



Colchester Harriers Athletics Club

CHAC T&F Committee Meeting - Thursday 19 February 2026

Present: Dave Smith (DS), Tammy Belshaw (TB), Kevin McAlinden (KM), Paul Preston (PP), Rick Thompson (RT), Linda Garnham (LG), Andy Sutcliffe (AS)

Minutes: Tammy Belshaw (TB)

Meeting Commenced: 7:15pm

1.	Welcome & Apologies 1.1 Apologies received before the meeting from Janine Simpson (JS), Rob Earle (RE).
2.	Minutes of Previous Meeting 2.1 The minutes of meeting held on 4 December 2026 were agreed.
3.	Awards Evening for the 2026 Season 3.1 The T&F Committee agreed that we would prefer to hold a separate Awards Evening for Junior T&F and Junior XC in November 2026. We would also like to introduce awards/keep sake for volunteers, coaches and officials. 3.2 We would still likely need the same room at the rugby club with food, and would consider a parental contribution. 3.3 LG has created a certificate for the junior coaches for their help in the 2025 season. These will be presented to Issy Buggeln, Caleb Lee, Ellie Harmer, Kai Harges, Finley Green, Ollie Clark and Alice Anthony. AS offered to print them out. Action points: TB to make enquiries on rugby club availability AS/LG to finish and present certificates
4.	EYAL Preparation 4.1 DS updated the Committee on the lack of availability of the track for fixtures for this track season. CATs have a similar issue. The Committee agreed that they should apply some pressure on Sodexo to get this changed, through Saroj (works for the Army and is seen as more amenable), Martin Beaver (Head of Sports Development Colchester Council), Bill Hayton (Pam Cox's husband and CHAC member). 4.2 RT reported that we are waiting to see if we can use Braintree track for the SAL home fixture. RT confirmed that SAL will be U18s and upwards. 4.3 Given the size of the junior section, the Committee decided to break the groups to be managed by Team Managers into age/sex for the EYAL, so we will need to recruit more TMs. We will then build separate Whatsapp groups to manage the teams. TB will look into a googleform, which populates an excel spreadsheet to ease the admin burden. TB also needs to order numbers/letters. We will ask Simon Colclough if we can write the EYAL reports.

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<p>4.4 DS confirmed that he had asked Braintree to confirm that we will not be joining with them in the EYAL this season, but the league still thinks that we are. TB to write to the league confirming that we are not.</p> <p>4.5 We also need to recruit Team Managers for the SAL, two would be ideal one for each sex. LG offered to TM for the men. RT offered to download membership data.</p> <p>Actions</p> <p>TB/AS to recruit and organise the EYAL TMs</p> <p>TB to order letters/numbers</p> <p>LG to organise SAL TM for women</p> <p>TB to contact EYAL league and confirm no team with Braintree</p> <p>RT to download senior T&F membership plus phone numbers</p> <p>DS to contact various people to try to get fixture booking issue resolved</p>
<p>5. Track Etiquette</p> <p>5.1 LG reported that many of the junior endurance athletes are cooling down in an anti-clockwise direction using all of the lanes around the track. All coaches need to tell athletes to stick to lane 6-8.</p> <p>Action</p> <p>DS to message coaches</p>
<p>4. AOB</p> <p>No AOB</p>

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Meeting closed at 20:00
 Next T&F Committee Meeting – TBA

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Chairman – Dave Smith; **Members** - Tammy Belshaw, Rachel Lee, Rick Thompson, Paul Preston, Jacob Clapp, Kevin McAlinden, Andrew Sutcliffe, Linda Garnham, Janine Simpson