

Cheshire Network Action Group Meeting No 9

08/09/10

Present:

Andy Garnett (Spectrum Striders RC), Alan Parsons (Vale Royal AC), Martin Stirna (South Cheshire Harriers), Eddie & Jill Gore (West Cheshire), Dave Copsey (Vale Royal AC), Mike Cutler (South Cheshire Harriers), Vicky Huyton (Cheshire & Merseyside Network Coordinator)

Apologies:

Bob Lynch (Macclesfield Harriers), Dennis Wall (West Cheshire), Adrian Timmins (Warrington AC), Steve Matthews (Crewe & Nantwich), Dave Spencer (Warrington AC), Sarah Friday (England Athletics).

The notes of our 8th meeting (28.07.10) 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.

Introductions

Vicky Huyton, the new Cheshire Network Coordinator who started on the 6th September, was introduced to everyone. Jill Gore from West Cheshire was also welcomed to her first meeting.

Action Review:

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. This action is still outstanding.

Planned Events Review:

Parlauf Running Event – Alan Parsons has developed the event and issued an email with accompanying poster to all Cheshire Network clubs for up to 60 participants on Wednesday 22nd September at Knights Grange. This will be the network launch and network-building event. It will be free to all participating network clubs with all organising expenses paid from the network funds. An invite has been extended to the Merseyside network. No detail response have yet been received and the aim is to promote it as much as possible over the next week to get numbers and handicaps to Alan by next Wednesday.

Action 8.1 – VH to contact network clubs to promote event. AG to contact West Cheshire runners.

Club Multi-event/ Coaching Day: Bob has developed details for the first event at Macclesfield and proposed a date of 16th October. It was agreed that all Cheshire clubs will be invited and members of the Merseyside Network. The event will be free to both network clubs and other clubs since we are trying to introduce and promote the network. For future events a nominal charge may be made to non-network clubs. Eddie suggested that West Cheshire may be willing to host a follow-on event on the 20th November.

Action 8.2 – VH to contact Bob and put together a poster to promote the event. Also to identify any official/coach shortages or support that may be provided from other clubs, EA or other organisations.

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- Promoting the Network. Vicky had lots of ideas for this, including providing a directory. There are several lists of Athletics Clubs in Cheshire, most notably by Mike Lamb of West Cheshire, for the county. It would be beneficial to include a field on these lists to show Cheshire Network membership.

Action 8.3 – VH to make a proposal for promoting the network and distribute it for comment.

Action 8.4 – VH to provide the network logo and network purpose to add to each club's website to show membership and promote the network.

- The recently proposed coaching structure was debated. It does not help introduce volunteers into coaching because of both the time and cost commitments at Level 1. Other issues associated with age, availability and convenience of course and insurance liability were discussed. Vicky had ideas about providing alternative courses conveniently and cost effectively that would be appropriate to coaching, CRB checking and First Aid. She agreed to circulate a note

Action 8.4 – VH to make a proposal for organising local, cost-effective coaching, CRB or first-aid courses.

Next meeting to be 7.00pm Wednesday 29th September 2010 at the Lion Pub, Moulton, Northwich.

Andy Garnett (Volunteer Network Coordinator) 09/09/10