



HAMPSHIRE ATHLETICS - EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON - FRIDAY 12 SEPTEMBER 2014 PARK SUITE, FLEMING PARK, EASTLEIGH

Present:

Colin Goater (Chair) Mike Williams (Secretary) Richard Dean (Treasurer)
Eileen Williams Terry Williams Michael Coker Betty Tabor Alan Cropp Mary Goater
Jackie Tobin Richard Pearson David Churcher David Vosser Sheena Fitzmaurice
John Fitzmaurice Christine Weeks

Apologies:

Pam Rogers (President) Reg Eade John Lofts Christine Benning Mike Barratt
Kathy Bailey Tim Wilding Mary Axtell (Vice Chair)

Minutes from Meeting on the 11 July. Minutes accepted.

Matters Arising: No matters arising.

Secretary: Mike Williams

All clubs have been notified that the membership fee to England Athletics will increase from the 1 April 2015, club affiliation will cost £100, and the fee for athletes will be £12. There was a very poor response to the survey circulated with regards to this suggested increase.

Treasurer: Richard Dean

Please see full report attached.

Finance and Sustainability Sub Group: Michael Coker

The Finance & Sustainability Sub Group (Mike Barratt, Richard Dean, Barry Kitcher, Michael Coker) met on 9 September 2013. We are currently assembling a 2015-18 Hampshire Athletics Plan covering all branches of the sport for discussions with Saucony, and to assist with grant applications. Generally Hampshire Athletics finances are in good order at present, but there is always the requirement to plan well ahead to ensure the continuation of the future healthy development work in our sport.

U17 Inter Counties Match, 20 July:

Thank you again to the Technical Officials who ensured the event was such a success, the feedback we received from the visiting counties was very positive, and they all thanked the team for organising a very enjoyable and well run match.

Cross Country Championships 3 January 2015: Pam Rogers

It was recommended to increase the entry fee to £7, a vote was taken and all agreed to this increase. Pam is in regular contact with Jon Osman and Colin Goater to organise the championships, which will take place at Fleming Park, Eastleigh. Entry forms will be on the county website by the end of the month, as well as the full details for the day.

Track & Field Championships: Richard Dean, Mike Williams and Christine Weeks

2015 Multi Event Championships, Quad Kids Events, 3000m and Mile Races:
Date agreed - 4 May

2015 Track and Field Championships:
Date agreed - 23 and 24 May

Following the increase in entry figures for all of the championships in 2014, it was decided that unfortunately guest entries will not be accepted in the future. Christine to book the Mountbatten Centre, Portsmouth for the agreed dates.

With regards to the county staging a 10k race, it was decided that this is not feasible, there are 10k races already being held, and along with the park runs that take place across the county, this race would not attract many entries.

Team Managers:

C.A.U. INTER-COUNTIES Championships – Bedford 23rd/24th August 2014

Cold, dry and blustery conditions greeted the competing Athletes on both days of these Championships, but it didn't stop the very small Hampshire Women's team from giving a good account of themselves

On the track Natalie Whitty (Guernsey Is) just missed out on the medals in the 800m with a fine 4th place in 2.11.51 – but went one place better in the 1500m with a very determined run to take the Bronze in 4.30.88, with Laura Brenton (Soton) just behind with a good 5th place finish in 4.33.80

Grace Crumplin (Havant) found herself in a high class 3k Steeplechase, but ran a controlled race finishing 5th in 12.48.31

In the Field, Shadine Duquemin (CI) held her position throughout, to take Bronze in the Discus with a throw of 50.70m, whilst Victoria Harfield (CoP) coped well with changing wind conditions in the Long Jump to finish a fine 8th position with 5.46m

(out of the 35 Counties and Regions)

Overall, the Hampshire Ladies finished 8th in the CAU Division 1

1. Yorkshire	73.5
2. Essex	64.0
3. Sussex	56.5
4. Middlesex	51.5
5. Surry	48.0
6. Hertfordshire	31.5
7. Kent	31.0
8. Hampshire	24.0
9. Buckinghamshire	13.0
10. Warwickshire	8.0
11. Northern Ireland	7.0

David Churcher: Team Manager

SENIORS - 8-COUNTIES MEETING – Mile End, London – 13th July 2014

Again, with last minute withdrawals, it was left to a small team that made the awkward journey to the Mile End Stadium in East London.

