

Cheshire Network Action Group Meeting No 8

28/07/10

Present:

Andy Garnett (Spectrum Striders RC), Alan Parsons (Vale Royal AC), Shaun McGrath (Vale Royal AC)

Apologies:

Bob Lynch (Macclesfield Harriers), Mike Cutler (South Cheshire Harriers), Martin Stirna (South Cheshire Harriers), Dennis Wall (West Cheshire), Eddie Gore (West Cheshire), Adrian Timmins (Warrington AC), Steve Matthews (Crewe & Nantwich), Dave Copsey (Vale Royal AC), Dave Spencer (Warrington AC), Sarah Friday (England Athletics).

The notes of our 7th meeting (02.06.10) have been distributed to all Cheshire Athletic Clubs, an article is in the Cheshire Newsletter, and all correspondence is on the Cheshire Website, as usual.

Action Review:

Action 7.2 – AG to draft a constitution based on the discussions and circulate. Action complete: no comments received. Final draft to be signed by all club representatives and distributed. All other actions incorporated into the minutes.

Service Level Agreement with Cheshire and Warrington Sports Partnership

Revised draft includes all comments made and discussed at last meeting. Copy of Merseyside agreement considered alongside. Agreement signed by AG and CSWP on 15/06/10 allowing funding to be transferred from EA and Network Coordinator role to be advertised.

Recruiting the Network Coordinator - Status

Approximately 25 submissions were received to the job advert. These were reviewed on 5/07/10 by Sarah Friday, Clare Buckley, Arwel Williams (Merseyside), Bob Lynch and Andy Garnett. A short list for interview of 5 was agreed, and the format and questions for the interview decided. Interviews took place on w/c 19th July and a clear choice made. An offer was made by phone and provisionally accepted on the day. We await official news of an agreed start date, but this is anticipated to be early September.

Events Review:

Club multi-event/ coaching day: Bob has developed details for the first event and it was agreed to aim for mid October. The diary is congested with XC and road relays at this time – 30th October appeared to be the only available free date. It was agreed that all Cheshire clubs will be invited and members of the Merseyside Network. The event will be free to network clubs and a nominal charge made to other clubs.

We are, however, still awaiting any response from clubs hosting a follow-on event and the action below is un-progressed.

Action 7.3 – Each host club (Macclesfield, Warrington AC, Vale Royal, West Cheshire and Crewe and Nantwich) is to confirm commitment, identify potential dates, and particularly identify any short falls in skills or officials that the Coordinator will need to seek from other network clubs, or the EA.

- Parlauf Running Event – Alan Parsons has developed the event template and this was discussed. The detail proposal, for up to 60 participants will be distributed soon. A proposed date of Wednesday 15th or 22nd September at Knights Grange is the objective. This will be the network launch and network-building event. It will be free to all participating network clubs with organising expenses paid from the network funds.
- Patrick Milroy Talk 25/06/10. Organised by Spectrum Striders with all Cheshire Clubs invited. 54 people attended from 6 clubs. A good evening.

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- Network Staff Development Day on 22/06/10 at Solihull. Mike Cutler was unable attend through illness.
- Support for the funding of coaching courses cannot be made with network funding. However, Sarah has identified a route for subsidies through the NW County Sport Partnership to Alan Parsons.

Next meeting to be 7.00pm Wednesday 8th September 2010 at the Lion Pub, Moulton, Northwich.

Andy Garnett (Volunteer Network Coordinator) 29/07/10