

# South Yorkshire Athletics Network Meeting

14<sup>th</sup> June 2011

3.00-5.00pm

Athletes Study  
English Institute of Sport,  
Sheffield

## Attendees

Ashley Little (AL – SYAN NDO),  
Janette Tomlins (JT- Wombwell SAC & BADG),  
Steve Marshall (SM - HH & SADG),  
Steve Gaines (SG - RH&AC & RADG),  
Stuart Rogers (SR - SY Sport),  
Emma Brady (EB – EA CCSO)  
Heidi Bradley (HB – EA CCSO)

## Minutes

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<b>Agenda item:</b>	<b>1. Welcome &amp; Introductions &amp; Apologies</b>	<b>Presenter:</b>	SG
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- ✓ SG welcomed everyone to the meeting.

Apologies were passed on from:

Key Lincoln. (KL - DAC & DADG),  
Michelle Dent (MD - FDSO Yorkshire),  
Peter Moore (PM - Coach sub group) ,  
Marion Harrison (MH – Barnsley AC).

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<b>Agenda item:</b>	<b>2. Minute &amp; Matters Arising</b>	<b>Presenter:</b>	SG
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- ✓ SG informed the group that there had been no progress to date regarding the proposal by the Y&HCC. SG stated that the idea had been proposed at the regional network meeting in April and not all networks wanted to be involved.
  - ✓ SG stated the SYAN year 2 plan contains 2 event specific days and said that Calderdale were running two endurance days, and the SYAN could run two days on different disciplines. SG said he was still awaiting information and will inform the group as and when he knows anything further.
  - ✓ AL stated all actions had been completed by her.
  - ✓ SG said Terry Bailey is happy to work with the SYAN in completing the official's audit.
  - ✓ SM asked if the Park Run action had been done.
  - ✓ SG said he had been to the Run Sheffield meeting the week before and Park run was mentioned. SG informed the group that Team Manvers were keen to set one up. SG said that initially it was free to set park run up, however this is no longer the case, it is £5000 per run, 50% paid by a bursary and 50% to be paid by the organisers. Therefore if Team Manvers want to set up a race, they will need to find £2500.
  - ✓ SM stated that whilst he agrees with the Park run ethos, this is not being portrayed through the Sheffield park run. As Hallamshire 11, 12 and 13 year olds are winning the 5k races. This may put new people off, when the project was supposed to be encouraging new people to take up running.
  - ✓ SG said whilst he understood it isn't designed for it, it is an opportunity for athletes to get fast times.
  - ✓ SM stated that at the Endcliffe Park run Hallamshire athletes are dominating it, and shouldn't be, and whilst its good for the club to see athletes doing well, athletes are favouring the park runs instead of their own club competitions, as well as young athletes beating many adults, and whilst SM is happy for the athletes, it will defer new people continuing.
  - ✓ SG stated that there are about 150 people turning out at this event, and he is unsure how to proceed with
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this issue, as it is an event open to all.

- ✓ SM informed the group that it is the level of competitiveness in the results. As it shows people who have achieved a new p.b on the run, and shows the top 20 of each age group. For something that is to encourage casual runner to become more involved in sport, it is a barrier to them being sustained in the sport. SM also stated this is another event in the calendar and may stop other events continuing due o its success.
- ✓ SG noted that there is a huge demand for park runs.
- ✓ SM stated that 11 year olds shouldn't be running 5k every week.
- ✓ SG stated that park run is a separate body, a limited company.
- ✓ SR suggested speaking to Ryan Amos about the aims, objectives and ethos of park runs.
- ✓ SG said he will raise the issue, and see if it is compliant or not with the UKA rules.

