

## **Rugby & Northampton Athletics Club: General Committee Meeting**

**Date:** Monday 10 August 2015 **Venue:** Creaton

**Present:** Mark Exley, Terry Egan, Terry Akiens, Joe Horsley, Mary Akiens, Janet Wright, Dave Burge, Angela Sumnall, Paul Cooper, Helen Gardner and Ben Townsend

Apologies from: Karen Rushton, Tim Merry & Angela Horley.

Richard Blenkinsop has resigned from the committee.

### **1. Matters Arising from meeting of 13 July 2015**

11.3 Club records: Further clarification on what constituted a club record was discussed.

It was agreed that the criteria would be:

- Compete for the club
- Compete for county
- Compete for country
- Compete for region

Any meeting operating under UKA rules with a permit. There followed a long debate on schools representation at Inter County, & National level. It was agreed that the following competitions would NOT be included for club records:

- District schools competitions
- County schools events.

Second claims: YES if competing for this club, no if competing for their first claim club as it's a record for their first claim club.

Wind assistance, if wind assisted then record doesn't count.

**11.6 Membership Database:** Three quotes now received. Agreed to go forwards with Data Creative Ltd with them creating membership database for the club.

**11.7 Throwing Implements:** Even more equipment found missing at Rugby. Urgent need to provide secure area for competition equipment. Site lease needs to be signed before we can go forward. Agreed to fund £950 for a secure cage for storage.

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### **2. Northampton Track**

ME said that the project team had reverted to the old layout with a football pitch in the centre. EA/UKA now involved. Needs to be Grade A facility and will not be with the repositioning of runways to fit in the football pitch. Project cost is £1.5m.

Likely timescale for track completion is end of September. Further update at next meeting. DP/DG requested to attend

### **3. Rugby Clubhouse**

3.1. Startrack team have carried out a mass clear-out of the clubhouse. Will be producing list of lost/damaged items since arrival of crèche. Problems still with security. Clubroom will be set up as it was. Issue over sandpits to be resolved. With take-off boards for maintenance over the winter. High jump cover has arrived.

3.2 Extension: Should hear from Sport England next month over grant. PC arranging meeting to take project forward.

#### 4. Finance

- 4.1 Subscriptions – still tracking 2014 amounts so on target to exceed projected amount for 2015.
- 4.2 Transactions – £7k of subscriptions, high level of transactions with £16k in and £20k out.
- 4.3 Accounts – summary of year to date, surplus still stands at around £10k
- 4.4 Budget - noted
- 4.5 Coaching courses – updated.
- 4.6 Coaching and Officials courses in coming months- JW putting list together. Shortage of timekeepers with more needed to train.

#### 5. Membership

- 5.1 New members: proposed and all 49 accepted by the committee:

Gergo Barabas	Max Brennan	Lucie Caulfield	Jordan Dean
Ruby Dewes	Wendy Dewes	Kaitlyn Dixon	Molly Foreman
Isobel Fry	Jake Grinter	Tobias Heayns	Liliya Herring
Aimee Little	Rosanna Marino	Lara Martin	Florence Matthews
Jack Mc Dowell	Lydia Partington	Luke Pooley	Joe Thomas
Kieran York	Harrison Barnes	Mark Dewes	Elyssa Duffy
Louisa Archer	Phoebe Boyle	Oliver Cherrington	Ella Cleaver
Connor Dadge	Isabel Hopkins	Oliver Harvey	Kacey Barnes
William Gand	Beatrix Baffoe	Aliyah Dankwah	Oscar Lile
Marley Motezu	Mathew Barnaby	Grace Colledge	Maisie Cowen
Joseph Derbisz	Daniel Harris	Peter Hickman	Helen Jones
Finn Mackay	Luke Morshead	Alan Richards	Ellie Rule
Robert Smith			

- 5.2 Membership stands at 1054 members; qualified coach's 99, qualified officials 32.

#### 6. Competition

- 6.1 YDL – won both age groups. Lower age group won every match

##### 6.2 Jacob Allen: Senior Mens Club Records

1500m 3:45.11  
3000m 8:05.71  
5000m 13:53.30.

##### 6.3 Midland Vets League: Nuneaton

Lions W – 1<sup>st</sup> Overall champions  
Lions M – 2<sup>nd</sup> Overall runners-up  
Saints w – 3<sup>rd</sup> 6<sup>th</sup> overall  
Saints M – 3<sup>rd</sup> 4<sup>th</sup> Overall

##### 6.4 Angela Copson – BMAF Inter-area match (Solihull)

W65 1 mile world record 5:54.59  
World Master Champs – France  
8k Cross country Gold Medal W65

##### 6.5 Terry Egan – Wellingborough 5

Won 100<sup>th</sup> Northants County Medal  
Gold 54, Silver 17 Bronze 17. (T 52, XC 32, RD 16)

##### 6.6 Midland League

Came 4<sup>th</sup> on the day due to shortage of athletes. Birchfield 1<sup>st</sup> overall R&N 2nd  
Senior men won the series  
Vet men 2<sup>nd</sup>

##### 6.7 British Athletics League & UK Women's Athletics League

James Wright provided details of the qualification requirements for the Men's league. The response was cautious with some committee members having reservations. Need for athletes to give up 4 weekends per year. He had produced statistics to see how the clubs athletes would fare in the league. Distance – good depth, sprints – reasonable, but field was weaker especially pole vault.

Women's – surprised at standard of league (2 teams didn't even turn up for the last match!)

Strong in field, no depth in sprints, distance short of depth with only 2 good distance runners.

Costings

Men's – worst case £16,860  
- Likely cost £9,200

Women's - Worst case £12,645  
- Likely case £7,825

Summary of feedback needed to circulated.

There was a need to take this forward of the club would continue to lose senior athletes to other clubs

The club has difficulty attracting sponsorship and this is a mean of attracting funding. This needs to be part of the clubs 5 year plan to move the club up through the leagues.

There was a great deal more discussion over taking this forward without a known sponsor. After a vote it was agreed to go forward with the clubs application to join these leagues.

## **7. Governance**

None

## **8. Road Races**

Rugby 10 – shortage of Marshals to enable event to be run. Many of the regulars away on holiday. Email to go out to all members for help.

## **9. Communications**

9.1 Website – now progressing

## **10. Welfare**

Nothing

## **11. AOB**

11.1 **Parkruns** – questioned whether times should count as club records. Previous decision that they should not count as club records stands.

11.2 **Club Champs** – timetable now being put together for Thursday 10 September and Sunday 13 September.

11.3 **Standard of reports in media** –Email from Sally Wood saying they lack personal touch. Need for a better process of producing them quickly.

11.4 **Presentation evening** – Need for a decision on format and date. Too late for September 2015. Thought is to split out into separate junior and senior/Vets events in December with juniors in November. Use smaller venue.

Meeting closed 2202

Date of next meeting: Monday 14 September at 1930 at Creaton.