

Cheshire Network Action Group Meeting No 5

31/03/10

Present:

Andy Garnett (Spectrum Striders RC), Bob Lynch (Macclesfield Harriers), Steve Matthews (Crewe & Nantwich), Mike Cutler (South Cheshire Harriers), Dave Copsey (Vale Royal AC), Dave Spencer (Warrington AC), Sarah Friday (England Athletics).

Apologies:

Dennis Wall (West Cheshire), Martin Stirna (South Cheshire Harriers), Eddie Gore (West Cheshire), Alan Parsons (Vale Royal AC), Adrian Timmins (Warrington AC),
The notes of our 4th meeting (24.02.10) have been distributed to all Cheshire Athletic Clubs, an article is in the Cheshire Newsletter, and all correspondence is on the Cheshire Website.

Today's Agenda:

- Introductions, if necessary
- Review of Actions
- Topics for discussion:
 - Managing Funding
 - Recruiting the Network Coordinator
 - Arranging First Events
- Action Summary
- Next Meeting

Action Review:

- Draft Proposal for an Multi event – issued by Bob Lynch
- Information about potential partners – Sarah Friday has contacted Paul Kendal from the Warrington and Cheshire Sports Partnership as a likely partner. Unfortunately he was unable to attend the meeting.
- Road Running Parlauf event proposal – Mike Cutler is awaiting details from Keith Hancock who ran an event in Cumbria.

Managing Funding:

Sarah has indicated that W&C Sports Partnership would be the preferred partners. They could provide a home for our coordinator – accommodation and facilities – and a simple route through which we employed them. Paul Kendal will attend the next meeting to discuss issues. An alternative is Sports Hall Athletic, but we will pursue the W&CSP first.

Recruiting the Network Coordinator.

Sarah had issued a draft role description which had been commented on since the last meeting. This was reviewed carefully by the group and amendments made. Sarah will update the description and re-issue it. It was agreed that Bob Lynch and Andy Garnett would form the interview panel with Sarah (who must be present). Steve Matthews agreed to produce a draft description of the interview scoring criteria

First Events:

Bob's draft proposal for a club hosted multi-event, planned as a round robin, was discussed. The template was based on similar events that Macclesfield had undertaken in the past, and was well received. It was agreed to try and include 5 such events over the year. Each potential host club (Macclesfield, Warrington AC, Vale Royal, West Cheshire and Crewe and Nantwich) is to confirm commitment from their club, identify potential dates, and then develop the template using in-house skills – and identify any short falls in skills or officials that other network clubs, or the EA could provide.

Andy described a presentation that Spectrum Striders are planning in May, by Dr Patrick Milroy, a well-known sports-injury and England/ GB team support doctor, presenting his new book Running Anatomy.

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Vale Royal are looking for support to Fell Runners in their Club. Several members of the network offered assistance at various levels.

Macclesfield had been asked about their new-starter welcome pack. Bob passed around an example and several clubs talked about their own experiences.

Next meeting to be 7.00pm Wednesday 21st April 2010 at the Lion Pub, Moulton, Northwich.

Andy Garnett (Volunteer Network Coordinator) 06/04/10