

AVON SCHOOLS ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION

MINUTES OF THE 2022 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

HELD AT CLIFTON HIGH SCHOOL ON MONDAY 7 November 2022

Present

Ken Holmes, Chairman, Jim Strudwick, Secretary, Shane German, Vice Chairman, Vix Dixon, Clifton High, Steve Bailey, RGS

Apologies

James Hayne, Dave Cook, Dave Turner, Sue Jones, Dave Burston, Steve Revett.

Minutes of last AGM

These had been circulated before the meeting and were accepted as a true record of the meeting

Matters Arising

There were no matters arising

Election of Officers

The following officers were elected

Chairman Ken Holmes

Treasurer and kit secretary Jim Strudwick

Vice Chairman Shane German

Website manager Neil Miller

Cross Country Manager Ken Holmes

T&F Manager Jim Strudwick

Combined Events Dave Turner and Sue Jones – TBC

Sportshall Dave Turner and Sue Jones TBC

Vix Dixon agreed to be the recipient of correspondence from ESAA and pass items on to the relevant officer.

Treasurers Report

This had been circulated previously.

Expenditure was in excess of Income. This was mainly due to the cost of attending the ESAA T&F Champs. However the kit would not require much replenishing this year apart from Hoodies, which

normally sell well. It was agreed that we should endeavour to resurrect the affiliation fees from Schools. The amount was set at £40 per school. If this did not happen the events would need to be self-funding which might place a burden on some athletes and parents. Costs to attend events this year should be lower as the South West XC is at Blaise Castle and we will not provide transport for the South West T&F champs at Exeter as last year.

Secretary's Report

This had been circulated previously and included reports on Track and Field and Cross Country championships

Combined Events Report

This had been circulated previously and had been posted on the Avon Schools website.

Sportshall Report

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Dates and Venues 2023

County XC – 21st January venue tbc

South West XC – Blaise Castle Saturday 4th February

ESAA XC Champs – Woollaton Park Nottingham Saturday 18th March

SIAB XC – Liverpool Saturday 25th March

County Schools T&F – Saturday 10th June

South West T&F – Exeter Arena Saturday 17th June

South West Combined Events – Saturday and Sunday 24th/25th June

ESAA T& F Champs – Friday 30th June and Saturday 1st July Alexander Stadium

SIAB – 1st July – Grangemouth

Future of Avon Schools

This developed more into a discussion relating next seasons events.

It was thought that South Glos turn to organise the County XC but this was not communicated correctly. A number of phone calls were made on the night and SG agreed to speak to Wendy O'Donnell regarding the possibility of South Glos organising the championships. **(Post meeting note: South Glos cannot organise the event. Ken Holmes has now arranged for the event to be held at Clifton College Sports Ground on 21st January. This will be a collaborative event with all districts assisting with the arrangements)**

The date of the ESAA T&F champs has been changed and the closing date for entries was originally before the date of the south west event. This has been changed and will now be the day after the

south west which still presents issues for team managers but means that the county T&F champs can still be held on 10th June although some districts may not be in a position to hold their district event prior to that date so we may not be able to hold a realistic championships. There was a discussion as to how to get round this. It was suggested that schools be asked to enter athletes in the Avon County champs in May the results of could then be used as one of the selection criteria for the south west. Failing this we could select the team on the same basis as last year with districts either providing the results of their championship or a list of athletes to be considered for selection based on performances in addition to selectors taking performances from Powerof10. Another alternative would be for districts to enter athletes to the championships based on known performances. No firm decision was made on this.

There being no further business the meeting was closed, Many thanks to Vix for providing the venue