



Essex County Athletic Association

Minutes of the Essex AA Executive meeting held remotely via Microsoft Teams Video on Monday 7th September 2020 at 19:30 hours

Participants:

Andy Catton (Chair)
Gary Chandler (Treasurer)
Claire Levey (Secretary)
Gerry O'Doherty (President)
Brigid Wallen (President Elect)
Malcolm Bailey (Minute Secretary)
Allison Gillan (XC Secretary)

1. Minutes of the last meeting of 3rd August 2020

Approved.

Proposed: Claire Levey Seconded: Gerry O'Doherty

2. Matters Arising from last meeting

Agenda Item	Matter	Update
2	Update re potential volunteer to achieve Course Measurer Accreditation	Progressing. Volunteer is working towards accreditation.
2	Contact On line events company to arrange for refunds to be made to the entrants to the (now cancelled) 2020 Outdoor Track & Field and Multi Events Championships	Actioned.
2	Write to all clubs once on line Officials Courses are available	Still ongoing
7	Volunteer sought to take over the role as County Trophy Secretary	Volunteer still sought. All clubs to be contacted to seek a volunteer to take over this key role.
7	Contact Mike Emms to obtain details of current trophy holders and ascertain how point's competitions are awarded	Ongoing.

3. Treasurers matters

Essex County affiliation fees for the 2020/21 season are now due. Three clubs have paid.

Email to be sent to all clubs to remind them that payment is due.

Rodney Silk who has audited the County financial accounts for a number of years has expressed a willingness to continue in this role. Appointment to be proposed at the forthcoming AGM.

4. Track & Field

2021 County & Eastern Indoor Championships are planned to take place over the weekend of 13/14 February. Dates have been provisionally booked with Lee Valley. Keith Palmer has been in contact with the Centre who indicated that they feel that with the current restrictions in place, the championships may not be allowed to go ahead.

We will continue to maintain a dialogue with Lee Valley.

Diane Wooller reports that:-

“We have had a few licences to look at for the East. Thurrock Harriers are having their Club Championships on Saturday and have got a licence for it. Chelmsford have had one Sprints evening and have another on Wednesday. The other licences we looked at were in Norfolk.

I did officiate at the SEAA meetings at Chelmsford. They went very well considering all the COVID restrictions. The track was only 100m & 400m but there were quite a lot of entries. They had a good range of field events.

I officiated at the LICC on yesterday they were doing the latest return to competition and we had 8 Athletes in some races and used lanes next to each other.”

5. Essex Cross Country League & Championships

England Athletics has announced that they have begun to instigate steps towards a restricted return to Cross Country competition. From the 5th October it is planned to open up the Licence application process. Pilot XC events will be organised – Mid September to mid October. However, this is provisional and it is dependent on any additional Government announcements.

Competition will not be able to resume in the traditional format with adaptations being made based upon the current circumstances regarding the virus.

Whilst acknowledging that the position is very fluid, consideration is being given to holding the Young Athletes/Vets XC Championships over the weekend of 9/10 January 2021 and the Relays, 13/14 February 2021. It is noted that the suggested dates for the relays does clash with the Indoor championships but this is the only date that we can book with Writtle. We can only use their facilities during the half term break when students are not on campus. XC and Indoor events have clashed in the past and we are confident that we will be able to support the two events in they both proceed.

Chelmsford AC are planning to host a XC relay event for U13, U15, U17 and U20's. Details still to be announced.

6. Road running

Chelmsford AC are hopeful that they will be able to stage their 10k event in November.

The St Clare Hospice 10k in Harlow is taking place on 13th September. To ensure they meet the current Covid guidelines there will not be any entries taken on the day, no drink stations, social distancing in the registration area, a rolling start and disposable chip timers. Gary Chandler is hoping to attend the event.

Park run has announced that they intend to restart events towards the end of October. (This has prompted a considerable amount of debate on Social Media and in the press).

Witham RC has still to decide whether their Boxing Day 5 will take place. If it does proceed, we are still happy for this to remain as the Essex Championship event.

7. Any Other Business

Annual General Meeting notices will be sent out shortly to all Club Secretaries. This will take place on Monday 7th December. The clubhouse at Chelmsford AC has been provisionally booked although if the current Government guidelines are still in place it is likely that this will be held remotely via Microsoft Teams platform

EA London Regional monthly meeting took place on 27th August. Paul Merrywest attended. Minutes will be sent out as an attachment to these minutes.

EA Eastern Regional monthly meeting will take place on 16th September. Minutes will be sent out to Club Secretaries once they are published.

Next Essex Executive meeting will be held on Monday 5th October 2020 with all committee members invited. Microsoft Teams platform will be used. All committee members to be contacted so that an invite can be sent out to them to attend the virtual meeting.

Summary of Actions

Agenda Item	Matter	By Whom
2	Write to all clubs once on line Officials Courses are available	Andy Catton/Gerry O'Doherty
3	2020/21 County Affiliation Fees now due. Contact all Club Secretaries	Malcolm Bailey
7	Volunteer sought to take over the role as County Trophy Secretary	Malcolm Bailey to contact all clubs

Meeting finished at 20:33.

Draft Agenda for meeting to be held via Microsoft Teams on Monday 5th October 2020. Start time 7.30pm

1. Minutes of the previous meeting – 7th September 2020.
2. Matters Arising
3. Treasurer's Report
4. Correspondence
Club & Committee Register Changes
5. Networking
6. Regional Reports
7. Track & Field
8. Cross Country
9. Road running
10. Preparation for AGM on Monday 7th December 2020.
11. Trophies
12. Walking
13. Officials
14. School's Liaison
15. Any other business