\*\*\*\*Action to be carried forward. \*\*\*\*

**Agenda item:**

**3. Year 1 Summary**

**Presenter:** SG

- ✓ SG stated he had covered most of the summary in the AGM, but wanted to propose ideas to utilise the underspend.
- ✓ SB began with the £2000 allocated towards coach education bursaries. SG read the list of people who had attended courses through the year (each rep had a copy), and stated the total cost. SG proposed a 47% bursary back to clubs for the course attendees on the final bursary list. SG stated the highlighted ones may be reimbursed by Run England if they sign up 12 new members to their groups. SG informed the group that if those clubs were allocated SYAN bursary money, then it has already been agreed and approved that SYAN would receive the reimbursement, not the clubs. SG Stated the network can either allocate the bursaries with them added in or on.
- ✓ SM asked whether the network would lose the reimbursement.
- ✓ SG said he didn't think so.
- ✓ SR queried giving those 3 clubs the bursary, as there is no incentive for them to set up a group if they automatically receive 47% paid for getting no members signed up.
- ✓ JT informed the group that Emma Slater Clayton had said Wombwell could get their two paid LIRF course fees back if they hit the 12 members mark.
- ✓ SG said the network can exclude the running clubs, to enable tangible benefits are being delivered.
- ✓ SM asked what would happen if the money is reimbursed.
- ✓ SR said that Geoff Wightman was comfortable about the way this was all going to take place however are these running clubs considered network clubs? As in SR`s opinion clubs seem to come on board when bursaries are available, and this is being duplicated by the Run England bursary.
- ✓ SM asked if money is reimbursed, can it be reallocated.
- ✓ SR stated the route for claiming it back seems very 'woolley'.
- ✓ SG asked HB if she could follow if it is double funding, and whether this is a viable option.
- ✓ All agreed if the network can retain the reimbursement then 47% bursary is allocated. If the network is unable to retain the money then those highlighted clubs on the sheet, will be excluded from the bursary allocation, and a new bursary % for the remaining clubs will be done.

- ✓ SG informed the group that 3 items were still to be quantified; the running sub group launch, the children with coordination difficulties workshop and the food for the AGM.
- ✓ SG informed the group of his proposals for the underspend; network t-shirts, weather-proof clipboards, logo network indoor clipboards, ground rental charge for the container, 2 vertical start and finish banners and distance markers for events.
- ✓ SR asked where the £400 per annum ground rental charge for the container had come from. SG replied saying that the rental was a new thing that the council have made, as it is a way of increasing the council's revenue. SR asked if SG or the network had any evidence stating that the container could be situated at Herringthorpe free of charge. SG said no there was no evidence. SG suggested using some of the networks underspend to cover the cost of the rental for the first year.
- ✓ AL informed the group that she had spoken with AnL regarding the container rental and using some of the underspend, and AnL informed AL that the underspend cannot be used to cover the container rental as it is not a project that enables the network to achieve the athletics networks ethos. AnL also stated to AL that if the network were to use the under spend, that the network panel would not approve this spend in September, and the network would get the £400 clawed back. SR said he understood this as the spend on rental had not been agreed prior to the network plan or in the early discussions for the container being situated at Herringthorpe.
- ✓ SG said he would be making his argument to EA at the panel meeting stating the network needs the use of this container with all the equipment assets the network has. EB stated that EA will ask about the sustainability of the container rental. SR said there is nothing stopping the council increasing the rental charge next year, and for the number of years after.
- ✓ JT asked how secure the container is. SG replied it is bullet proof. JT said the container could be moved to Wombwells recreation ground, as this is jointly owned by a number of clubs.
- ✓ SG stated that the £400 per annum includes insurance for the container. SM suggested using the underspend to pay for the first years rental, and if EA don't approve it, then the networks income can be used to pay back EA. SG informed the group that the rental began April 2011, and is up March 2012 for its first year.
- ✓ SR informed the group that he would look into how the network can challenge this rental charge as there had been no informed decision making on charging a rental. SG told the group that RH&AC had been hit with an increase in charges for a lot more things that usual e.g. the use of the meeting room. SR asked if there was a record of the communication that took place prior to the container rental being asked for. SG said no, and stated RH&AC have a service level agreement with the council which states that potentials fees could be added.
- ✓ AL asked the group if they wanted to leave the ground rental till the September meeting. All agreed to leave it till September so SG could raise it at the panel meeting.
- ✓ SM informed he group that there may be potential to house it at Chaucer school, and will keep the group

informed.

