

Cheshire Network Action Group Meeting No 6

21/04/10

Present:

Andy Garnett (Spectrum Striders RC), Bob Lynch (Macclesfield Harriers), Mike Cutler (South Cheshire Harriers), Martin Stirna (South Cheshire Harriers), Alan Parsons (Vale Royal AC), Dave Copsey (Vale Royal AC), Dave Spencer (Warrington AC), Sarah Friday (England Athletics), Paul Kendall (C&WSP), Claire Buckle (EA – Mersey CCSO).

Apologies:

Dennis Wall (West Cheshire), Eddie Gore (West Cheshire), Adrian Timmins (Warrington AC), Steve Matthews (Crewe & Nantwich).

The notes of our 5th meeting (31.03.10) have been distributed to all Cheshire Athletic Clubs, an article is in the Cheshire Newsletter, and all correspondence is on the Cheshire Website.

Action Review:

- Draft Proposal for a Multi event – issued by Bob Lynch
- Updated Role Description – issued by Sarah Friday.
- Coordinator Interview Scoring Criteria – being developed by Steve Matthews
- Road Running Parlauf event proposal – Mike Cutler described the event structure and plans to organise one at Knights Grange.

Managing Funding Through W&C Sports Partnership:

Paul Kendall presented the background and role of the organisation. They are used as a host for many sports organisations (including hockey, badminton and basketball under various contractual arrangements). They can provide line management, accommodation and facilities – and administer our budget.

Action – our network needs a simple constitution to allow decisions to be made – eg what are the voting rules for members?

Recruiting the Network Coordinator – Joint role with Merseyside network?.

Claire Buckle described the status of the Merseyside Network and their wish to consider a joint coordinator role with our network to allow a full time post.

Action 6.1 - Claire to circulate the approved Mersey Coordinator role description to the Cheshire Network.

Action 6.2 - SF/CB to combine the Cheshire and Mersey role profiles to provide a draft common profile.

The interview panel will now need comprise BL/AG + SF/CB + PK and two Mersey network reps. The process and assessment needs to be jointly agreed – and may need to be two interviews with so many interested parties.

First Events:

- Bob's draft proposal for a club hosted multi-event, planned as a round robin, was discussed and well received with strong commitment from those present.

Action 6.3– the Event Template is to be distributed and each host club (Macclesfield, Warrington AC, Vale Royal, West Cheshire and Crewe and Nantwich) is to confirm commitment, identify potential dates, 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.

- Parlauf Running Event – Mike Cutler described this: teams of 5, running for 15 mins, 15 teams in each race, grouped by ability/ age group/ sex etc. All the road running clubs were excited with this idea. Other similar events were discussed briefly: 'Devil take the Hindmost, an orienteering parlauf and 'The Golden Mile'.

Action 6.4 – Mike and Allan to plan an event at Knights Grange – one evening at the end July?

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- Sarah mentioned the EA Cheshire and Merseyside Consultation Roadshow at Runcorn, 6.30 -9 pm on Monday 10th May. This is an opportunity for us to share our views about the future direction of our sport and we should plan to attend.
- How are we going to 'launch' the network? At an event? The Parlauf?
- Paul Kendal suggested inviting Chris Dyson, Senior Competition Manager, for ? to a meeting to discuss Sportshall Athletics, Quad Kids and School Sports Partnership. It was agreed that this would be done later, maybe September / October when the network is more established.

Next meeting to be 7.00pm Wednesday 2nd June 2010 at the Lion Pub, Moulton, Northwich.

Andy Garnett (Volunteer Network Coordinator) 02/05/10