / Yate & District AC), Hilary Nash (Treasurer / Bristol & West AC), Arthur Renshaw (Thornbury RC), John Robbins (Chairperson), Mike Strange (Bristol & West AC / Life Member), Jim Strudwick (Avon Schools AA), Matt Viner (Yate & District AC).

**Apologies:** Ian Macintosh (Life Member), Neil Miller (Westbury Harriers), James Murphy (Welfare / Westbury Harriers).

**Minutes of previous Committee Meeting:** (January 22nd 2018): accepted.

## Matters Arising :

1. Officials Polo Shirts, recognition for regular Avon officials: continuing minute.
2. Filton Flyer races: Bristol & West AC designated the February race as a second trial event, so the March promotion will be the first official race of the series.
3. Parking situation at SGAS College Filton: Hilary Nash had had negotiations with SGS College management. For athletics meetings, a maximum £7-50 a day parking charge would apply; lead officials of the meeting would be able to collect a free pass from College reception. Negotiations were continuing.

## Officials Secretary's Report:

1. Carolyn Conibear (Yate & District AC) is now a Level 1 Starter's Assistant; Matthew Viner (Yate & District AC), a Level 1 Field Judge and Timekeeper, has transferred his principal allegiance to Avon.
2. Invictus Games Trials (Bath University, Friday 6th April): nine Avon officials has offered to attend this event: it is not known at the time of our Committee meeting which of the officials will be required.
3. Pam and Ray had attended a County Officials Secretaries meeting in Birmingham on Saturday March 24th. Announcements: included: a new Strategic Plan; concern about the number of trainees who do not continue through to become qualified officials; a possible Facebook presence; a possible form-based mentoring system; improved Officials sections on UKA / EA websites.
4. As from April 1st, trainee officials seeking level 2 status will need a report from a Level 3 or higher, although it is not yet clear what form this report will take.
5. An EDM course was being considered for May / June, and a Risk Assessment course to allow some Endurance Officials to complete / regain their qualifications.
6. Ray Gooding would encourage local officials to check and update their details on the EA Website (myProfile /TRINITY) -- visit

<https://www.englandathletics.org/england-athletics-officials/resources-and-information-for-officials>  
[scroll down to last paragraph on the page for a link for further details].

### **Arrangements for Avon T&F Championships:**

1. The on-line entry system is at <https://events.englandathletics.org/competition/74086/profile> . Special provision is being made for SGS students and for the party of Indian athletes.
2. Number of trials on Throws and Horizontal Jumps: four for U13s/U15s/U17s, six for U20's/Seniors.
3. There were still various administrative roles to be filled: the meeting put out a plea to the member Track and Field clubs to help fill the vacant slots. Tasks (with allocated names at the time of the meeting) included:

Meeting Manager (Jim Strudwick)  
Registration desk from 9.15am approx.  
Medals presentation (John Robbins)  
Announcer  
Electronic timing (Yate AC?)  
Catering (Pat Jefferies)  
Results processing (Hilary Nash / Matt Viner would discuss this)  
Hurdles shifting, other equipment setup / return

### **Any Other Business Requiring Prompt Attention:**

1. New UKA Rules come into force on April 1st 2018. The times allowed for Field Events trials (excluding Pole Vault) have been reduced: this could provide issues on High Jump. The weight of the Shot to be used by Under-13 Boys has been reduced to 3.0kg. However the amendment proposed by Leighton Buzzard AC (extending County eligibility to first-claim membership for at least nine months of a club based in the County) was rejected.
2. GDPR: John Deaton hoped to get extra clarification at the forthcoming EA South-West Council meeting of the rules as they affected athletics. Clubs would need to send "personal data" to EA to secure an athlete's registration, and this would need to be notified to members. Also, personal data may have to be transmitted via Team Managers to event organisers to secure meeting entries. For example, to secure entries for the recent UK CAU Inter-Counties Cross-Country Championships, John Deaton needed names, genders, dates of birth and EA Registration numbers, and also needed e-mail addresses and mobile numbers to contact athletes / parents regarding selection status and meeting arrangements. The Avon AA and Somerset AA will need to develop protocols for the handling and retention of such data.

**Date of Next Meeting:** Monday May 21st 2018, 7.30pm., at UWE Frenchay Campus (subject to room booking).

**Meeting Closed** at about 9.25pm.