

## **Meeting Notes of England Athletics South West Region Council Meeting held on Wednesday 4th July via Zoom at 19.00**

### **In attendance:**

**Richard Llewellyn-Eaton (Chair), John Deaton, Paul D’Arcy, Keith Reed (Competitions group admin), Sonya Ellis, Dave Varney**

### **1. Apologies:**

**David Little, Brian Baker, Richard Ayling (EA), Phil Lucker, David Cooke, Fiona Edington; Elliot Prince**

### **Welcome**

Richard welcomed everyone to the meeting.

### **2. Matters Arising**

Following the agreement made at our meeting, we were pleased to allocate a grant for the Electronic starting system to Yeovil who have purchased the system. To clarify we will allocate a maximum of £3000 to clubs that apply and purchase a system. The amount will be based on what has been purchased. The EA support Grant could be used to support any applications.

### **3. Inclusivity and Diversity**

As a follow up to our previous discussions on the creation of a Diversity Champions and the need to recruit new council members to reflect the diverse population. We had invited Anne Wafula-Strike (Board Member for Diversity) to the meeting. Unfortunately due to technical difficulties Anne could not attend. We will reschedule for the next meeting.

### **4. SW Track and Field**

The 2022 Track & Field event is on Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> July at Exeter. Keith Reed is acting as Meeting Manager due to David Cooke being away at the European Masters.

Entries have opened and at the time of the meeting we had received entries for 372 event (260 athletes). First Aid booked and Level 2 License confirmed. Officials’ replies are coming in.

Track to be given Timetable and Risk assessment.

Closing date for general entries is Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> July (midnight) but County Team managers will be able to allow late entries for athletes in the days just after. Some flexibility will be applied to county entrants if they have not reached the standards. KR to advise County reps of this.

KR is sorting the officials. We need a better buy in from some of our counties.

### **5. SW Road Events**

Dave Phillips and Emma Stepto have been having further discussions with the various county road representatives. It has now been confirmed that we will include an Inter County event in the Chippenham Half Marathon on 18<sup>th</sup> September s. The Road Relays will be held as part of the Cleeve Relays in late August. This will be for Seniors only.

Dave Varney and Sonya gave the update on the London Min Marathon Trials to be held in Taunton on 21<sup>st</sup> August. Communications will be going out to all athletes who entered the trail last year plus anyone well ranked in Power of 10 over 1500/3000m/5000m. This will be done via county reps and coaches/clubs.

The actual race will be on the Saturday this year over 2.6km.

### **6. Cross Country**

We plan to use RNAS Merryfield again in 2023. The date will be 8<sup>th</sup> January. Paul D’Arcy has submitted the paperwork.

## **7. EA update**

RLE outlined the recent discussion at National Council in response to the lack of officials situation. There were comments from several senior officials that some meetings were very poorly supported by athletes and their future should be looked at. This was mainly league meetings like Area Leagues and YDL Upper. This was the subject of a debate and a consensus was not reached. There will be a draft fixture list sorted for 2023 and also 2024 in October by EA/UKA. Some meetings may not be granted a license in future.

## **7. Finances and CIC**

We have paid for the medals lanyards and made the donation to Yeovil

No progress on CIC.

## **9. AOB**

We discussed the Volunteer awards and our presentation event. At the time of the meeting it was felt that Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> November is OK with a possible conference but it should be earlier in the day. Since that a venue has been found for the Saturday (26<sup>th</sup>) so we will revert to the original plans.

The meeting closed at 8.35pm

**Date of Next meeting – 31<sup>st</sup> August**

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