

Rugby & Northampton Athletics Club: General Committee Meeting

Date: Monday 14 January 2013

Venue: Rugby

Present: Mark Exley, Terry Egan, Mary Akiens, Anne-Marie Williamson, Bill Walker, Joe Horsley, Trish Garner, Janet Wright, Chris Cox, Paul Cooper & Ben Townsend.

Apologies: Terry Akiens, Anne-Marie Williamson and Ruth Waugh

1. Matters arising

1.1 iPads unsure whether these have been purchased.

1.2 Sixfields toilets; assumed as no recent complaints that standards have improved.

1.3 Northants County XC Champs – went well.

1.4 Track and field presentation evening: Well attended, positive feedback. Ideas already for improving the next one. Benn Hall booked for 6 December 2013 for this year's presentation evening.

1.5 Junior Council: Meeting held at Rugby on 7 January 2013.

1.6 Club Kit Supplies: BT gave an update following last month's presentations and the work that the Junior Council had done in putting together a range of club kit based on feedback from different age groups. It was seen as important that the clubs identity was maintained by ensuring that the clothing used the clubs colours rather than allowing a multitude of colours based on individuals tastes.

1.7 Membership: JW had produced a discussion document on changes to the membership format. The option to have a lower membership fee, then a charge per session had been examined the collection of money each night was not practical both in requiring someone to do it and for the fairly large sums of cash that would be needed for change and as a result of money taken. There was a long discussion over future membership. The club had recently grown to over 900 members an increase from 650 a year ago. It was likely that it would exceed a 1000 members by the end of 2013 as there was no sign of a slowdown in new youngsters waiting to join the club.

Agreed that Ladies Running Group and Road Runners membership should be the same fee (currently £63)

The options for Payments should be:

Full payment at time of renewal

2 payments per year as standing order

3 payments per annum

Payment by Cheque, cash or BACS

Coaches fees discussed and to be incorporated in refined paper to be circulated before and agreed at next Meeting

ACTION JW

1.8 AGM: JH had circulated a proposal for this year's AGM. It is to be held on Wednesday 6 March from 1830 to 2030 preferably at Sixfields Football Ground (awaiting confirmation). Reports, agendas etc to be circulated in advance. Format to include a review of 2012 and a look into the future. Aim to have new club kit on display at the meeting

1.9 Website: TG reported that she had a meeting planned with the new site developers next week.

Site will be user controlled with access to relevant sections for individuals. Ready 5 weeks from when agreed.

1.10 Annual Operating Plan: The plan to devolve budgets to individuals within the club was discussed but more time needs to be spent on agreeing how this would work. Feedback to PC before next meeting.

2. Finance

2.1 PC provided draft accounts for 2012 showing that the clubs financial position was slightly better than at the end of 2011.

3. Membership

24 New members proposed and accepted by the committee

Francis Lloyd	Matthew Cooper	David Burge	Luke Fereday
Charis Hayes	Elizabeth Kelly	Ralph Morrow	Henry Reynolds
Esther Thomas	Joe Baker	Lucan Burge	Eden Johnson
Peter Currington	Laura Simpson	Amelia Heard	Noah Bennett
Andrew Carter	Christopher Mayes	Cian McCahill	Katie McCahill
Claudia Searle	Archie Shepperdson	Sachin Thethy	Hannah Whitehouse-Anders

4. Facilities

Deferred to February meeting

5. Website

See matters arising

6. Competition

6.1 London Marathon: The following have been awarded the 5 club places in this year's run:

Brendan Moen
Dean Shears
Ian Husband
Nikki Turner
Russ Dickerson

6.2 Draycott 5: All in hand with partners Myton Hospice. Members had been emailed to promote the race. Club will provide marshals although the nature of the course means that it is easy to Marshall

6.3 Rugby Santa Run: 231 entries split between club members and others. Results were a nightmare!. Event made profit but aim for a sponsor next year to reduce costs. Very few participants from outside the Rugby area.

6.4 12 for 2012: to be reviewed at February meeting

6.5 2013 Promotions and competition: Need for stronger team management and gaps in team management to fill, JW to provide spread sheet.

6.6 2013 Virgin Mini Marathon. JH to circulate to head coaches for distribution to coaches.

6.7 Northants County XC Champs: 4 individual and 6 team titles out of a total of 22 on offer.

6.8 Warwicks County XC Champs: Although only 10 athletes in total from Rugby & Northampton took part in the Warwickshire Cross Country Championships we did have 1 Bronze medal winner. Hywel Davies clinched 3rd in the M35 race. The under 17 men just missed out on a medal in the team race finishing 4th.

6.9 Birmingham League: Men finished 12th in most recent match.

6.10 Midland Ladies: No team this year Emily the only one to run came 35th.

7. Club Constitution and Committees

7.1 Deferred to February meeting

8. Correspondence

8.1 None.

9. AOB

9.1 Admin: ME said the Jim Elder was available to do some paid admin work for the club.

9.2 XC Presentation evening: need to find someone to organise this event (possibly at St Crispins again).

Meeting closed at 22.15

Date of next meeting: Monday 11 February 2013 at Creton at 1930