

Avon Athletic Association

Minutes of a Management Committee Meeting of the Avon Athletic Association, held on Monday 21st May 2018, in Room 2B054, Block B, UWE Frenchay Campus, Bristol, starting at 7.35pm.

Those Present: Martin Bates (North Somerset AC), John Deaton (Secretary, Pam Gooding (President), Ray Gooding (Officials Secretary), Penny Mannings (North Somerset AC), Hilary Nash (Treasurer / Bristol & West AC), Arthur Renshaw (Thornbury RC), John Robbins (Chairperson),

Apologies: Roger Brocklesby (Bristol & West AC), Pat Jefferies (Life Member / Yate & District AC).

Minutes of previous Committee Meeting: (26th March 2018): accepted.

Matters Arising :

1. Officials Polo Shirts: Ray Gooding and John Robbins would discuss an order. Folders for officials: Hilary is still trying to source the Officials' data as found on MAFEO folders, suitably updated.
2. Parking situation at SGAS College Filton: situation remains as before.
3. Invictus Games Trials: some Avon officials were involved with this event.

Treasurer's Report

1. All member clubs' affiliation fees are up to date. All Team Avon club subscriptions have been received.
2. A contribution of £250 had been received from the first B&W / Avon /Yate Open Meeting
3. County T&F Championships: income was up on last year. A couple of refunds are due to athletes / parents having problems with the on-line entry system.
4. Hilary Nash had applied for an EA grant for financial support for the Championships and the event had been allocated £500.
5. Hilary was trying to acquire clipboards for Avon AA officials with Track & Field specifications marked (some currently available, e.g. issued in recent years by UKA or MAFEO, have some out-of-date information). Another option was to acquire pens capable of writing on damp paper.

Officials Secretary's Report:

1. Matt Viner has been promoted to Level 2 Field Judge. Officials Ray Brigden, Luke Trinn and Alan Wilcox have had their status de-activated.
2. [Post-meeting note: the attendance of Mark Merrett and Dean Garrett on level 1 courses has now been officially confirmed].
3. Ray Gooding had asked for clarification from EA about the permitted duties of Under-16 Field Judges, but has had no reply. John Robbins would pursue the matter further via Richard Ayling.
4. Dave Turner: there are inconsistencies between our understanding of his qualifications and the data held on TRINITY. John Robbins will follow this up with Richard Ayling.

5. Ray Gooding had been asked to find athletics officials for the National Vintage Games (for Over-50's and older), at Bath University on Sunday 2nd September. He will proceed once it has been confirmed that the event has a UKA Permit.
6. [Post-Meeting note: a query from Sandra Smith-Vokroj about whether she was needed to officiate at the South-West T&F Championships has now received a positive response].

Road Running / Endurance Matters

1. Avon AA 10km Championships: this will be held as part of the Hogweed 10km on Monday 28th May. The Avon Relays Championships will be held on Sunday August 26th.
2. Avon AA 10 Mile Championships: these will be incorporated in the Oldbury Power 10 Mile race on Sunday September 9th. The Thornbury RC website says that entries are already over 50% taken: Arthur Renshaw stated that Thornbury RC could give some flexibility for Avon AA Championships entrants.
3. South-West Inter-Counties Road Running Championships: this year's Championships events are the Great West Half Marathon (Exeter, Sunday 14th October) and the Gloucester 10km (Gloucester, Sunday 28th October). Team Managers still needed for both promotions.
4. The 2019 Great Bristol 10km race will be on Sunday 5th May.

Track and Field / Sportshall Matters

1. The bulk of the Avon Track and Field Championships went ahead successfully on Saturday May 12th:
 - 1.1 The meeting expressed its thanks to Hilary Nash for handling the entries, and for producing a very satisfactory meeting timetable.
 - 1.2 The meeting's thanks also went out to Yate & District AC for taking on extra duties at short notice, and for their excellent refreshment service for officials. The meeting could have done with more help from some of the other Avon-area clubs, which might have enabled the results team to have results displayed rather earlier.
 - 1.3 There was due to be representation from DW / Fitness First, a new sponsor of England Athletics. Although arrangements had been made for them, no-one from the company appeared. Publicity leaflets had been made available to competitors and supporters.
 - 1.4 The EA entries processing system still needs some fine-tuning.
2. The Under 13s/15s Boys / Girls 800m Championships events will be held as part of the Bristol & West AC / Avon AA / Yate & District AC Open Meeting on Wednesday 23rd May. The events will be held either as straight finals or as time trials depending on the number of entrants who turn up on the night.
3. The South-West Individual / Inter-Counties Track and Field Championships are being held on Sunday July 22nd at Exeter. This is the day after the final round of YDL Lower Age Group fixtures, and it is possible that all four of the County's principal Track and Field clubs will be involved in these matches. If U13/U15 athletes or their transport providers can only manage one match in the weekend, the meeting would be content for such athletes to give their club team preference.

Cross Country / Trail Matters: Nothing to report.

Information from Outside Bodies (e.g. MCAA, EA, SW Council) The 2018 UKA Rule Book can be obtained from Neuff Athletic Equipment, <https://neuff.co.uk/products/list.php?maincat=17> at £7-50 including postage and packing. There may be clarification coming soon of certain 2018 rules changes.

Information from member Clubs / Associations: None.

Any Other Business:

1. GDPR: the Association holds (or may at some time hold) the following personal data:
 - 1.1 E-mail addresses of those clubs and individuals on the Avon AA Circulation lists: the Secretary believes that we are covered by the Privacy and Electronic Communications Regulations, provided we make clear that those on the list can opt to have their e-mail addresses deleted.
 - 1.2 Data required to secure entries for the UK CAU Cross-Country Championships (The Avon AA will need to agree a protocol with the Somerset AA for the handling of this data). E-mail addresses of athletes actually or potentially selected for this and other inter-County competitions.
 - 1.3 The Officials Secretary holds information extracted from EA's TRINITY database on technical officials in the county, including e-mail addresses, qualifications, and DBS status.

The Secretary will re-assess the document on GDPR which he sent out earlier to the e-mail circulation list.
2. Gordon Robbins had suggested that the contacts on the Avon AA circulation list should be blind-copied. However this would restrict the list's use as a forum for debate and discussion; the meeting agreed that the current system (contacts being given the option of being blind-copied) was adequate.
3. Penny Mannings notified the meeting that North Somerset AC were planning to increase their provision for wider inclusivity in athletics. The meeting gave various names of people who could provide advice in this area of the sport.

Date of Next Meeting: Monday July 30th 2018, (provisional), 7.30pm., at UWE Frenchay Campus (subject to room booking).

Meeting Closed at about 9.25pm.