

Avon Athletic Association(Affiliated to England Athletics)

MINUTES OF COMMITTEE MEETING

Held :- 23rd January 2006.

At Civil Service Club, Filton Avenue, Bristol.

PRESENT : Peter GRIFFIN (President); Graham HOWELL (Chairman); Mike DOWN (Vice Chairman); Mike STRANGE (Hon Sec); Bill KINGSTON (Hon Treas); Ray GOODING (Officials Co-ordinator); Gordon ROBBINS (Road R Co-ordinator); Hilary NASH (Coaching Co-ordinator); Andy HEYES (Cross Country Co-ordinator); David COALES (City of Bath AC); Andy MULLETT (City of Bath AC); Arthur RENSHAW (Thornbury RC); James MURPHY (Westbury H); Mike WILLCOX (Great Western Runners); Mike ANDREWS (Clevedon AC).

APOLOGIES : John ROBBINS (Life Member); Sonya ELLIS (SW RDC); Nigel ROWE SW Chair); Martin RUSH (UKA Bath HPC); Tony HURLEY (Life Member); John CLAPP (Hogweed Trotters); Colin HICKEY (AXA Sun Life AC); David HUGHES (Empire AC); Keith BRACKSTONE (Bristol University).

MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

The Minutes were accepted as a true record of the Meeting.

MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

SW Chairman

A letter of congratulations was sent to Nigel Rowe on his appointment as Interim Chair to the South West.

Cheque Signatory's

The extension of signatories to cheque books etc was proving a difficult exercise with Barclay's Bank but activity was proceeding.

[Action – Hon Treasurer]

Audit of Accounts

The Accounts for 2004-2005 remain un-audited. This should be resolved following the resolution of the Treasurer position at the AGM.

[Action – Hon Treasurer]

Grant Applications

Omission

We were reminded that David Bedwell had also achieved a L2 Coaching Qualification and should therefore be added automatically to the listing on the previous minutes. Grant £ 60 (50% of £120)

[Action – Hon Treasurer]

Anthony Mattis

Paperwork received and the previously discussed grant was approved.

Proposed Mike Willcox; Seconded Peter Griffin; passed unanimously.

[Action – Hon Treasurer]

Road Running Selection – Commonwealth Games

A polite holding response was received from the AAA of England with an expected comprehensive response to be considered on their return from Melbourne.

SECRETARY'S REPORT

SW Meeting

A meeting is planned in Feb / March to outline the way forward under the South West Region. The Meeting to be arranged by Sonya Ellis will be Chaired by Nigel Rowe.

[Action – Hon Secretary thru RDC Sonya Ellis]

SW Forum

A SW Conference to take in opinions and firmly establish paths for the future is scheduled to be held in May.

[Action – Hon Secretary thru RDC Sonya Ellis]

MCAA Grant

A grant of up to £500 in value to assist with YA (up to the U23 grouping) was again offered through the MCAA. It was suggested that this money be made available to the Avon Schools AA for use across their wide spectrum of activity. It was expressed that we should seek a closer working relationship on the back of this co-operation and was hoped that the Schools could pay their affiliation fees in the future.

Proposed that we proceed as indicated Bill Kingston; Seconded Graham Howell.

[Action – Hon Sec to construct a grant application in co-operation with ASAA and send to MCAA]

Facilities

Discussions continue on the Filton & Packers fronts.

See also Club News.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Current Balance - £18,251.14.

No unaffiliated fees were received therefore no appreciable income was achieved.

Affiliation Avon AA

Reminders that affiliation fees to this association are due on Jan 1 will go out shortly to member clubs.

[Action – Hon Sec]

COACHING

C.R.B. Checks.

Further reminders are directed to all Coaches to apply for their C.R.B. checks.

SW Coaches Meeting

The next scheduled meeting of this group is on Mon 30th Jan.

Coach Education

Forthcoming local Courses : 4/5 Jan - Level 2 Core @ Bath HPC; 25/26 March – Level 2 Specific@ Bath HPC; 29/30 April - Strength & Conditioning @ Filton.

OFFICIALS

Passbooks

These documents are now being received by individual Officials. Delays have been experienced where Off Road & Track & Field qualifications exist.

Uniform

Decisions on new uniforms will be delayed until commencement of the track season.

ROAD RUNNING

'Runners World' rankings

In the above rankings the Sodbury Slog is rated at No 23 which is better than the Great North Run.

South West Road Running Championships

A reminder :the first SW Road Race Championship will be held within the Taunton Half Marathon on Sun 2 April 2006. This is a team competition so we need Team Manager input.

SW Road Running Forum

Next planned meeting Sat 4th Feb 2006.

