

Rugby & Northampton Athletics Club: General Committee Meeting

Date: Monday 8 October 2012

Venue: Creaton

Present: Mark Exley, Terry Egan, Terry Akiens, Mary Akiens, Anne-Marie Williamson, Bill Walker, Joe Horsley, Chris Cox Trish Garner, Paul Cooper and Ruth Waugh

Apologies: Janet Wright

1. Matters arising

1.1 Club Vests: Al going to Bradford this week with AMW to see alternative supplier. Vest swop between sites has sorted most of shortfall out but Northampton still need small/x-small vests.

1.2 Newsletter: Last issue 16 Sept is going out approx. every 3 weeks

1.3 Rugby Clubhouse: Initial planning application being made in November plus search for sponsorship to fund. Need to recruit from within club someone to manage project and track down sponsors.

1.4 Website – Advert in Newsletter for assistance has brought no result. AMW agreed to give some time to project as developers of new site waiting for input and guidance. Updated site needed to provide better links to members.

1.5 London Marathon – JH said still awaiting clubs applications section of website to be opened so we can register

1.6 X Country Champs: TG said prospectus being sorted out. Still needs someone to input entries onto spread sheet. Permits being obtained. Most other issued resolved

1.7 Club Structure: Will be discussed at November meeting.

2. Finance

2.1 PC presented the September financial position. We had spent £17k more than income including major spends on:

- £756 on water heater for Rugby Club House
- £996 on other work at Rugby clubhouse
- £2095 on Star track
- £4,475 for coaches to take young athletes to events and finals.

Projections for income/spend to the end of the year showed that expenditure would slightly exceed income for this year.

2.2 PC said that there was a need for a clubhouse manager and cleaner at Rugby. Discussion on merits of paid v volunteer. Agreed to pay BL-W £80 per month for 6 months trial of having paid cleaner. Full job description to be provided.

2.3 Ladies Running Group – additional course this year will produce some additional income..

2.4 Additional expenditure will be required to support the increase in membership (on coaches and equipment) with waiting list of 120 inductions to be carried out by Christmas.

3. Membership

41 New members proposed and accepted by the committee

Zoe Gardner	Haylie Garman	Luke Gosling
Emily Hasprey	Alan Hull	John Hurst
Chloe Hutt	Thomas Jasper	Susan Lewis
Jessica Maybin	Ana Paula Rodriguez Hernandez	Oliver Scott
Benjamin Steele	Charlotte Taylor	Elizabeth Truslove
Archie Beaton	Kitty Beaton	George Cook
George Fogg	Lewis Gurney	Joshua Hanlon
Rocco Hayes	Scott Kruck	Mia McClelland

Euan Peasland	Anna Robinson	Kara Smith
Lauren Smith	Sacua Percival	Euan Simpson
Lewis Simpson	Angus Simpson	Robert Simpson
Rachel Simpson	Edward Wise	Annabel Hinde
Paige Livesey	Isabella Unger	Penny Andrews
Rosanna Andrews	Rebecca Maybin	

3.1 Membership Fees

UKA have announced substantial increases in fees for 2013

- U20's and over from £5 to £20
- U17's from £5 to £15
- Road Runners from £5 to £10

This will complicate team selections as someone who normally only road runs can't now be selected for an athletics event unless they paid the higher amount at the start of the season.

These changes mean that it is inevitable that membership fees will go up next year.

3.2 Coaches Membership Fees

Membership Review and coaches fees deferred to November/December meeting

4. Facilities

4.1 Sixfields

Recent issues over dirty toilet and changing accommodation and access problems

4.2 Rugby

- 4.2.1** PC has met with Leisure Centre Manager and floodlights have been repaired such that at least one light per tower is now working.

5. Website

Covered in matters arising

6. Competition

- 6.1** Meeting held with all team managers with 11 attending. Report with recommendations to be produced. Better processes for availability of athletes to be put in place. Final recommendations will be put to this committee.
- 6.2** Rugby 10. 50 entries so far. Need for more marshals. Likely to be more entries on the day. Risk that event will be taken out of Warwickshire Road series unless same/agreed day each year for event that does not clash with other local events.

7. Club Constitution and Committees

- 7.1 Club Structure:** deferred to November meeting
- 7.2 Junior Council:** proposal for quarterly junior council to put forward ideas etc. Agreed good idea and to be taken forward.

8. Correspondence

- 8.1 Sports Law Workshop:** on 17 October £10, no one able attend
- 8.2 First Aid Course:** available at Coventry at no charge

9. AOB

- 9.1 UKA Courses Winter 2012/13:** - details circulated

9.2 Officials Courses.

ME had attended in Derby, some were attending course in Stoke next week, Lack of timekeepers still a problem. Need more courses but need people to actually go on courses rather than be enthusiastic but not attend.

9.3 Funding Support for Clubs:

£100 available for clubs from Northampton Association, More details awaited.

9.4 Presentation Night: Now at Benn again on 14 December in Rugby

9.5 Cross Country: JW advised that there was a need for a coordinator for yp X country. RW looking after this for this season but needs a new coordinator for 2013.

Counties and Midland XC – athletes will enter themselves

Nationals – February 23 2013 in Sunderland minibus to be organised + overnights for maximum 20 athletes. Agreed that club will subsidise.

9.6 VETS League Finals : Men 2nd by 3 points, women first. Glyn Hollingsworth Male and Angela Copson Female individual award winner

9.7 Circuits and Northampton: Uncertainty if taking place this year

9.8 Club Officials: CC needs to know who is qualified.

9.9 12 for 12 Quiz night: taking place this Friday in Rugby

9.10 Noted a big thanks for Nick and Ben for cleaning/tidying Rugby club house. Agreed to present both with bottle of wine.

Meeting closed at 22.00

Date of next meeting: Monday 12 November at Rugby at 1930