

Bedfordshire and Luton Schools - VIRTUAL

Minutes of 2021 AGM held on 15.11.2021 via Google meets (16.30)

Present – Dennis Johnson Chair, Treasurer & Team Manager

Gav Fordham Secretary & KCA

Allen Adamson VP & Team Manager

Richard Edwards Champs Sec (XC), TM & Lincroft

Pippa Milton Team Manager (XC & T&F) & Bedford Girls

Kelly Rolfe North Beds. SGO

Dan Bedeau - STM

Leah Fudge - Sandy

Mrs Lewis - Henlow

Sophie Hilton - Etonbury

Lauren Webb - Stratton

1. Apologies –

Vicky Dockerill - Champs Sec (T & F) & Luton SGO

Jack Fuller Sandy

Hannah Douglas - TM & Cedars

Sarah Robson - Robert Bloomfield (Schools cup organiser)

Adam Higgens - BMS

Rob Heaney - TM XC & Bedford School

Nicola Cross - Harlington

Mike Cox - BFS

Thank you everyone for attending. We may hold AGMs virtually in the future.

2. Minutes –

Shared with everyone previous to meeting - no one questioned the minutes

3. Matters arising –

Safeguarding raised - return to this in AOB

4. Correspondence –

5. Chairman's report –

Shared with everyone previous to meeting - those present thankful for receiving the documents prior to the meeting taking place, it allowed the meeting to flow. Dennis gave a brief overview/summary of his report (what did take place, didn't take place and reasons why...

6. Treasurer's Report –

Shared with everyone previous to meeting

Accounts remain healthy, end of year balance is £8651.37, showing a deficit of only £131.25 on the year.

Not only cash rich but stock rich too, some stock will need to be replenished as low on numbers of some sizes.

Affiliation fee for 2020 -21 was £0.00 due to Covid and no county competitions taking place.

Affiliation fee for 2021-22 to remain at £70.00

7. Motion – all present agreed with this motion

‘That athletes from schools or colleges which do not affiliate, will not be eligible to participate in events organised by or on behalf of the county schools AA, nor represent the County in Inter County or English Schools Competitions; neither will athletes from schools or colleges which do not pay the contribution requested from them towards the cost of taking their athletes’

8. County championships

- a. **X-Country** – no championships due to Covid
- b. **Track and Field** – no championships due to Covid
- c. **Combined events** – no championships due to Covid

9. ESAA championships - report previously shared within the chairman's report

- a. **X-Country** – no championships due to Covid
- b. **Track and Field** – took place but in a different form to previous years - (one day per age group to minimise age groups mixing). Qualification different (see chairman's report)
- c. **Combined events** – Hosted by Bedfordshire & Luton at Bedford stadium - a very successful championship and a huge well done to Dennis and his helpers for organising and allowing a smooth running of these championships. (see chairman's report)

10. **Election of officers** – this was a big talking point (Allen raised the need for new blood) and explained Dennis is doing too much, Dennis agreed, at this point all positions were offered to those present, or to contact Pippa Milton via email pippa.milton@bedfordgirlsschool.co.uk if interested in taking on a role within the organisation. Dennis is now 77! He wants someone else to take on some responsibilities before he becomes too decrepit or starts pushing up the daisies. An idiot's guide has been written by Dennis for each role he holds.

Richard said the roles Dennis currently holds need to be broken up as too much in current form for full time teaching staff to take on. After much discussion we will come back to this at the next executive meeting. Maybe to shadow Dennis this year with a view to take over in the next academic year (September 2022).

Chairman – Dennis Johnson

Secretary – Gavin Fordham

Treasurer - Dennis Johnson

XC Champs Sec	Richard Edwards
T & F Champs Sec	Vicki Dockerill
X-C Schools Cup Organiser	Richard Edwards
T&F Schools Cup Organiser	RBA (<u>GJF to contact Sarah Robson</u>) Sarah accepted 17.11.21
XC Team Managers	Rob Heaney & Pippa Milton (others to assist)
T&F Managers	Dennis Johnson & Pippa; Milton (others to assist)
CE Team Manager	Dennis Johnson

11 County Championships 2022

- a) Cross Country - Wed 2 Feb. Amptill
- b) Track & Field - Wed 15 June Bedford
- c) Combined Events - Fri 2 May Bedford TBC

13. ESAA Championships 2022

- a) Cross Country - Sat. 19 March, Kent
- b) Track & Field - Fri/Sat 8/9 July Manchester
- c) Combined Events -
Reg. 25/26 June Venue TBC
Final 17/18 Sept. Bedford

14. **Hosting of ESAA events** – we are looking at hosting the following events (Allen raised that we have done too much over the years and maybe the ESAA are asking too much of us? However, the running of these championships has been done so well over the years under the leadership of Dennis is outstanding they keep coming back to Bedford - many note Bedford is a great venue for the events.

- a) ESAA Schools T & F Cup Final Sat 2nd July 2022 Bedford (Friday afternoon Dennis may require help (GF/RE said they would if able to get out of school commitments) RE will provide kit carriers (2 teams of 8)
- b) ESAA Combined Events Finals 17/18 September 2022 (help and volunteers required over the weekend - car park, general jobs on the day including some help with officiating (turning boards etc)

Dennis added after the meeting

‘The amount of donations from ESAA for staging ESAA events is £8,500 over the past 12 years. The amount almost exactly matches the end of year surplus on 31 October 2021 (£8,651.37). Had we not staged any of these events, we would have needed to raise the affiliation fees to schools by a substantial amount.’

15. ESAA proposals -

- a) Walking events - no disqualification but to be put in a sin bin for 30 seconds (*all those present to support this proposal*)
- b) Triple Jump - to take the Junior Boys event out of the championships/School cup (is this linked to injury or because girls currently do not triple jump at junior level? (DJ to look at stats and to hear reasons why on the day of meeting) Most in favour of keeping the event (unless data suggests it is too dangerous)
- c) Mixed relay teams - to allow more teams to be entered at national schools level (DJ raised that female runners would need to be runner 1 and 2 due to possibility of injury) (*all those present to support this proposal*)
These proposals were not discussed at ESAA AGM as too little notice had been given to counties.

16. Impact of reorganisation of schools in Beds and Luton – No changes required at this stage

17. Succession planning -

Conversations held when looking into election of officers - more to follow at executive meeting / waiting to see if anyone steps forward? Although Dennis is very happy in post and continues to do a fantastic job he has said he is getting older and that new blood is required as he will not be available forever....

18. Next meeting – Executive meeting to be run virtually - January 17th 2022 (GJF to send link out closer to the time of meeting)

19. AOB -

Safeguarding policy - to be discussed in more detail at the next executive meeting - Richard unable to help at the time as very busy with school/family commitments. Payment to Ian Roberts (ESAA chairman) to do this for us to be considered.

Website - been shut down by google - Dennis is going to start to gather all relevant info to go onto a new website developed by Vicky/Kelly on the Beds and Luton active website - Athletics/cross country section.

(Meeting closed 17.35pm)