Sunshine and showers prevailed throughout the day

In the sprints – running into a slight headwind, Victoria Harfield (CoP) took 4th spot in the 100m B (12.59) and 7th in the 200m A (26.50), with Hayley Coney (Andover) taking 7th in the 100m A (13.28).

Danni Horner (Andover) came 7th in the 100m Hurdles (16.54)

Claire Netley (CoP) took 5th place in the 400m Hurdles (67.70) followed by a 7th placing in the 400m flat (62.71)

In the middle distance Laura Brenton (Soton) posted a respectable 2nd place finish in the 1500m in 4.33.83, and U20 Gemma Finch (Andover) came 7th in the 800m in 2.17.60

The 3k Steeplechase saw Grace Grumplin (Havant) finish a good 3rd in 12.45.07.

The Field events saw Victoria Harfield sail out to 5.61m for a fine 3rd place in the Long Jump, whilst Lucy Mapp was 6th in the Pole Vault with 2.30m, and Gemma Finch cleared 1.55m for 6th in the High Jump

The Throws were covered by Ros Stansbury (CoP) - Shot A 7th Hammer A 4th and Anna Stevens (Soton) - Shot B 4th, Hammer B 6th, Discus A 8th, Javelin A 8th.

The Hampshire Women's Team finished 7th

David Churcher: Team Manager

This year's SEAA Inter-County Cross-Country Championships will take place at Horspath Sports Ground, Oxford OX4 2RR on Saturday 13 December. Selection will be based on athletes' performances in the first two Hampshire League races (Farley Mount - 11 October and Goodwood - 8 November). Any athletes who wish to be considered for selection, and are unable to attend these selection races, should contact the team manager, David Vosser.

A special thank you must go to Richard Dean for all his support and assistance, especially with organizing the sell and loan of the counties vests!

Full reports are also published on the website :- www.hampshireathletics.org.uk

Joint Technical Officials Report: Eileen & Terry Williams

Oh well another Track & Field season has come to an end and we have been pleased with the support from our Officials especially the new Officials many of who have now got their Pass/ Licences.

One downside of all this affects our young Officials. Whilst we were away on holiday in August UKA issued an edict that those under 16 could not receive a Pass/Licence and this affected some of our youngsters who had already been issued with their documents. They subsequently received a letter from UKA rescinding their Pass/Licence - far from encouraging! There was no reason given and indeed Cofsecs around the Country were not advised of this change. We have been making enquiries regarding the reason and it would appear to be an Insurance problem. Moves are afoot to take action so that these documents can be re-issued with a qualification.

We are holding new Officials Courses in late October, early November at The Sports Academy, Andover and are circulating clubs as soon as we have confirmation from the venue.

Our next Officials committee meeting will be on 23rd October and we have invited David Stenson and his wife so that a presentation can be made in recognition of 40 years as a Starter. We will also be making appointments for the Cross Country season and we will be sending out availability letters next week.

The two Grand Prix's have now been held but we need to resolve a few problems especially on the Field if we are to retain the support of our Officials.

The World Island Games are due to be held in Jersey in 2015 and we are in the middle of sending out invitations to Officials to work at this event.

Road Running: Colin Goater

The races held so far have been successful. Colin also pointed out that competitors who wear headphones can cause problems, especially with regards to their safety, it was advised that a warning should be included on entry forms stating: - for safety reasons the wearing of headphones is not permitted.

Full details for future races are available at :- www.hrri.org.uk

Sports Hall: Michael Coker

Dates and venues for the 2014/15 League Matches are:-

19 October 2014 - Winchester
23 November 2014 - Andover
25 January 2015 - Portsmouth
8 March 2015 – Eastleigh

As in 2014, Hampshire Athletics have been asked to make a financial contribution to the staging of the two 2015 Regional competitions at Burgess Hill.

