

ENGLAND ATHLETICS

REGIONAL ELECTIONS 2006

YORKSHIRE AND HUMBER REGION

CANDIDATES' ELECTION STATEMENTS

Please read the following carefully before casting your vote

TERRY BAILEY

Like many others, I entered our sport as a parent helper in 1984 and gradually became more involved as my interest grew and the need for helpers increased.

I have performed most of the jobs within the club context and at different times have been club coach, club secretary, young athletes' team manager and senior team manager. Presently I am the Officials Secretary for South Yorkshire and Secretary of Yorkshire County A.A.A.

Although I am now retired, in the years immediately prior to retirement I was Group Sales and Marketing Director for a large international electrical engineering group and before that Managing Director of a company manufacturing small electric motors.

This background in both athletics and industry gives me the necessary skills to contribute to the successful governance and administration of our sport in the Yorkshire & Humber Region of England Athletics and I therefore ask you to support me in my endeavours by electing me to the Regional Council. Thank you.

EDWIN BELLAMY

Following active participation as an athlete I have been a coach for 40 years, an official for 30 years and an administrator for 25 years, thus I believe that I know a little about the sport.

I am:- secretary of Humberside (issuing permits for all disciplines in Humberside) and Barton & District A.C.; serve on - all NoEAA discipline committees (including Administration Secretary of Track & Field Committee), Eligibility Committee; AAA of E Standards Secretary; Vice Chairman UK Counties Athletic Union, Chief Timekeeper & Grade two Starter. I have been chairman of NoEAA Road Running Committee, chairman AAA Education Committee, President NCAA, member of NoEAA Management Committee. My experience is from grass roots to international level.

I believe that I have the ear of clubs at all levels and am able to represent their views as well as keeping them informed.

We face a challenging future in which I see the club as the core of athletic activity. Clubs have been the corner stones of the sport. I believe this must remain so and would wish to develop links between schools and clubs to provide opportunities for all athletes. My belief is the wider the base of the pyramid of the sport the higher the top will be.

The start of the pathway for the athlete must be rooted in the locality in which he/she lives, thus the need for thriving clubs providing athletic opportunities in all localities for all disciplines.

I seek your positive support.

TIM COCK

I believe I am well suited to sit on this new Regional Council because of my present and past involvement in athletic management and still as a competing athlete on the road, track, fell and cross country.

My present committee commitments are —

- 1) Chairman and secretary of the Yorkshire Veterans AA, having been secretary since 1988
- 2) Committee chairman and club captain of Holmfirth Harriers AC. The club has nearly 600 members and won the National Club Innovation Award in 2005.
- 3) NOEAA representative on the Fell Runners Association committee.
- 4) Member of the NOEAA General committee.
- 5) Club representative on the NOEAA Road Running committee.
- 6) Club representative on the West Yorkshire committee.

In my previous 2 athletic clubs Stroud AC and Leeds City AC I was elected as chairman of their club committees.

Prior to retiring at 60, I held a senior management position with a major engineering company.

With this background I believe I can help bring the necessary changes that are required to meet the Foster Report requirements and help establish the new organization in what is likely to be a very difficult period of change with the resultant pressures to keep the sport together.

MALCOLM FLETCHER

I have been involved in athletics for approximately 24 years. Becoming a member of Bamsley AC when accompanying my daughter to the club.

Post & Qualifications:

Field Referee at local, county, territorial, national and international level.

President Barnsley AC, Chairman South Yorkshire AA

North of England AA — Management Committee member, Track & Field Championship Secretary

AAA of England — member of Track & Field Committee

As a Field referee and a member of Barnsley AC & South Yorks AA I am still deeply involved in athletics at a local level, this grassroots involvement allows me to understand the requirements of both developing athletes and those who compete solely at a local level with no aspirations to elite competition.

Since becoming a member of the North of England AA Management Committee and being elected Championship Secretary I have become more aware of the need to provide competition across all levels of the sport which will give a pathway to developing young athletes to their full potential

I am fully committed to looking at all aspects of competition and I am part of a small group which is looking at the development of Northern competition following the establishment of England Athletics.

I am a trustworthy and reliable person who has the respect of both athletes and my peers. My aim is to improve opportunities for competition across the whole range of athletics which will allow athletes and officials the opportunity to learn and to develop their existing skills.

