

Cheshire Network Action Group Meeting No 3

13/01/10

Present:

Andy Garnett (Spectrum Striders RC), Bob Lynch (Macclesfield Harriers), Mike Cutler (South Cheshire Harriers), Martin Stirna (South Cheshire Harriers), & Dave Copsey (Vale Royal AC), Sarah Friday (England Athletics), Eddie Gore (West Cheshire), Alison Lysons (Run in England Regional Development Officer))

Apologies:

Dennis Wall (West Cheshire), Steve Matthews (Crewe & Nantwich), Alan Parsons (Vale Royal AC)

The notes of our 02/12/09 meeting have been distributed to all Cheshire Athletic Clubs and a short article was issued for the Cheshire Newsletter.

The four areas identified in the letter from Alex Copeland, the National Club Development Officer, were reviewed with the work done by the group since our December Meeting:

1. Focus in more detail on what the plan is trying to achieve and the long term benefit to the clubs.

Complementary to the items in the submission is a section proposed by Alan. There were no additional comments.

2. More justification for the role of a Network Coordinator – or whether a Lead coach and Mentor or Coaching Coordinator may be more suited to our plan,

We will use the role requirements listed last meeting:

- Must have extensive experience in sport, as an athlete, coach, official or event organiser – or all four.
- Must understand the needs of clubs
- Must be a good communicator at all levels – and have a network of useful contacts at Club level and within the organising structure.
- Must be capable of acting as a facilitator/ administrator as well as directly delivering in at least one particular skill area.

Sarah can also provide a draft role specification. It was agreed that the title will be 'Network Activity Coordinator', to cover all aspects, not just coaching or administration.

3. A greater focus on broader participation (such as Run in England).

Alison Lyson described the Run in Britain initiative. It is clear that several of the clubs have new starter initiatives that are complementary. A note will be included in the response and Alison will be included in Network correspondence.

Also a note from John Driscoll about the Cheshire Grand Prix and Handicap indicates that this has had a positive effect on participation and will also be used to improve performance. A section describing this will be included in our response.

4. A SWOT analysis to identify delivery priorities

Everyone was happy with draft provided by Bob now with comments from others. Some format improvements to be made when it is added to the response.

Bob will review the original submission and draft amendments to incorporate our current thoughts.

Andy will draft a separate response which will include all the items as appendices.

Andy will also put the original submission, England Athletics response letter and notes from meetings on the Cheshire Website.

Andy to contact Steve Matthews (Crewe and Nantwich) re meeting attendance.

Next meeting to be 7.00pm Wednesday 24th February at the Lion Pub, Moulton, Northwich.

Andy Garnett (Volunteer Network Coordinator) 15/01/10