

**Meeting Notes [UNRATIFIED] of England Athletics South West Region Council Meeting held Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> March 2019 at Exeter Harriers Clubhouse at 19:00**

**In attendance:**

**Keith Reed (Chair), Tony Gale (Vice Chair), Mo Pearson, David Cooke, Graham Berry, Sonya Ellis, John Deaton, Richard Llewellyn-Eaton , Brian Baker (co-opted member)**

**Apologies: Paul D’Arcy, Richard Ayling EA CSM**

**Agenda:**

- Apologies
- Notes from last meeting
- EA Update
- Reports including Chairs Final Report
- New Regional Council
- New Competition body terms of reference
- 2019 Competitions
- Regional Awards 2019
- Press coverage for clubs
- AOB
- Date of next meeting

**1. Welcome and Apologies**

Apologies were received as listed above

**2. Actions from last meeting: None**

**3. EA Update**

Richard Ayling had met with myself earlier that day. He was unable to attend due to a Time to Listen Workshop in Plymouth.

Richard had been working hard recently in a number of key areas mainly around planning for the next round of funding. This included facility issues at Salisbury, Taunton, Plymouth and Tavistock, KR gave a resume of the CEO report provide to the National Council meeting earlier in the month. This had been copied to the council members prior to the meeting.

**4. Chairs Report (Keith Reed)**

This is of course my final report at the Chair of the Regional Council. It is a role that I have enjoyed and would have like to have carried on. The governance rules however do not allow this. Congratulations to those who have been re-elected to the new SW Council and welcome to John Deaton and Paul D’Arcy. John of course has been a co-opted member of the council for a while, and Paul will I am sure bring his vast experience of our sport to the group. The changes to the Regional Council structure did not go through as we know, however some of the ideas put forward by the Task and Finish Group may make sense to be looked at. I have been trying to make progress with the new Competitions group and setting this up as a CIC. This is still ongoing but hopefully can be resolved soon.

We are unique as the only Regional Council that puts on competitions. We held a very successful cross country in January and the Indoor competitions held in Wales went off well. It was however disappointing that we could not put in a SW team in the International. The SW Road running championships also went well and thanks to Tony Gale for organising this.

The SW Track and Field will be on 21<sup>st</sup> July and David has already started the ball rolling.

I think there is much to be proud of in our region and I wish the new council the very best of luck. I am happy to stay involved on the Competitions group if everyone is happy. Can I thank everyone for their help and support during my tenure as Chair. In particular I would like to thank Mo Pearson and Tony Gale (who are also standing down from the Council) for all they have done since being involved.

## **Reports**

Brian Baker gave a report **on** the SW Schools activity in the winter. The counties had done well in the ESAA Cross Country Championships with some excellent results from Devon. A breakdown was provided.

## **Coaching**

There has been a total of 22 coaching courses in the South West this year.

There have been 4 Coaching Assistant courses with 14 candidates at Clevedon, 19 at Marlborough, 16 at Taunton & 10 at Gloucester.

There has been only one Athletics Coach course (Day 1 & 2) with 12 candidates at Tavistock. There have been no Day 3 courses but two Day 4 Assessments with 5 candidates for Endurance & 5 candidates for Speed both held at Taunton.

There has been one Leading Athletics Course with 16 candidates at Ivybridge.

As always the largest number of courses have been the Leader in Running Fitness with 9 courses all well attended with 24 candidates at Bodmin, 23 at Gloucester, 23 at Bristol, 19 at Bournemouth, 21 at Taunton, 25 at Stoke Gifford, 19 at Salisbury, 23 at Exeter & 25 at Bristol.

Following on from this there have been two Coach in Running Fitness Day 1 & 2 with 11 candidates at Exeter & 15 at Gloucester. There has been one Coach in Running Fitness Day 3 with 11 candidates at Exeter. Finally there have been two Coach in Running Fitness Assessment Days with 17 candidates at Exeter & 13 at Chippenham.

A really well attended weekend Conference took place in early March covering Physical Prep.

## **Road Running**

Tony Gale gave his report on the SW Road Running Champs planned for 2019. They are the Chippenham Half and the Gloucester 10K.

## **Indoor Track and Field**

As said before the junior were good. The Senior event held on January 20th went OK but problems with the entry system meant some people were not entered as SW. Thanks to Welsh Athletics and Cardiff met for hosting the events. Unfortunately we could not put in a SW representative team in the International match on March 3rd. We hope we may be able to do this in the future.

## **Officials**

Graham Berry had had some names for the Track and Field champs. KR agreed to send out an email to all SW officials chasing then up.

At this point of the meeting KR presented a gift to Tony Gale and Mo Pearson who are leaving the council. They were both thanked for their contribution to the region.

## **6. New Regional Council**

Following the recent elections the following members are now elected on the council

David Cooke, Graham Berry, Sonya Ellis, John Deaton, Richard Llewellyn-Eaton, Paul D'Arcy

It was agreed to appoint a chair at this point. Richard Llewellyn Eaton has expressed an interest and was unanimously elected as Chair. Richard then took the chair. Mo, Tony and Keith were allowed to stay as observers. Brian Baker was formally co-opted as a schools rep.

The next part of the discussions was related to the formation of the organisation to run the SW Competitions on behalf of the new Regional body. Some initial work had been done to form a Social

Enterprise of some sort in order to protect the officers from personal liability. This body should be non-profit making.

It was agreed that KR would take on the admin role for this body under the control of the council. RLE would be the chair and represent Cross Country (with Brian Baker), David Cooke will look after Track and Field and Tony Gale would be a member to look after the road running championships.

The other key area was the finances. RLE would replace Tony Gale as a signatory and the online account would be run with 2 of 3 signatories. KR to sort with the bank.

A breakdown on income and expenditure is required which will help with budgeting.

In terms of attendance at National Council meetings it would be split between RLE/SE and JD.

## **7. New Competition body terms of reference**

It was agreed that KR would put together some draft terms and circulate for formal agreement.

## **8. 2019 Competition**

### **Track and Field**

#### **The 2019 SWIC T&F championships**

The Exeter Arena is booked for Sunday July 21st

#### Actions required

First Aid – MET services- KR to book

Notification to Officials - GB in hand

Appointment of Online entry administrator KR – Entries to be set up by mid April.

Confirmation of photofinish DONE

Design of 'flier' DC

Decision re entry fees – as 2018 (agreed)

Decision re entry standards (agreed)

## **9. EA Regional Awards 2019**

Richard Ayling had advised that nominations will open very soon. A panel will decide on winners meeting in August. It was agreed to look at venues including a conference if possible.

Athlete awards will continue and may be extended. This will be confirmed at next meeting.

The event will be more regionally managed.

## **10. Press coverage for clubs**

It was felt that local events (especially Road races) do not get very good coverage in the local press even when reports are sent in. Tony Gale had raised this and KR had agreed to check National situation with Andy Barber.

## **11. AOB. None raised**

## **12. Date of next meeting -Wed 12th June 2019**

The meeting closed at 2105.