MIKE MOSS

I am an athlete that started my involvement with the sport during the running boom of the 1980's. I have competed in many road races over the years from 5Ks to marathons and achieved my goal of a sub-3 hour marathon in the nineties.

I have been secretary of St. Bede's AC, a small athletics club based in Bradford, since 1989 and have served on the West Yorkshire County District committee since the early nineties. I have been permit secretary for West Yorkshire for about 6 years and served on the North of England Road Running committee and North of England General Committee.

My overwhelming passion is to see athletes enjoying the sport at all levels and want to try and ensure that everyone gets a chance to challenge themselves in events that meet their needs. In the West Yorkshire area I have been instrumental in running small leagues that have brought smaller clubs together in competition. St. Bede's organise four major races each year and I am a major part of that organisation.

As to what I can bring to the Regional Committee, I believe that road running and the other endurance events (fell, cross country, multi terrain) attract the largest participation in the sport and I am committed to ensuring that the needs of athletes in these areas are fully covered and developed and that as much assistance as possible is provided to those seeking to organise events, coach endurance athletes and officiate.

WILF PAISH M.B.E.

Wilf. received an M.B.E. for services to athletics in the 2005 Birthday Honours. He has served the region well for over 50 years coaching many of the region's Olympians, including gold Medallists and World Record Holders. During his period as the National Coach for the region he trained and qualified many of those coaches still giving loyal service to their respective clubs. Also, during this period he devoted many hours travelling to the various venues throughout the region to deliver clinics for all levels of athletes. During his active career, as a professional in the sport, he has helped to train many hundreds of coaches. Before he was "head-hunted" , to front the preparations for the South African Olympic Team at the 1996 Atlanta Games, he served as a lecturer at Carnegie - Leeds Metropolitan University; Since 1997 he is enjoying retirement still devoting around 40 hours each and every week coaching some of the elite young athletes of the nation. In the twilight of his career, and with failing health, he wishes to leave the sport a legacy of a contribution to the Nation's Coaches.

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DAVID PAVER

Current Involvement in athletics

North of England A.A. - Member of General Committee, Cross Country, Track & Field Committees.

Nestle Rowntree A.C. - Girls T&F Team Manager, Coach, Organizer of some club events.

North Yorkshire Schools A.A. - Secretary, County Match Organizer and Team Manager.

North Yorkshire County A.A. - Secretary

Member of English Schools AA General Committee and Cross Country Committee.

Graded Timekeeper, Track Judge, Field Judge, Starter.

Official at Yorkshire, North of England, AAA Junior Championships, (and UK Trials this year), as well as local club events.

Competitor on road, track and cross country. Over 900 races including London Marathon, all 26 Great North Runs, many National and Northern Cross Country Championships, Road Relays, Northern T&F League. (Though less active these days — through age!)

I feel I have much experience of Committee work, but feel my main interest and knowledge of the sport is based on my experience as a competitor, official, team manager, event organizer, coach.

If elected I would hope to promote the interests of all these groups of volunteers.

I feel my varied involvement has given me knowledge of the sport in all Counties of our new Region.

JOHN WATERHOUSE

A member of Bingley H&AC since 1960, won English Schools mile, won British Universities 3ml, represented Yorkshire on track and country, GB on road, running 13.51.6 for 5000m in 1971.

Coached club young athletes, club chairman and president.

Retired from full-time business career having been MD of several companies. Now non-executive director in two companies and a Primary Care Trust.

Appointed interim regional chair in October, consulted widely, met Counties and held open meetings, invited applications for interim council, appointed eleven, first meeting in public on 28 March. Have achieved my initial aim of including as many people as possible and excluding no one.

If elected to chair council, would ensure a balanced council representing all aspects of our sport and all areas. Would guide the council to devise a plan for the region to develop more and better coaching at all levels including school, club, district and region. Similarly for athletic officials of all disciplines, club officials and managers and volunteers. My aim would be to create a very much stronger sport in Y&H using the legacy funding over the next five years.

Using my business management and chairing skills together with a lifetime experience of athletics at all levels from school to club to country, I would lead an effective council making it fully accountable to the region's clubs. Because I am new to athletics administration I bring no "baggage" and am free of politics. I will help drive our beloved sport resolutely forward and upward!