

DCAA COMMITTEE MINUTES 24th February 2024

Meeting held at Exeter Harriers Clubhouse on Saturday 24th February beginning at 11.35 am following the AGM.

ACTION POINTS

Athletics competitions cannot take place without an adequate number of qualified officials. Officials are in very short supply at present and we need more. Anyone who is interested can find out what is involved in becoming a track judge, a field events judge, a timekeeper, a photo finish operator or a starter by attending the course Keith Reed has organised at Exeter Arena on 23rd March from 10am to 1pm followed by practical experience in the afternoon for those who want it. Please encourage parents and club members to contact Keith Reed email reedy41c@googlemail.com For more details if they are interested.

Jack Buckner, Head of UK Athletics, will be at Exeter Harriers Clubhouse at 6.30pm on 19th March and anyone with involvement in any aspect of athletics is welcome to attend his presentation and question and answer. Make the most of this opportunity – they do not occur very often.

The link to the new Devon County AA Web Site is www.devonathletics.org Please use it. Thanks to Geoff Williams for the effort he has put in to providing it.

MINUTES

Minutes of the Devon County AA Committee Meeting on 24th February following the AGM.

Attending the meeting

Mike Hindle

Keith Reed

Janet Phillips

Irene Brown

Chris Maddocks

Janice Hindle

Dave Phillips

Graham Berry

John Drennan

Paul Crutchley

Jayne Reed

Apologies for not attending

Hayley Ratcliff

Jim Durston

Marilyn Blair

Minutes

Minutes of the January meeting had been circulated.

Amendments – Jim Durston, not John Drennan is liaising with Mark Cowen re 10000m Champs
Typo = ill Whistlecroft should read Bill Whistlecroft.

The acceptance of the minutes, with the amendments, as a true record was proposed by John Drennan , seconded by Keith Reed and approved.

Matters Arising from the Minutes

The Running Man team trophy – No further progress.

New Devon County AA Web Site. Thanks to Geoff Williams for his work on this. See action points above.

CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED BY EMAIL

Correspondence was not raised at the meeting.

Hon. Treasurer's Report

Full details are in the AGM Minutes.

To date 15 Clubs have affiliated paying £60 per club

Roster is being used for making payments such as entry fees and the first payments have gone through.

There were no questions for the Hon. Treasurer.

The acceptance of the report was proposed by John Drennan seconded by Dave Phillips and agreed with thanks to the Hon. Treasurer.

Photo Finish Partnership. No report as no meeting since September. AGM will now take place on 27th March.

Age Group Changes – no additional information.

Track and Field

Updated fixture dates for Track and Field Season 2024. Most are firm. Some could be revised.

Sunday 7 th April	COPAC Spring Warmup Oen Meeting at Brickfields
Sunday 21 st April	Ken Trickey Great West Open Meeting at Exeter Arena
Sat 27 & Sun 28 April	Somerset Combined Events Champs (Guests Allowed) Yeovil
Sunday 28 th April	Devon Open Series Meeting 1 – at Exeter Arena
Tuesday 30 th April	Exeter Evening Open Meeting at Exeter Arena
Sunday 5 th May	South West League Meeting 1 at Exeter Arena
Sunday 12 th May	Devon County Track and Field Championships at Exeter Arena
Sunday 26 th May	Devon Open Series Meeting 2 – including Combined Events at Brickfields.
Tuesday 28 th May	Exeter Evening Open Meeting incl. BMC races at Exeter Arena
Sunday 2 nd June	South West League Meeting 2 at Exeter Arena
Saturday 8 th June	Devon Schools Championships at Exeter Arena
Sunday 9 th June	Meeting for athletes in U17 age group and older at Plymouth. Details TBC.
Sunday 9 th June	Area Senior and Under 20 Championships Venue TBC
Saturday 15 June	SW Schools Track & Field Championships Venue TBC
Wed 19 Jun	Devon 10 000m Track Championships and Open Track Events at Exeter Arena
Sat 22 & Sun 23	SW Schools Combined Events & Race Walking Championships at Yeovil.
Tuesday 25 th June	Exeter Evening Open Meeting incl. BMC races at Exeter Arena
Fri 12 & Sat 13 July	English Schools Track & Field Championships at Birmingham
Sunday 14 th July	Meeting for athletes in U17 age group and older at Plymouth. Details TBC.
Sunday 14 th July	Devon Open Series Meeting 3 at Braunton.
19 th to 21 st July	England U20 and Senior Combined Events & Track & Field Champs, venue TBC
21 st July	South West League Meeting 3 at Exeter Arena

26 to 28 July	England Age Groups Combined Events & Track & Field Champs, venue TBC
Sunday 28 th July	S W Inter Counties Championships at Exeter Arena
Tuesday 30 th July	Exeter Evening Open Meeting incl. BMC races at Exeter Arena
Sunday 4 th August	Devon Open Series Meeting 4 at Tavistock
Sat7/Sun11 Aug	Area Age Group Championships
Tuesday 27 th August	Exeter Evening Open Meeting incl. BMC races at Exeter Arena
Sunday 1 st Sept.	South West League Meeting 4 at Exeter Arena
Fri 6 & Sat 7 Sept.	UK School Games
Tuesday 24 th Sept.	Exeter Evening Open Meeting at Exeter Arena

Other events during September ESAA Combined Events at Stoke
Possibly Exeter H Combined Events \meeting.

Mike Hindle has purchased enough medals to cover all the County's requirements for the season.

Committee agreed that athletes entering the Combined Events on 26 May pay an additional £2 to the Devon Open entry fee for that meeting.

South West Region Reports

It was reported that the Bill Whistlecroft track at Yeovil will remain open for the summer season and meetings scheduled to be there will go ahead.

Webinars on the age group changes are being arranged. There will be a Forum on 12th April.

The SW Cross Country Champs at Merrifield were well organised overall, but the courses were shorter than expected.

Richard Ayling had spoken about Club Standards. Some elements will become mandatory by 2025 e.g anyone who is a club's welfare officer must complete a welfare course.

There will be an Officials' training course at Exeter Arena on 23rd March. Some disciplines will start at 10 am and some at 11am. Some tutors still to be appointed. Sonya Ellis is considering putting on some events so those on the course can do some practical training. The South West is being put forward as a pilot area for assisting level 1 officials to progress to level 2.

South West Awards presentations for 2024 will be held with the South West Conference on 28th September. The Hall of Game event will be in November.

Plymouth Brickfields is now under the control of Plymouth Argyle Community Trust and plans for development have been submitted. England Athletics is not supporting the proposals. More information to follow

Team Managers

Team Managers for the Regional Sports Hall competition have been arranged.

Cross Country

The National Championships were cancelled because of flooding. Inter Counties should be going ahead on 9th March.

Road Running

Tavistock AC has agreed to host the Ross Shield with the 2024 Tavi 7.

Dave Phillips has been in touch with Roland Gibbard of the SW Council whom he is hoping will be taking on the co-ordination of the Championship this year. A relay is being considered.

Fell Running – No report as Hayley Ratcliff was unable to attend this meeting.

Full details of races and results are on the website for Swfellrunners.uk

Other Business

Thanks to Chris Maddocks who agreed to become Vice Chairman of DCAA as Janet Rowe has stepped down from the position. DCAA is proud to have 5 times Olympians (Jo Pavey and Chris) as both their President and Vice President. Surely this is unique!

The Chairman declared the meeting closed at 12.20pm. The next Committee meeting will be held at Exeter Harriers Clubhouse on Wednesday 17th April beginning at 7pm.