

Rugby & Northampton Athletics Club: General Committee Meeting

Date: Monday 13 April 2015 **Venue:** IBIS Hotel, Crick

Present: Mark Exley, Angela Sumnall, Terry Egan, Paul Cooper, Ben Townsend, Terry Akiens, Tim Merrey, Richard Blenkinsop, Joe Horsley, Mary Akiens, Janet Wright, Helen Gardner, Dave Burge & Angela Horley.

Present by invitation for item3: Laurence Smith

1. Matters Arising from meeting of 9 March 2015

1.6.4 Senior match Newport: PC said BA had said that most athletes will travel on the day. PC had reserved 4 twin room in the Premier Inn Ross on Wye (as the closest location to the match).

Dates of future meetings:

Note the September meeting is on **the 14th** September

2. Northampton Track

ME said that excavations were now well under way. Meeting being held with contractors building clubhouse on Friday. Date for completion of facilities awaited.

ME has meeting with college at end of April over contractual details from both track and clubhouse. He confirmed that separate storage facilities are being provided for club equipment and college equipment.

3. Rugby Clubhouse

3.1 Laurence Smith – Rugby Clubhouse Development Project.

LS explained that his background was lottery funding and that gave him the knowledge and skills to put together successful bids for funding.

A copy of the original plan was circulated showing details of scheme. LS said that a number of large companies, close to Rugby were available to seek funding from, as well as other funding routes.

Cost of the scheme would be around £200k.

LS was currently putting together background information and wording to allow applications for funding to be made.

8th June Sport England deadline for applications for funding was being targeted.

To gain funding the club would need:

- A lease of at least 10 yrs. on the clubhouse;
- Planning approval for the scheme;
- Details of recent survey of Rugby based members (and another survey if necessary); and
- Club contribution towards the cost of the scheme.

The development, once constructed would future proof the club for the next 10 – 15 years and would allow growth to take place.

Copies of the original proposed layout were circulated and reviewed. It was identified that more toilets down stairs were needed to cope with major events.

It was agreed that the development should be taken forward and that sources of funding should be pursued. It was agreed that the club would provide a contribution towards the costs and that fund raising from members and events should cover any initial outlay from the clubs funds.

The team to take the project forward on behalf of the committee and members would be:

Laurence Smith, Judy Robinson, Paul Cooper and Janet Wright.

3.2 Clubhouse Lease

Outstanding from the last report on the lease was the area of land within the lease around the clubhouse. The lease stated 2.5m while 6m was needed for the redevelopment. PC had tried to have the lease amended but this had not been agreed. Therefore at present the lease should be signed with the 2.5m boundary. He said

that RBC had indicated that they would provide a letter of support for any funding and development, and had verbally agreed that should the development occur that they would be prepared to lease the additional area to the club. The lease on offer was for 50 years.

4. Finance

- 4.1 *Subs & joining fees* – figures are on track or slightly above the projections for this year. Projected that membership should bring in £70k this year.
- 4.2 *March Transactions*: £11k income and £8k expenditure in March.
- 4.3 *Accounts for year to date and budgets*: noted and in line with projections. Sheets to be updated
- 4.4 *Photographer*: Previously agreed was the funding of a photographer to cover club events and matches. So far Sarah Faulkner has covered a number events at £75 per time, covering travel expenses etc. It was agreed that this should continue with her covering 6 more events this year
- 4.5 *Coach Travel Costs*: agreed that only a minibus needed for match at Milton Keynes
- 4.6 *'Sled Equipment'*: agreed to leave the purchase of any new 'sled equipment' until Moulton Track is open.

5. Membership

- 5.1 New members: proposed and all 22 accepted by the committee:

Elizabeth Bartlett	Minerva Chesser	Haluk Ercan	Charlotte Gaunt
Frankie Heffron	Jack Hocking	Rebecca Leadbeater	Fiona McMahan
Grace Noble	Rhys Noble	Sheila Poppa	Mia Samwell
Madoc Smith	Sarah Sparkes	Chloe Worth	Promise Anele
Neve Satchwell	Kevin Myers	Sharon Archer	Adam Henley
Jonathon Burke	Georgina Jones		

- 5.2 Membership stands at 971 members; Rugby 554 and Northampton 417. Qualified coaches 99, qualified officials 27.
- 5.3 Simon Waterhouse – claim that should not pay full membership fee: resolved that full fee applicable and that £50 so far paid was not sufficient to remain a member.
- 5.4 Honorary members: Agreed that all of those proposed for honorary membership at next AGM/EGM should remain on the membership list until that meeting ratified their position.
- 5.5 Membership Card: TE said that we had some membership cards left (with the old logo) and sought authority to order some more. After some discussion it was agreed that there was no real need for membership cards now and that they should be discontinued once the stock for this year was exhausted. In future members will get a confirmation email that their payment had been received.

6. Competition

- 6.1 **Achievements**: **Jacob Allen** finished 18th in home countries international cross country. **Adam Searle** 8th in Schools International running for England in Dublin.
- 6.2 **Spring Open**: 400 registered to take part (mostly in the last week). Large number of helpers who had to deal with flooded toilets and one serious injury. Very good day overall. 150 U11/U13 long jumpers!. Event made around £2k profit.
- 6.3 **Online entry & payment system**: **JW** said that for future events the club needed to have an online entry and payment system to reduce amount of paper and workload. **RB** said that he would follow up with Midland Counties who used a good system to see if we can use their system for future events.

7. Governance

None

8. Road Races

Rugby 6: on 13th May: MA said that everything was in place but more help was needed for water station at 3 miles.

9. Communications

9.1 Website – TM said that the workload was getting onerous and that help was required to bring the site up to date. Email to be sent to membership requesting help. TA said that Colin Durrant may be able to assist.

9.2 Website needs overhaul and update.

10. Welfare

Welfare issue closed

11. AOB

11.1 **Track and Field Presentation Night and Awards:** JW said that there was a need to provide something a little more formal that would attract officials and parents. A separate event with better awards & prizes for an evening for U11/U13 should also be held at each end of the season. More formal proposal to be made at May meeting

11.2 **Coaches Kit** – DB had spoken to Vince and he had put together prices for various items of kit. Costs varied depending on the quantities. Sponsor logos can be added to the closing. Lead coaches that own an age group would get huddies and T-shirts. This would result in around 25 for each site. Cost would be £2k
Agreed that initially every coach would get a technical T-shirt at cost of £1k
Agreed to provide jackets to lead coaches.

11.3 **Video Equipment- no action**

11.4 Sponsorship Email from Beverly Simms: AH questioned policy of letting individuals (members or coaches) seeking sponsorship from whole membership. Agreed that in future such request should be posted on website rather than sent to everyone

Meeting closed 22:00

Date of next meeting: Monday 11 May at 1930 at Creaton.