CROSS COUNTRY

Inter-Counties Selection

A selection meeting for the forthcoming Inter-Counties will be held at Sidcot on 6th Feb.

Avon & Somerset XC Champs

Comments

The event was successful.

The Entry system used, whereby a block fee was received for a whole Club Entry, was deemed a success although a lower contribution was received in total payment.

A date for next year's Championship should be set early. Suggestions were Sun 14th Jan (1st Choice) & Sat 13th Jan (2nd Choice).

A special engraved County medal would be preferred in the future – net costs to be investigated.

TRACK & FIELD

Indoor U17 Pentathlon.

We were invited to participate in the above competition but unfortunately no Team Manager could be found.

SPORTS:HALL

Avon Champs

The Avon U13 / U15 Champs were held on Sat 21st Jan and some top performances were recorded. Jade Ellans won the LJ, TJ & 2 Lap competitions and Sean Marks (SP) & Ding Yang (TJ) also excelled. It was disappointing that representation from Bristol was patchy and S. Glos. minimal (as usual the event was kept afloat by the high input of N. Som. Athletes.

The South West final takes place at Torbay on 19th Feb.

F.I.A.

At the Fun In Athletics (U11) festival at Torbay on 14th Jan at Torbay two teams represented Avon. The 'A' Team was chosen from the very talented and the 'B' Team from the very keen participants and some athletes with disability. Final outcomes were that the 'A' Boys finished 3rd ; 'A' Girls 4th & both 'B' Teams were 8th (11 Teams competed).

AVON SCHOOLS ATHLETICS ASSOCIATION

No items reported.

CLUB NEWS

Bitton Road Runners

Gordon further outlined the programme for 3rd June to celebrate the 20th Anniversary of the forming of Bitton Road Runners. The day will start with the 20 Mile celebration relay (4 x 5 mile on the Bath – Bristol Cycle Path) for which measurement is going ahead and permits will subsequently be requested. The afternoon will involve with the Reebok Masterclass in association with the Bristol Half Marathon where the core of the panel is expected to be Bud Baldaro, Steve Brace, Alan Storey and Andy Graffin. Finally the evening will be celebrated with a party in the Grand Marquee on the football ground of Oldland Abbotonians FC.

Westbury Harriers

New Secretary

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Bristol & West AC

Officers of the Club met with Councillors of Bristol City Council recently to discuss prospects for the replacement of the Whitchurch track facility. Prospect is that a training & school track be constructed at Whitehall, Bristol (Packers Ground) and that money be ploughed into the 6 lane track at Filton College to bring it up to an 8 lane full competition facility (with stand). Mike Down felt that the Club had a good hearing with sensible discussion. At Packers there was a fear by the residents of disruptive noise and an impact on traffic in the area. B & W expressed a wish that the Club should not be split by needing to use 2 venues but applauded the positive moves for the betterment of athletics facilities in the area. Mike Down spoke of trying to do the best for Athletes in Bristol.

An indication was given that the Whitchurch facility had an expected life span of up to 4 years.

AOB

Ray GOODING gave a summary of new legislation on holding black gun-powder and the implications on Licence holders. Costs and the additional nuisance factor were resultant issues making it even more difficult for Starters to operate.

MEETING CLOSED At 9.23pm AGM Date – Mon 27th March 2006.

APPENDIX

First Claim changes – Meeting 21st November 2005.
Applicable from 01/12/05

From Milton Keynes AC To Bristol & West AC – Charles PRESTON
From Bristol & West AC To Clevedon AC – Vivian McCONNELL
From Sole Sisters To Great Western Runners – Louise J CRONIN

First Claim changes – Meeting 19th December 2005.

Applicable from 01/12/05

From Bristol & West AC To Nene Valley Harriers – David BROWN

Applicable from 01/01/06

From City of Bath AC To Sale Harriers – James TOWNSEND

Young Athlete

From Clevedon AC To Westbury Harriers – Harry THORNTON (Cross Country Only)

Coach Education Courses Schedule

L2 Day 1&2 – Bath HPC - Sat / Sun 4/5 February 2006.

L2 Day 3 (Speed, Throws) – Sat 25th March 2006

L2 Day 3 (Endurance, Jumps) – Sun 26th March 2006

L2 Strength & Conditioning – Filton Coll – Sat / Sun 29/30 April 2006

L3 Phase 1 – Bath HPC – Sat / Sun 24/25 September 2005

L3 Phase 11 – Cardiff NIAC – Sat / Sun 28/29 January 2006

L3/4 Specific (Mentoring) - Bath HPC - Sat / Sun 8/9 April 2006

L3/4 Specific (Disabled) – Birmingham – 24th September 2006

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Application Forms are on the Internet.