

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

**Date:** Monday 12 January 2015 **Venue:** Creaton

**Present:** Mark Exley, Angie Sumnall, Terry Eagan, Paul Cooper, Ben Townsend, Terry Akiens, Tim Merrey, Richard Blenkinsop, Joe Horsley, Ann-Marie Wilkinson, Mary Akiens

### **1. Matters Arising**

1.5 JH said that nothing further had been heard from England Athletics regarding the rolling membership trial.

4.3 Coaches who were not members – all have now joined.

4.5 Insurance – now resolved

5.4 £25 membership. This is no longer being offered and all current £25 members will pay the full amount upon renewal.

7.1 London Marathon places – feedback from some members received. Will implement a 'minimum of two years membership policy to secure a place in 2015

8. Road running records – Parkrun not eligible- agreed upheld

### **2. Northampton Track**

Meeting to be held at end of December. Cutting of first sod event planned for 21 January 2015. College keen to have a formal contract for use of track. Moulton will be running an Athletics Academy from September 2015 and want the club as partners.

Moulton also developing a social club and will allow club members access to this which reduces the level of facilities needed in the clubhouse. Likely opening is late May/early June.

No response from NTFC over money in joint fund.

### **3. Rugby Clubhouse**

3.1 Redrafted lease – agreed at last meeting. We have replied to RBC and await their response.

3.2 Locking up – problem raised by BT that when he went home early lights left on and facility left open. Need to sort this out as other have keys and should be responsible for ensuring clubhouse secure.

3.3 JW has raised whether commission from Club Kit sales can be used to buy Coaches kit. Our supplier provides commission and DG has used this for tops for coaches. Agreed that similar amount to that spent by DG can be spent on Rugby based coaches.

Tops being sponsored by ST Thomas Cross for all coaches at Rugby – noted.

d) Training at Rugby – Race nights. BT explained what this consisted of. Development of U11s etc. Take place every 2 months throughout the year, 6 dates nominated on Tuesdays. Objections raised as this will affect the Northampton athletes who currently train on Tuesday nights at Rugby pending the complete ion of the new track facility at Moulton. Agreed that first two Race nights should move to Thursdays so that athletes from Northampton can still train.

### **4. Finance**

4.1 Subs – Subs income to the end of the year only £400 less than 2013 while budget assumed that we would lose 10% of membership due to lack of track at Northampton. Improved income by £10k

4.2 *December transactions – expenditure exceeded income by £3.4k*

4.3 Summary account sheet for year shows income of £112k and expenditure of £108k. £4k profit for year. (note that EA fees rise from £10 to £12 in April 2015)

4.4 Detailed budget v actual expenditure reviewed to end of year.

4.5 Coaching course list update provided. Damien Moss had qualified as coach. 5 names already for January coaching course.

4.6 Proposal to open a Nationwide savings account.

Resolved That one or more accounts be opened with Nationwide Building Society and the Nationwide Building Society is authorised to accept instructions or requests given by the business (club) relating to withdrawals and transfers in accordance with the signing mandate supplied. I also confirm that the persons signing the declaration form have the relevant authority to act on behalf of the business (club) in the opening and operation of this/these accounts.

4.7 Rugby Equipment – PC is reviewing quantities etc. and will resolve how much to buy. Agreed to fund £1,800 worth of equipment.

## 5. Membership

5.1 New members proposed and all 6 accepted by the committee:

Melanie Akerman	Jason Baxter	Conor Hills	David McArdle
Simon Haile	Ian Kittle		

5.2 Membership stands at 988 members; Rugby 561 and Northampton 427. Qualified coaches 96, qualified officials 27.

## 6. Competition

### 6.1 Spring Open

12 April (weekend after Easter). Other opens on 10 June, 5 August and 26 August.

### 6.2 Heart of England/Midland Seniors

Senior clash on 5 July, through the club hosting HoE but others travelling to Newport (Gwent) for Midland Senior

### 6.3 Team Management YDL and HoE

Lower age YDL now has 5 team managers

Upper Age Group Emma + James Wright (Females) Beverley + Clare Fleming (Males)

HoE Management joint effort by those involved in YDL

### 6.4 Arrangements for coaches

Prices to be obtained. Newport match will require coach plus overnight.

### 6.5 Northampton Cross Country Championships- 3 January 2015

R & N won all 10 team titles and 8 out of 12 individual titles.

### 6.6 Warwickshire XC Championships

2 individual Medals for club, Vets men finished 2<sup>nd</sup>, U13 boys 3<sup>rd</sup>.

### 6.7 Men's Birmingham League

18 men ran for club, 60<sup>th</sup> place highest. Finished 12<sup>th</sup> on day out of 16. Now 10<sup>th</sup> rather than 8<sup>th</sup> before

### 6.8 Indoor Season

Adele Sesi running really well, other men doing very good times. Good performances all round.

## **6.9 Tent**

New tent acquired for ladies (3m x 3m) not easily built and being returned for larger simpler tent to be provided.

## **7. Governance**

### 7.1 AGM

To be held at Crick on 2March at 1915.

A-MW not standing for committee

### 7.2 EA Regional Council - Nomination

No nomination

## **8. Road Races**

None

## **9. Communications**

9.1 Website - Ongoing

9.2 PR support – Ongoing

## **10. Welfare**

White/Carmichael issue. Have met with Adrian White, still not met with Andy Carmichael. Awaiting a date to meet with club. Ongoing

## **11. AOB**

11.1 – Jim Elder – sorting out officials and request for volunteers, will provide list of officials at end of each month

11.2 NAA – Northants Network still without Chairman, NAA need to build bridges with others

Meeting closed 2123

Date of next meeting: Monday 9<sup>th</sup> March at Creaton at 1930.