



ENGLAND ATHLETICS – ENGLAND COUNCIL MEETING

OUTCOMES

17th February 2023

12 noon – 4.15 pm EA Office + Via Teams

Present

Members of the England Council (EC)

Janice Kaufman (North East) (JK) - Chair

Devonte Casely-Hayford (Diversity Champion) (DCH) – via Teams (from 1 pm onwards)

Jon Clarke (Northwest) (JC) – via Teams

Matthew Dalton (East) (MD)

Adrian Day (London) (AD)

James de Vivenot (South East) (JdeV)

Moirá Gallagher (Yorks & Humberside) (MG)

Richard Lewellyn-Eaton (Southwest) (RLE)

Stuart Paul (West Midlands) (SP)

Jane Pidgeon (East Midlands) (JP)

England Athletics Officers

Chris Jones, CEO (CJ) (until 1.30 pm)

Richard Ayling – Club Support Manager (RA) – via Teams

Emma Davenport - Head of Club Support & Participation (ED) via Teams

Barry Hopkins – Road Race Licencing Manager (BH) via Teams

Vicky Griffiths – England Competitions Delivery Manager (VG) – via Teams

Marc Ritchie - Technical Officials Development Manager (MR) – via Teams

Vickie Armitage - EC Secretary (VA)

1. Apologies

Gary Shaughnessy (EA Board Chair) (GS)

Dan Isherwood, Head of Operations (DI)

Mick Lee, EA Insights Manager (ML)

Nichola Skedgel, Domestic Competitions Manager (NS)

2. Declaration of Interest

None received.

3. Draft Minutes of Meeting 3rd November 2022

Resolved and Actions

- 1) EC agreed that these were an accurate reflection of the meeting.
- 2) **JK** signed the minutes of the meeting.

4. Actions / matters arising

Resolved and Actions

- **AGM** – Consideration had been given to the aligning of the AGM to a new event. **CJ** confirmed that the Hall of Fame would now be moving to a biennial event.
- The AGM would likely continue to take place at the same date on 4th November and EA are looking at integrating this with the combined Board and Council meeting and Whole Council Conference. The National Volunteer Awards could potentially be incorporated into the framework of the day, with potential to also integrate the Competition Conference.
- **Athletes Advisory Panel** – This has been given Board approval and Terms of Reference approved. Recruitment will take place over the Spring and Summer with 11 athletes put in place to form the panel. (Action closed)
- **Unlicenced Coaches** – This will be discussed further at the next meeting. Council requested the numbers by region of lapsed coaches.

5. England Council Chair's Report

EC accepted and noted the report from **JK** that accompanied the agenda.

6. CEO's Report

EC accepted and noted the report from **CJ** that accompanied the agenda.

Resolutions and Actions

- Spring/Summer Consultation – **CJ** outlined a light and informal event based consultation that is being planned across the 9 Regions with members of staff, Board/Council being present at regional events where there would be a significant number of people present. These will take place at major competitions/events with Board/Council/EA Exec and will serve as an opportunity to listen to the thoughts/ideas of those involved in T&F – coaches, parents, athletes and officials
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- **UKA** – **CJ** confirmed that Runbritain has already come across and discussions are ongoing around further coaching and officiating education aspects with Autumn this year indicated as a possible transition date for specific duties related to this.
- Competitions 2023 – Chelmsford will host the U20's and U23's Championships this year. Birmingham will host the U15s/17s. The English Schools Championships will also take place in Birmingham

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- Personal Best Foundation – Looking to pilot a project in Q2 2023 in London.
- Regional Priorities – It was agreed that regional councils focus on and support clubs in their regions to achieve club standards. The SW/NW would like to continue to support and promote the education of officials and the London region work to engage more effectively with the clubs in their region.

7. Club Standards (ED)

EC accepted and noted the verbal report from **ED**.

Athlete Code of Conduct – This is currently being updated and will be made available to all Clubs when they re-affiliate to EA.

Club Standards – Work continues to improve the portal with regular updates and upgrades

Regional Volunteer Awards – **RA** joined the meeting and reported on the success of the awards this year. It was agreed that the awards continue to be an important part of the EA calendar and are well received by volunteers who are nominated in their Regions.

8. EA Championships Review

EC accepted and noted the written report from **VG**.

VG reported that the two EA Championships held in Sheffield were successful. There were a total of 900 entries. She confirmed that the U15/17 combined events would be held in March, this would also incorporate para events and the 3000m walk.

Three teams have competed overseas which saw Morgan Lake achieve a British record in the high jump.

VG continues to review all events to ensure they are relevant and well attended. The outdoor season will see events across different venues. The 2024 season is already being planned with detailed discussions taking place with the HCAFs to build the calendar. Qualification standards are being reviewed to ensure the level of competition remains high.

9. Officials Update

The EC accepted and noted the written report from **MR**.

10. Road Race Licencing

The EC accepted and noted the written report from **BH**.

BH confirmed that the transfer of Runbritain from UKA to EA is mostly complete. The on-line entry system is now with EA.

11. Any Other Business

Elections – **VA** reported on the latest position with regard to the Elections. These close on 24th February.

The next meeting was confirmed as Thursday, 20th April at the EA offices.

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