



OXFORDSHIRE AA ZOOM MEETING - Friday 28th January 2022

Present - Will Atkinson (Chair), Claire Lacey (Vice Chair), Daniel Bremner (Secretary), Hugh Morris (Treasurer), Noel Blatchford (Abingdon AC), Andrew Garner (Abingdon AC), Kit Villiers (Headington), Dene Stringfellow (XC coordinator), James Charles (Banbury AC), Jackie Breslin (T&F Official), Tom Gould (Bicester), Paul Groves (Bicester), Emma Gould (Bicester), Steve Frame (Hook Norton), Peter O'Keefe (Radley)

Apologies - Alan Vincent (T&F Officials), Theresa Lamb (Didcot), Kate Coney (Didcot), Emily Johns (Great Milton), Mike Shipway (Woodstock), Doug Scott (Banbury)

1. **Minutes of the previous Zoom meeting held 3rd September 2021**

Agreed to be a true record of the meeting.

2. **Matters Arising**

Nothing to report

3. **Communications Task Group**

a) Secretary's Report and Correspondence Received

SEAA Counties Meeting re Inter-County Track and Field

2022 UK inter counties cross country championships – dates and distance for 2022

2022 British Inter-Counties Senior Mountain Race and Junior Hill & Fell Championships

Full details were emailed to clubs.

b) England Athletics/UKA matters to report -AV reports

- UKA is conducting a review of the Officials' pathway.
- The new rulebook is on schedule for release in April.
- The virtual UKA Officials' Conference at the end of October was attended by 203 officials.
- A more affordable version of TESS (electronic starting system) is now being developed with an anticipated cost of c £800. It will have the capacity to link with FinishLynx PF.

c) Schools Report - PO reports

The County Schools Cross Country Championships were held on 25th January at Radley

Over 300 athletes, 48 were selected to the finals on 19th March,

Dan Studley at Radley is going to hold a team building day at 10am on 13th February, this has been sent to clubs and coaches. Details and how to enter can be found on the Oxon AA website.

English schools finals, Manchester, 2nd weekend in July. Team of 25 this year from Oxfordshire

England Schools have lost sponsorship from New Balance and looking for a main stream sponsor.

The multi combined events is a home fixture, 25-26th June, still looking for athletes, team of 4 in all age groups. Hoping for the SW to go for the nationals and national records.



4. Officers Task Group

Treasurer's report

This is the first update of the new financial year and cover 1st October to 31st December 21.

- £583.47 more in the “unconditional” accounts and
- £0.00 (no change) in the conditional accounts.

As agreed, I only comment on the movement since the last meeting, the AGM, or any issues raised since then.

General Accounts (Unconditional)

The zoom account has been renewed for the year £144.

Medals – we have bought some new medal centres for the first events of the year and a few Mini Minor medals.

XC CC: – Entry fees of £1,494 had been paid on 31st December, and expenses for a SEAA event cost £295. At the time of writing the County Champs event has just been rescheduled.

Affiliation: - 21 Clubs have paid their affiliation fees, just Brooks and Oxfordshire Schools have not from the normal list. Radley College Harriers have affiliated this year. Dene has mentioned that there are three clubs I don't think we previously knew of, Benson Striders, Heyford Aardvarks and North Cotswold tri & run (Gloucester based on their website), I have sent emails as a first contact, and previously Oxford Tri, Bicester Tri and Longworth Joggers declined to affiliate. The website has the club's status lists

Grand Prix: – 19 clubs have affiliated to the 2022 G Prix series, only Great Milton and Radley College Harriers from the above 21 did not. (A typo in a chase up email led to Didcot paying £320 instead of £20, that has been refunded

Road Relays: - nothing to report

Sports Hall: – as of 31st December, 6 of the 7 participating clubs have paid the affiliation fee. Mike Miles is chasing the clubs to get the “attendance fees” paid for each round and the affiliation from WHH.

Track and Field – nothing to report.

Clothing – Restocking of official's kit has happened, it took a long time to get the officials kit, but they arrived eventually.

