

Rugby & Northampton Athletics Club: General Committee Meeting

Date: Monday September 2012

Venue: Rugby

Present: Mark Exley, Terry Egan, Terry Akiens, Mary Akiens, Anne-Marie Williamson, Bill Walker, Joe Horsley, Chris Cox

Apologies: Trish Garner, Paul Cooper and Ruth Waugh

1. Matters arising

1.1 Club Vests ME has spoken to AI who plans to visit new suppliers in Bradford later this month. Club range of clothing ready for roll out to members in next 4 weeks. Update required at next meeting

1.2 Newsletter: Not going out on a regular basis, list of items supplied to JW to go in next issues. No specific email address available yet for response to newsletter items etc. Action JW.

1.3 Rugby Track JW advises that VAT is not charged for block bookings and children's events. So Senior/Vet events will get charged VAT.

1.4 Sixfields Nothing new to report, on-going.

1.5 Club Championships: Some lessons learnt from very good two site Club Championships. Unable to present medals on the night as unable to process results quickly enough. Need for a 1st/2nd/3rd slip.

1.6 Rugby Clubhouse. New leisure centre out to tender, track lease extended to 28 years, now includes whole of clubhouse and outside store. No increase in rent. Includes concrete 'seating' area so we may be able to obtain funding to turn into a proper covered stand.

- If non club event taking place we will open toilets and take % of hire fee
- Hire of room and PA will attract 20% of hire fee
- Includes 5 'community' days per year
- Applies from when new leisure centre opens in summer 2013
- Need for caretaker to do 3 -4 hrs per week to clean and tidy facility

1.7 Incident – now Closed

1.8 Website – RW standing down from running site. Need for help in developing new site to be raised with members via newsletter.

1.9 Rugby Track Event issues – Wash-up meeting to be held to resolve

1.10 London Marathon – Club Places, details still waited via website.

2. Finance

2.1 PC was unable to attend the meeting at short notice. August's financial details will be circulated post meeting and any issues discussed at the October meeting.

2.2 JH had produced a proposal for a club policy on the payment of travel expenses to athletes. This to be discussed at the October meeting.

2.3 Athletes Fund, proposed that funding be put aside to provide financial support for club athletes who had difficulty in funding kit and travel.

3. Membership

14 New members proposed and accepted by the committee

Amelia Aitchison	Luke Randall	Ashleigh Inwood
Jodie Inwood	Richard Franklin	Polly Meadows
Rico Ewer	Hywel Davies	Matthew Broome
Oliver Cundill	Harriet Faraday	India Phipps
Rachel Smith	Ian Husband	

3.1 Membership Review

- Inductions and new members Kay now organising
- 130 new members on the pending list
- Vests required before new forms including membership fee can be implemented
- Northampton now to start using new form as a number of vests can be transferred from Rugby.
- Need for a formal membership review
- Terry + Jim will report in October

3.2 Coaches Membership Fees

Initial views were that

- Every coach should pay a nominal membership fee
- Only available to those who coach not anyone with a coaching qualification.

4. Facilities

4.1 Sixfields

Nothing to Report

4.2 Rugby

4.2.1 Rugby Planning Vision. JW gave an outline of the initial thoughts of an architect to expand and develop Rugby Clubhouse. This would include adding a second floor to provide a large room capable of holding functions and giving level access from the leisure centre car park. Improvements to the ground floor, increased covered space and potentially an improved stand area were included.

Cost of the scheme would be in the region of £500k, A minimal scheme would be £150k -£200k.
Agreed to: pursue the £500k scheme with funding through grants and sponsorship.

4.2.2 Olympic legacy. Since the Olympics there has been the predicted increase in children coming to join the club. Unexpectedly there have been quite a number of 14-15 year olds who want to come back to athletics. The major challenge will be to keep them over the winter period. More inductions taking place at Rugby, Stopped at Northampton until DG returns. Unfortunately we are losing long term coaches at Northampton.

5. Website

Deferred to October meeting

6. Competition

6.1 Cross Country Championships. January 2013 at Abington Park. Most of requirements, volunteer needed to process entries

7. Correspondence

Letter received from Damien Moss stating he is retiring from all athletics due to injury. He may return in the future but moving away from club and competition in the medium term.

8. AOB

8.1 Sub Committees

Proposal for an altered club structure tabled and debated. Agreed that a move to more sub-committees and less central control was needed. 'Heads' of individual functions would attend main committee meetings on a regular basis. Committee members to provide feedback on these proposals at next meeting.

8.2 Revised Constitution.

Still being progressed but draft needed for November committee meeting

8.3 Presentation Night. Found that Benn Hall not booked. Now proposed for a presentation night and Christmas social on 15 December in Rugby

Meeting closed at 22.05

Date of next meeting: Monday 8 October at Creaton at 1930