

Rugby & Northampton Athletics Club: General Committee Meeting

Date: Monday 12 August 2013

Venue: Creaton

Present: Mark Exley, Terry Egan, Joe Horsley, Anne-Marie Williamson, Terry Akiens, Mary Akiens, Paul Cooper, Tim Merrey, Trish Garner and Jim Elder

By Invitation Janet Wright, Ben Townsend &

Apologies: All present

1. Matters arising

- 1.1 Starting blocks for Rugby:** received and in use.
- 1.2 Rugby Santa run:** outstanding money now in account..
- 1.3 Recruitments of PR and Publicity person:** still outstanding possibility of external help being pursued.
- 1.4 YDL Cardiff:** all payments complete.
- 1.5 Richard Blenkinsop:** ME/TM to meet soon.
- 1.6 Rugby membership issue:** TA still to get to bottom of what is going on. More at next meeting.
- 1.7 Myton Hospice:** MA said that that at the time there was no opt in/out box on the application. This is now a legal requirement. Anyone receiving communications from them who wants to opt out should contact them.

2. Rugby Clubhouse

- 2.1** JW had circulated a report following a meeting held with a group of members of the Rugby section of the club over changes to the lease for Rugby Clubhouse. This offered an opportunity to take control of the clubhouse, including toilet block if required. The revised lease needed to be in place by 1 October 2013.
- 2.2** There were additional annual costs of between £2k and £4k resulting from the changes and the proposal indicated that these could be offset by opening the clubhouse shop on event days (when other users hired the track). The full implications could only be estimated as no detailed financial case had been brought to committee.
- 2.3** The issues over these changes were debated at length as the current lease expressly forbids sales at the clubhouse at times other than when the clubs own members, or those competing against the club are using the site.
- 2.4** It was eventually agreed, unanimously, that the club should proceed with the changes to the lease subject to, no increase in rental costs from RBC and that the lease be amended to allow the shop to trade at any time when the track was in use and sales could be made to any member of the public..
- 2.5** It was also agreed that a small group of members be appointed by the committee to oversee the lease changes.

3. Junior Council

BT reported that there had not been a junior council meeting for some time due to work and exams. They aimed to hold two meetings before the end of the year and requested two projects to take forward. The autumn presentation evening was seen as a relevant project for the council to plan and hold. A second project will be decided at the next Committee Meeting.

4. Finance

- 4.1 July 2013 transactions:** reviewed and noted. £6.5k more had been spent than income for the month
- 4.2 Year to date accounts for 2013:** noted and slightly above budget
- 4.3 Subscriptions against budget graph:** noted that actuals have now exceeded projected income line
- 4.4 12 for 2012:** Agreed that donation of £500 to Warwickshire and Northamptonshire Air Ambulance should be made from the profit from this event.
- 4.5 Northampton iPad.** BS had replaced the damaged iPad from her own funds, including insurance cover at a cost of £250. Agreed that the full costs should be reimbursed to her.
- 4.6 Request for 'feather banner' to be based at Rugby:** Agreed to purchase.

5. Membership

41 New members proposed and accepted by the committee including two coaches.

Grace Brown	Oliver Churchill-Coleman	Erin Clarke	Lara Clarke
Taya Finch	Xavier Frankland	Ryan Hodges	Megan Palmer
Bobbi Sees	Peter Van Uem	Michael Adams	Zoe Sljivic
James Benison	Hattie Byrne	Luca Chohan	Sophie Chohan
Emily Cousins	Lucy Cousins	Scott Cowell	Luca Franchi
Oscar Fuentes	Elena Galais	Anthony Gbokoyi	Thea Greatrex
Lucy Laight	Jeorgia Lawes	Emily Mills	Thomas Mills
Annie Packer	Jacob Reid	Scarlett Street	Freya Edwards
Harry Evans	Katie Fowles	Katie Harris	Govind Kang
Pavin Kang	Reiss McClue	Archie McPhee	lukas Ogunfeitimi
Carl Robertson			

- 5.1** TE said that he was struggling to contact the family of the underage athlete. JE said that the membership form now says age 8 minimum.
- 5.2** At 12/8/13 membership stood at 1001.
- 5.3** Outstanding membership renewals: £100 outstanding from 2012.
10 outstanding from April out of 496 originally
- 5.4** Outstanding money, from instalment payments stood at £1k for this year.
- 5.5** ME said that at Northampton, the sprint group was getting too big and blocking the development of better athletes. A review was due to take place where some athletes, without potential to would be told to leave the group. Hopefully they would move to other disciplines and remain within the club but ultimately some may decide to leave.

6. Competition

- 6.1 Vets League: Lions:** Men and Ladies overall winners
- 6.2 YDL:** Won Premier Division of Midland League
- 6.3 Club records:** In the last month there have been 21 club records.
- 6.4** Overall aim is to have more athletes participating in Regional and national events and UK trials

7. Governance

- 7.1 Revised Constitution:** to be circulated and discussed at September meeting

8. Road Races

- 8.1 Rugby 10:** need for marshals and club runners!

9. Communications

- 9.1 Website:** very close to launch

10. Welfare

- 10.1** A behaviour problem with a young Northampton athlete has been resolved.

11. AOB/Correspondence

- 11.1 Northampton track Redevelopment:** Meeting with NTFC and NBC being finalised for Thursday 29 August. Council and football club seem to have differing views. Need to manage rumours of 'bulldozers in March etc. Need to have legal assistance if things get difficult.
- 11.2 Strength and Conditioning:** Comprehensive report produced on the value of getting strength and conditioning assessments and help for the clubs top athletes. Initial cost £960 for 8 athletes which the athletes would pay towards with the club paying the remainder. It was ascertained that 8 Rugby based athletes were already 3 weeks into the programme. The committee was unhappy that it had been assumed

that funds would be made available for this trial and were not prepared to agree any funding without more details. Decision on funding deferred to September meeting

11.3 TG asked if funds could be made available for T shirts for the Veterans final competitors, cost £500. JW said T shirts were also to be provided for YDL finalists with a charge of £5. Agreed that since the YDL competitors had already been financially for coach and hotels costs that the Vets Tshirst should be free while the YDL one would be £5.

11.4 **Star Track** – made profit of £3086. Organisers wished to decide where profits should be spent. Agreed that committee would like to 'sign off' the recommendations of the organisers before any money was spent.

Meeting closed at 22.06

Meeting dates for rest of 2013

12 August – Creaton

9 September – Creaton

14 October – Creaton

11 November – Creaton

9 December - Creaton

Date of next meeting: Monday 12 August 2013 at Creaton at 1930