

West Yorkshire Athletics Action Group

Wednesday 29th March - 7.00pm

Coaching Resources – Galpharm Stadium, Huddersfield

Minutes

Present

Joe Baker	JB	West Yorkshire Sport
Bob Ellis	BE	West Yorkshire Schools
Tony Scargill	TS	Calderdale
Claire Howe	CH	Kirklees
Andy Cook	AC	Kirklees/Leeds
Paul Moseley	PM	Leeds
Anthony Gill	AG	Bradford
David Owen	DO	Kirklees

Apologies

Stephen Wolstenholme, Kristine Monaghan, Alan Oates, Shirley Wood, Tina Hibberd, Pete Robins, Brian Burgin, Rebecca Foster.

Minutes from the previous meeting

Page 4 the competition mention here is for years 7, 8, and 9. Not just year 9 like the minutes say.

Matters Arising

No matters arising

Regional Update

Five Key Messages from England Athletics

1. England Athletics is up and running, we take over Governance in England in April and have the legacy money and many of the people in place to build the capacity of our sport and achieve the targets in our five year plan. We do not believe that mass participation can be separated from elite performance – we cannot have one without the other.
2. Accountability and democracy will be key for England Athletics and the election process will commence in the next three months. This will be followed by the membership electing the new Chair of England Athletics. Also, the new UK Members Council is now being established and is planning its first meeting in May.
3. Improving performance is vital for the whole sport and we will give priority to helping everyone in it to achieve more, particularly athletes and coaches. Together with UKA we will jointly lead the setting up of the new Athletics

Services organisation which will be accountable for delivering efficient and effective services to the sport in England.

4. Regional and local focus of resources will ensure that we give maximum support for local delivery through clubs and counties at the grass roots of the sport. The focus of the small team at the centre including the Chief Executive will be to support achievement at the front line and maintain financial control.
5. Athletics is our Nation's favourite Olympic Sport and our values will be key to keeping it this way.
 - Achievement of transparent targets with individuals and organisations clearly accountable.
 - Togetherness, cooperation and coordination between all organisations and individuals in the sport.
 - Honesty and integrity in responding to customer needs.
 - Leadership, innovation and excellence are in high regard.
 - Equity and ethics in all aspects of athletics.
 - Trust in the professionalism of staff and volunteers.
 - Encouragement, understanding and respect for individual abilities.

Regional Council

The regional council met for the first time on yesterday (Tuesday 28th March) Interim council currently is:

Name	Possible Lead Role	Club	Association
John Waterhouse	Interim Chair	Bingley H&AC	
Terry Bailey	Competition	Doncaster AC	South Yorkshire County AA
Sue Beconsall	Fell Running	Bingley H&AC	FRA
Edwin Bellamy	Clubs	Barton & District AC	Humberside County AA
Brian Burgin	Clubs-Schools	Halifax AC	
Tim Cock	Veterans	Holmfirth AC	West Yorkshire County AA
John Dennis	Partnerships	Keighley & Craven AC	
Moira Gallagher	Officials		
Mike Moss	Road Running	St Bedes AC	
Wilf Paish	Coach Development		

Dave Paver	Schools	Nestle Rowntrees AC	North Yorkshire County AA
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Minutes to the regional council meeting are on the North of England website, <http://www.noeea-athletics.org.uk/>

AG asked if all regional councils were the same. The council can differ and are built up by the Chair with advise from England Athletics.

Comment was passed by the group that the names of the interim council all seem like similar names and no new blood which was a concern.

Draft County Plan

See attached document

Coach Education discussion around including a second day with the level 1 courses to include either officials and first aid or children in athletics.

Draft Officials Development Plan

See attached document

Any Other Business

Next ERACC meeting is 4th May 7.15pm South Leeds

24th May 2007 English Schools at Temple Newsome

June 2007 NE combined events at South Leeds WYSAA hosting venue confirmation needed

Date of Next Meeting

Wednesday 14th June