

Bedfordshire and Luton Schools Athletics Association

Minutes of executive meeting 15.01.2024

4.30pm - Virtual meeting;

Present – Dennis Johnson (Chairman)/ Gav Fordham (KCA/Secretary)/ Allen Adamson/ Phillippa Milton (GBS)/Richard Edwards (Lin) Tanya Fearon (Gold)

Apologies – Vicki Dockerill / Kelly Rolfe (SSGO) / Craig Phillips (CN)

1. **Minutes / Matters arising** – 16th June 2023 - addition of high jump bed - thanks to GF for collection with DJ from Cardiff (£1000 total - £800 bed/cover + transport cost - hire of van). Bed retails at £6000 brand new. In excellent condition.
2. **Correspondence** – Agenda for today's meeting sent out to all executive members.
3. **Treasurer's Report** – accounts remain in a very healthy position -
 - Invoices sent out to all schools, Dennis still chasing some schools for affiliations - 24 schools already paid - good at this stage compared to last year - 18/19 to chase.
 - Money in the bank to be able to subsidise any athlete if required
4. **County Championships - X-Country – 07.02.24 @ Ampthill Park** –
 - RE has this in hand - application for park hire has gone in
 - Dave Stanley and Allen to check course
 - Toilets booked (expensive)
 - Pins / numbers sorted
 - RE has asked for cover at school
 - Medals - to chase with Gill Morrow // AA to check his garage as has spares from previous years.

Still to sort - First Aid - RE has contacted 3 companies but none available to help, awaiting MK company to send a quote.

Moving forward - we discussed if district school organisers could take this even on in the future - like they do the track and field champs?

Districts to take place on the 30th at Sharnbrook (Mid beds & North beds) South Beds?? Luton??

5. ESAA Cross county -

Craig and Tanya to team manage.

Dennis to assist with admin for the event

Any runner missing from the counties to contact DJ with recent performances.

Things to do -

Letter

Additional Team managers on the day (Who?)

Selection process

Bus booking - DJ to get quotes

Travel arrangements - pick up at Luton / Bedford / Newport Pagnell (M1 junction)

6. **Combined events** – Kelly Rolfe asking Mark Bowler if they could help run the event with the university students help on day?

Biggleswade is hosting an event but this will be 4 days after the selection deadline... could be a good competition though for potential competing athletes.

7. **School cup - Track & Field** - Need promotion as such a good event - could SSGO's take this event on too? To ask KR

Any school who entered last year, merged with Cambridgeshire or Buckinghamshire

8. **County Track & Field** - Vicky Dockerill is running this event - 12th June 2024

Track booked ??

First Aid ??

Officials required ?? Paul Brooking ??

9. **ESAA Track & Field** - Birmingham 12/13th July 2024

- Selection date - 24th June 2024
- Hannah Douglas happy for the team to travel from Cedars - by Train - details to be looked at closer to the event
- Team managers - Gav Fordham / Allen Adamson / Hannah Douglas (+1 female)

10. **ESAA Combined events** -

Regional round - Chelmsford

Finals - Stoke

11. **Hosting ESAA events** -

- *Combined events 2025* and or 2026 - depending on the relaying of the track...

12. **Safeguarding & welfare officer** - Richard Edwards very kindly stepped forward for this role - he will speak with Ian Roberts

13. **Succession Planning** - Dennis has written up job descriptions for Treasurer, Team Manager XC, and Team Manager T & F He will write similar job descriptions for Chair, and Team Manager Combined Events.

- Craig Phillips - X Country
- Richard - Safeguarding

There is a real plea for others to step forward to help the association.

14. **AOB**

- Constitution / some members - managers not teachers - where do we stand with this?

- New UKA age groups (u14/u16/u18) for club competition from April 2026. This will be a huge change and a huge challenge for ESAA competition, but will bring the UK in line with the rest of Europe for championships.

a. **Next meeting** – Google meet - (GJF to book room) DATE - Week commencing Monday 4th June

b. A potential planning meeting - to take to SSCO's for them to take ownership of all county events??

ESAA Selection meeting –Monday 24th June.