- ✓ SG informed the group that the network had organised a LIRF course which is due to take place on Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> of June at Newfield School. SG informed the group that he had tried to see if the network could run their own course, to reduce the costs to coaches, however this was not allowed by Debbie Beresford. SG said he would also raise this issue at the regional council as it is creating a barrier to the networks effectiveness.

<b>Action Items</b>	<b>Person responsible</b>	<b>Deadline</b>
HB to enquire about the RE reimbursement	HB	ASAP
SR to see how the SYAN can challenge the ground rental charge	SR	ASAP

**Agenda item:** **4. Year 2 Start & Proposed First Projects** **Presenter:** SG

- ✓ AL informed the group that the networks year 2 starts 1<sup>st</sup> July 2011, and if the group could propose two or three projects to focus on in the first 3 months. AL said the coach sub group are not running any workshops until September/ October time.
- ✓ SG informed the group of the network training sessions proposal (all reps received a copy of the proposed document). SG informed the group that a pilot is in the process of being organised which will begin with High Jump training. SM told the group that Dave Walker is keen to get this pilot started, although the proposed timings on the document were the opposite way round for Dave's current sessions. AL said it was just provisional and can be changed or adapted to suit Dave. SG informed the group that whilst this is a good project there is a barrier of the trust between clubs and the perception of coaches poaching.
- ✓ SM stated the sessions Dave sessions already get a lot of interest from Sheffield schools and from new club members.
- ✓ The group decided that the HJ pilot, official audit, sportivate and a running sub group project

<b>Action Items</b>	<b>Person responsible</b>	<b>Deadline</b>
AL to draw up a submission dates list and distribute to the network group	AL	Next Meeting
SR/AL to submit order for posters & newsletter	AL/SR	

**Agenda item:** **5. Sportivate** **Presenter:** AL/SG/SR

- ✓ SG informed he group that the SYAN had put the application form in, and had been awarded the project in principal.
- ✓ SR said that it is a good project and Sysport are just awaiting Sport England to come back and confirm the projects to be allocated the funding. SR said he does not see it being a problem, and suggests the network starts to plan for when the projects are finalised around the 24<sup>th</sup> of June.

<b>Action items</b>	<b>Person responsible</b>	<b>Deadline</b>
AL to: Email coaches asking for coaches who may be interested. Design Promotional material Design Incentives Book Venues & Athletics Coaches	AL	ASAP

**Agenda  
item:****6. AOB****Presenter ALL**

- ✓ EB informed the group her working days when she returns in October will be Wednesday and Thursdays and weekday evenings after 6pm.
- ✓ SR informed the group that Run Sheffield was going to be the running sub group but now isn't; the running sub group is running separately as the sub group covers SY. SR asked whether they could merge now that the Run Sheffield project is now covering SY.
- ✓ SG stated that the Run Sheffield group is project managing the pilot. Whereas the running sub group identifies the needs of the SYAN. SG informed the group that Mike Levery can no longer be chair of the sub group and is speaking with Nick Duggan to take on the role. SR asked if it would be worth asking Ryan Amos to the running sub group meeting, to discuss the park run issue. All agreed.
- ✓ EB informed the group of the meetings she will be attending. 18<sup>th</sup> July, 27<sup>th</sup> July and network panel meeting.
- ✓ SG informed the group about the proposed closure of Woodbourne road. SM, SG & HB attended a meeting where the agenda was unclear. Upon arrival they were informed that Woodbourne would be closed from the 31<sup>st</sup> July but that Chaucer school will be available. Chaucer will be firstly a schools facility and secondly a community training facility. The venue doesn't have all the apparatus for all athletics disciplines to be used for competitions. SM stated that there is no financial support to rectify the problems. UKA put money into Woodbourne road to improve it through a grant.
- ✓ SG stated that Woodbourne road is to close on the 31<sup>st</sup> July with Chaucer Schools being open September 2011, although it will not be used as a competition venue. Don Valleys costs for hiring the track won't be reduced as it is not a community venue, which will then see that Sheffield will have no competition venue, and will seek to hold competitions elsewhere.

**DATE OF NEXT MEETING TO BE CONFIRMED BY AL OR SG AFTER CONSULTATION WITH ALL REPS.**