Development: Michael Coker:

Two highly successful 2014 Saucony Hampshire Grand Prix events were held, at Basingstoke 16 July (360 athletes – 106 Personal Bests); and 31 August, Southampton (116 PBs from 350 competitors). A Quad Kids competition was held in conjunction with the Doreen Old Southampton meeting and attracted 51 athletes. All event winners in different age- groups received T Shirts, and 5 performances from each Grand Prix were deemed 'Outstanding' and eligible for Saucony footwear prizes. Saucony appointed 'Absolute Running', Gosport and 'Up and Running', Eastleigh as sports retailers at the events.

Hampshire athletes performed with distinction at the 2014 Commonwealth Games, Glasgow 27 July to 2 August. Isobel Pooley, Aldershot achieved a silver medal with 1.92m in the High Jump. Isobel then broke the UK record with 1.96m at the Hochsprung meeting in Eberstadt, Germany.

Similarly Andy Vernon, Aldershot performed exceptionally at the August 2014 European Championships in Zurich, gaining a silver medal in the 10,000m and bronze in the 5000m behind Mo Farah.

The 2014 Hampshire Schools Year 7&8 Championships at Basingstoke, 15 July had approximately 900 athletes competing, many new to the sport. All medallists have been invited to 2014- 15 Hampshire County Winter Coaching Days.

Following the Hampshire Schools Championships at Portsmouth on 14 June, Hampshire Schools had an unprecedented 94 athletes! achieving qualifying standards for the 2014 ESAA Championships. With the maximum team size of 60 athletes, Hampshire Schools athletes achieved 14 medals (3 Gold, 8 Silver, 3 Bronze) at the 2014 English Schools Championships, Birmingham, 11/12 July. Gold medalists were:- Holly Mills JG LJ, Oliver Bromby IB 100m, Owen Richardson IB 400m; Silver medals to:- Kai Mumford JB Hammer, Josie Czura JG 1500m, Ellie Hodgson JG Shot, Andrew Douglas IB PV, Devon Brimcombe IG 300mH, IG 4x 400m, Sam Adams SB LJ, Fiona Brown SG Shot; Bronze medals:- Richard Allen SB 3000m, Emma Cowell SG HJ, Amber Try SG PV.

A number of Hampshire athletes successfully represented the South West Regional teams in the 2014 Sainsburys UK School Games, Manchester 4-7 September. Oliver Bromby, Southampton & Owen Richardson, Basingstoke achieved Gold medals in the 100m, 400m & 4x 400m. Sophie Merritt, Southampton attained a bronze in the Discus.

Hampshire Clubs had mixed 2014 Track & Field seasons in National and Regional League competition. Both Basingstoke and Southampton were promoted for Division 2 to Division 1 for the 2015 BAL League. Southampton were relegated from the UKWL Premier League, Portsmouth were relegated to Division 3 in the UKWL, and Aldershot are no longer in the UKWL. Southampton were selected to attend the UK Youth Development League Finals at Birmingham, 6 September 2014 finishing 6th from 8 teams in the U13/ U15 age- group. Portsmouth finished as Champions in their UKYDL Division.

Summer Junior Athletics courses were held at Portsmouth, IOW and Star Track, Winchester (30-31 July). All attracted good attendance, and were deemed to be successful. Premier League for Sport organised 'The Games' Coaching Day across a number of sports at Southampton Sports Centre on 20 August.

The Portsmouth Wheel Chair Race Group was launched in September 2014. 3 adult athletes attended the first taster session, with Eden Rainbow from Portchester School. Job King from UKA is leading a 20 September workshop, with Jenny Archer leading a session on 27th September.

Jersey are hosting the 2015 Nat West Island Games. The track at FB Fields, St Clement is currently being refurbished (for the first time since Jersey hosted the 1997 Island Games).

The Hampshire Talented Athlete Scheme (HTAS) is now open for applications. The scheme is open to top 15 'Power of 10' athletes, who have been successful in National- level competition. The scheme offers significant grants and other support.

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Latest reports are published on the website :- www.hampshireathletics.org.uk

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Future meeting dates:-

Friday 14 November and Friday 9 January 2015

Venue : Park Suite, Fleming Park Leisure Centre, Eastleigh, at 7.30 pm

Counties website address is :- www.hampshireathletics.org.uk