

DCAA COMMITTEE MINUTES 20th SEPTEMBER 2023

ACTION POINTS

We are STILL trying to locate the Running Man Trophy, the award for the winning Men's team in the Devon County Cross Country Championships.

The Sports Hall Meeting on 10th December is the County Championship meeting so encourage your young athletes to take part.

Make sure your Club Committee members are aware of the proposed Age Group changes and other matters such as survey for officials on length of meetings and consultation on rule changes, so your club's views can be put forward.

Keith Reed will organise an officials course in March if sufficient people are interested. Let him know if your club has any members who would be interested in becoming qualified officials in any discipline, including photo finish.

MINUTES

Minutes of the Devon County AA Committee Meeting at Exeter Harriers Clubhouse on Wednesday 20th September 2023 beginning at 7.05pm.

Mike Hindle welcomed everyone to the meeting.

Present

Mike Hindle, Janet Phillips (Hon Sec) Keith Reed, Jim Durston, Dave Phillips, Vince Langdon and Irene Brown (Hon Treasurer)).

Apologies for absence – David Robinson, John Drennan, Graham Berry, John Drennan, Hayley Ratcliff and Sonya Ellis

Minutes

The minutes of the July meeting had been circulated.

The acceptance of the minutes, with this amendment, as a true record was proposed by Graham Berry seconded by Dave Phillips and agreed. There were no amendments.

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Matters Arising from the Minutes

The Running Man team trophy – No further progress.

The invoice has now been received for hire of Clennon Valley Sports Centre for regional Sports Hall Final.

Registration and competitors fees for the Devon Sports Hall League will be the same as for 2022/23.

Correspondence (by email) Main items of correspondence received since 20th July

Various from advertising 'newsletters' from organisations such as Running Insight, HDPN, Sports SOTR encyclopaedia etc. Hon sec asked whether these should be saved or forwarded. Committee agreed that as most clubs also received them this is not necessary.

From England Athletics 'Competitive Edge' giving 2023/4 fixture dates. Sustainability newsletter. Consultation on UKA proposed rule changes. Updates on Officials Safe Practice Guidance

From Derek Smith Information for athletes selected to represent Devon in the SW Inter Counties Champs. From Keith Reed various re :- SW Inter Counties results, Sports Hall dates and Sports Hall paperwork. Re allowing use of the clock for an attempt on the World Record attempt on the 12 hour solo wheelchair push. The loan was agreed and the attempt was successful. Winter availability list for officials. Re replacing radios used with photo finish and communications with starter. Committee agreed replacements could be purchased.

Geoff Williams and Keith Reed re County web site.

From Hon Treasurer, Various re finance including June accounts and report for committee. Various re kit – purchase of vests and hoodies and payment for them. From a1Stitch and Print re orders, supplies and invoice for hoodies.

From Dave Phillips and committee members various emails re SW Road Running Championships.

Hayley Ratcliff re Devon Fell Running.

Mike Hindle Agenda for Committee Meeting.

By post

Order of Service for Thanksgiving Service for Dave Shott.

Treasurer's Report

The accounts to the end of August are available.

Hon treasurer reported that there are some expenses that have been incurred but invoices have not yet been received. These include First Aid for last Devon Open meeting at Plymouth, and expenses incurred for Regional Round of Sports Hall at Clennon Valley.

Track and Field Events Income and expenditure

Devon Open 1 at Exeter with reduced track costs
Income £1652.90, costs £1081.20 surplus £571.70

County Championships at Exeter
Income £2943.65 (Including £400 grant from EA)
Costs £1716.70 plus cost of medals from stock in hand and any used from newly purchased stock

Additional medals purchased £990.20 to cover all County Competitions

Devon Open 2 at Plymouth
Income £1683.65, costs £719.75 Surplus 941.90

Devon 10k Track Championships
Cost officials Expenses £64.60. (Plus medals)

Devon Open 3 at Braunton
Income £1259.97. Costs £1089.75. Surplus £170.22

Devon Open 4 at Plymouth
Income £1690.30. Costs £889.50 Surplus £800.80

The total in the account at the end of August 2023 is £23681.95 which is £411.05 more than at the end of July.

6 Clubs have paid their affiliation fees for Sports Hall.

The acceptance of the report was proposed by Dave Phillips, seconded by Vince Langdon and agreed with thanks to the Hon. Treasurer.

Photo Finish Partnership.

Committee meeting preceded this DCAA meeting. Minutes of this meeting are attached.

Track and Field

Clubs should have received emails from UKA and England Athletics on several matters, including proposed changes in age groups. The proposed new age groups would be U12, U14, U16, U18, U20 and Seniors instead of the current arrangements. Clubs should consider how this would affect track and field competitions and give their response to the proposals. Keith Reed will draft a possible response from Devon County.

The Devon County 10 000m Track Championships was not well supported, though the 1 mile races were. Thanks to Mark Cowen for putting on the event. Various possible ways of increasing the number of participants was discussed, such as including 5000m within the 10 000 races – the committee was not in favour of this – sending individual invitations to County endurance runners, . See if BMC are interested in being involved. Dave Phillips and Jim Durston will contact athletes.

South West Region Reports

Cross Country Championships at Merrifield , - SW Counties on 7th January and SW Schools on 3rd February.

South West Indoor Championships will be held with the Welsh Indoor Championships in South Wales as usual, dates to be confirmed.

South West Conference and presentation of Awards will take place at The Devon Hotel on 11th November. Officials. The conference will begin at 2pm. A buffet will be included. Nominees have been contacted.

Long service awards were presented to Devon officials during the South West Championships.

Officials are still in short supply, especially on the field. An increasing number of people have helped the qualified officials at recent meetings. Please encourage your club members who are interested to attend the mentoring session and take the necessary steps to become qualified.- see Action Points.

A Tutor's course will be taking place at Yeovil. Date to be confirmed.

Team Managers

Cross Country

County Cross Country Championships will be held at Exeter Arena Eastern Fields with the Westward League on 10th December.

Road Running

The Ross Shield has been successfully hosted by Tavistock AC. Shaun Antel won the Men's Shield race and Sammy was second in the Women's race – family success.

South West Road Running Championships

Tony Gale initiated this event and Dave Phillips and Emma Stepto have kept it going.

Seven Counties took part this year, Wilts and Dorset giving good support.

The 10k component was the Langley Burrell 10k (nr Chippenham) on 13th August and the Chippenham Half Marathon was the second Championship Event. Thanks to Ali Thorne for organising the successful Women's Team. There had been considerable discussion on whether DCAA should pay the entry fees for the athletes in the Devon team for the Half Marathon as the fee of £24 per athlete had to be paid in advance and there was no way of making a team entry. It was agreed that the fees for the athletes who represented Devon would have their entry fees refunded on the day. 11 athletes ran for Devon and Dave Phillips gave the Hon Treasurer a receipt for the refunds he had paid them.

Dave Phillips said he would like Tom Merson to be involved in the team management if he is interested.

Team members have purchased County Vests and Hoodies. and the committee agreed replacements need to be purchased.

Fell Running

No report this time but active participation continues.

Other Business

The Chairman declared the meeting closed at 9.00pm. Next meeting on Wednesday 15th November at 7pm. There will be a Zoom link.