

"Rugby & Northampton Athletics Club: General Committee Meeting

Date: 4 September 2017, Creaton, 7.30pm

Present: Mark Exley, Angie Sumnall, Dave Burge, Paul Cooper, Karen Rushton, Steve Reynolds, Amanda Gurney, Joe Horsley, Terry Akiens and Katie Roseblade.

Apologies: Janet Wright and Adrian White

1. **Matters arising from meeting of 3 July 2017**

All being covered within each agenda item.

2. **Facilities**

A). Northampton Track

Steeple chase pit leak – alleged repaired. Looking for sponsorship for high jump bed and competition hurdles.

Lighting still unsatisfactory and will stop the use of the infield being used during the winter.

B). Rugby Clubhouse

Lease – solicitors report received two weeks ago. PC will pass on solicitors report to the council

Internet in the clubhouse. JW to provide details of costs (before the next meeting) and which volunteers will benefit from it.

Agreed that if it would provide a return on our investment then we would proceed.

4G dongle suggested as an alternative if only one laptop involved.

3. **Competition**

3.1. Forthcoming Hosted Events

Rugby 10 being held on Sunday 17th September. Just enough people to cover. Could do with a few more helpers. 106 entries so far.

Club Champs – not going to take place, no one to organise and no one to officiate!

Official Course taking place in Rugby in September.

3.2. Coach Development Training

Date and venue needed for coaches meeting (will be a Tuesday night when athletes will be told not to attend). Katie and Steve to keep Dave on track for 3rd October.

3.3. Team Management

Having had a poor year with things going wrong. Need to recruit people to take on Team Management. Lower age group YDL needs 2 doing selections plus more on the day to help. Three teams to manage: YDL Lower, YDL Upper plus HofE.

Agreed to ask charity foundation for £3k for gazebo/tents for the above.

3.4. Recent Competition Results

3/9/17 YDL Upper National Final – finished 7th. Poorer performance than expected. 28 eligible athletes were not available.

Won	A Stream	B Stream
Gold	4	2

Silver	6	4
Bronze	8	9

There were lots of gaps and lots of last places. Need for a review (as part of the end of season review).

BAL Match at Rugby

Last minute rush to fix broken equipment. Finished 2nd and promoted. Photo finish equipment didn't work. Timekeepers needed at short notice. Officials promised by BAL didn't appear as had not had confirmation of event!

Review of what we host and what is needed to bring it up to standard needed.

The demand for cash by GLL to bring facilities up to standard gives concern. There is a risk that all the problems may well emerge before the next hosted meeting.

4. Finance

4.1. Financial reports

Subscriptions – clearly ahead on YTD figures.

Transactions – Noted

Accounts to date – Noted

Actual TY vs LY – Noted.

4.2. Foundation

JH gave an update. List of small items really needed for Rugby track as often small sum of money are available while large sums are rarer.

5. Membership

No new members or membership details available due to holidays.

Membership team mopping up the small number of youngsters who are training but haven't paid.

6. Governance

6.1. Club Policies

In order to ensure that our policies are documented and widely available, where they depend on the constitution, or UKA policy the club will draft and agree at committee a number of policies.

At present the following are in progress:

On Line Policy – Steve

Code of Conduct – Steve

Junior Team Selection Policy – Mark

Discipline – Joe

6.2. Reports from sub-committees

None.

6.3. Additional Representation for Rugby

Since the last meeting the committee had lost on Rugby committee member and the Vice Chairman. PC raised co-option of a potential Vice Chairman. The member of the committee did not see this as necessary at present but would like to attract another member/parent from the Rugby track.

7. Communication

The need for the website to be replaced or updated was still seen as imperative. Discussion held on changing site/software/provider. Report at next meeting. Agreed that we would look to have a new website in place but pay for the old one for a further 12 months since the renewal date was imminent.

8. Late notice items

None

Meeting Closed 2148. Date of next meeting 2nd October 2017 at 1930