Bank Accounts –At the AGM Will mentioned the “Safeguarding” exercise that HSBC had been running in 2021. It now turns out that either separately or consequently they changed our current account to a charity account, along with a number of other clients. That account comes with a £5pcm fee and extra charges for paying in cheques remotely etc. I have queried it with HSBC online and in Oxford Branch. Are you happy we should pay these fees? If not, we need to move banks. Lloyds, when I asked in branch earlier this month, and possibly other banks, still operate clubs and Associations accounts, our type of account, FOC so we could move accounts?

Lloyds should also allow for a debit card too. Any change would require the of Signatories mandate to be set up online and supporting evidence taken to a branch. Will, Daniel and Claire are the other signatories.

Conditional Accounts Photo Finish – No activity EA Tech Grant: - no financial update Barry Strange fund – nothing to report

Oxon AA Training fund: - nothing to report



5. Track & Field Task Group

a) County Open Graded Meeting – AV reports

The Oxfordshire AA Track & Field group has met on a couple of occasions since our AGM.

At present, we are planning a joint Championships held at Horspath Road on the weekend of 14/15 May. Bucks AA are happy to work with our Oxfordshire T&F group to run the meeting based on two 6-hour days although we plan to run the Oxfordshire and Buckinghamshire competitions to different formats. Oxfordshire want to run a graded open format, while Bucks want to continue on more traditional lines.

The date clashes with the Oxford Uni varsity match. Alan has sent an email to make them aware.

The next step will be a joint (Zoom) meeting over the next couple of weeks to discuss this proposal and the timetable in more detail.

b) Officials – AV reported

At the beginning of January, Oxfordshire had 109 Officials on the database, of whom 102 are qualified in Track & Field.

The list of County Track & Field events is more or less finalised, and the availability list should be going out to officials within the next few days

I am pleased to report that we will have five Oxfordshire officials at the Commonwealth Games in August.

c) Coaching in the County

We had already agreed to return to this topic at the end of the T&F season when we should consider holding squad days through the winter and spring. There is a significant backlog of people wanting to do Coaching Assistant courses, but despite regular prompting EA have not provided anything yet.

James has written to EA to try and arrange a date for the Athletics coach course – if any clubs know of anyone who want to attend should message James or Kay.

6. Road & Cross Country

a) Road – WA Reported

The road race AGM took place on 22nd October and allocated the country champs for 2022 as follows: short course – Headington 5, long course – Banbury 15 and marathon - Abingdon

New GP season kicks off at Banbury 15 in March.

The Grand Prix concluded at Eynsham 10km in November, WA has started to distribute the trophies to the winners.

Road Relays - no clubs volunteering to host the road relays. Rose Webb is no longer able to manage the entries, which is a sad loss after many years' service. – clubs to be emailed - **actioned**

b) Cross Country – DS reported



11th November, the county had teams at the SEAA inter counties championships and proved successful with the athletes, Ros Kelling, team manager has written a report on the event and is on the website.

Inter county submissions were submitted today and confirmed.

Oxford XC championships will take place with Round 4 of the Oxon XC league on February 6th. No presentations to take place on the day, prizes will be sent to clubs afterwards.

Representatives of Bicester AC asked whether, following the rescheduling of the County Championships refunds would be available. The committee agreed that individuals and clubs who could not attend the rescheduled County Championships should be offered a refund and that a notice should be posted on the website and on Facebook – **actioned**

There was also concern from Bicester about the charges for Round 4, which will be per-runner rather than the usual per-car. The concern was that this will hit families with several junior competitors. DS explained why that charging model was required and that it was a matter for the league rather than the county. He has called an EGM of the league on 23rd February to discuss membership and entry fees.

7. A.O.B.

HM - Logo that we use on medals isn't a high definition on part of the crest, All sports can fix for £20 or stick with what we have. DS suggested asking them to show us the difference and then make a decision – **Action HM**

There was a discussion on committee membership. The committee is elected at the AGM and, although members are free to express their clubs' views, their job is to support the aims of Oxon AA. Others are encouraged to attend committee meetings as representatives of their affiliated clubs.

Meeting closed at 20:45.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING – Friday 8th April at Exeter Hall, **Action HM**