

Rugby & Northampton Athletics Club: General Committee Meeting

Date: Monday 2 April 2012

Venue: Rugby

Present: Mark Exley, Paul Cooper, Terry Egan, Joe Horsley, Chris Cox, Terry Akiens, Mary Akiens, Anne-Marie Williamson, Bill Walker & Janet Wight

Apologies: Trish Garner, Chris Cox and Ruth Waugh

1. Matters arising

1.1 £35 joining fee. There had been some confusion at the last meeting as the membership renewal form had said £35 to re-join while the previous committee had agreed £25. JW said that this was to ensure that the costs of the providing goody bag, running vest, T shirt etc. to 365 athletes was covered. After discussion agreed that £25 joining fee would apply to ALL new athletes and that senior/vets would get club vest at a minimum.

1.2 Officials Courses. Update by email from Chris Cox, Courses hard to come by still looking for course for R & N but really needed names.

Action CC

1.3 Club Tent. JH had spoken to DG who confirmed that it had been ordered.

1.4 Letters to Former Committee Members JH said this had not been done as despite requesting membership list twice to get addresses this had still not been supplied.

1.5 Warm weather training JW had covered accommodation on her credit card rather than the club providing loans. Coaches to have flight costs covered by club. Costs are £400 per individual. PC said there needed to be more transparency in funding. It was unfair to spend general funds on this sort of training. . For future years this type of training needed to cover majority of its own costs, with any costs for coaches included in overall costs to athletes. For 2013 a budget needs to be agreed for any subsidy.

1.6 Olympic Ball JW provided background to the event. PC said that potential funding from fees for running ladies running group wasn't available as it had already been used for paying for track plus subsidising young athletes. Agreed that one table to be taken and that RW would co-ordinate. Club would only pay for the two presenters places.

1.7 Process for agreeing funding outside committee meetings JH would circulate with minutes.

1.8 Elite Membership agreed that this years elite members would be:

Elena Ruddock – already an Honorary Life Member

Damien Moss

Vicki Barr

Glynn Hollingsworth
Themba Luhana

Elite membership to be reviewed each year, agreed this includes payment of £5 to UKA by club.

1.9 Northants Network Races 8 volunteers required for event on 15 April.

2. Finance

2.1 Paul circulated the summary of accounts sheets which were reviewed. Not complete due to proximity of meeting to end of month. Subsequently accounts circulated to all committee members.

3. Membership

17 New members proposed and accepted to Rugby & Northampton AC

Emily Jayne Brummitt Brown	Scarlett Bodsworth	Thomas Clements
Jack Cox	Ryan Mawer	Carlotta Jacqueline Pilar Isles
Megan Moran	Aden Noorullah	Katie Print
David O'Leary	Courtney Ann Smith	Paul David Rigby
Noelle Supple	Daniel Swann	Jake Alexander Townsend
Michael Ray Trundley		

Agreed : Bob Rollings to be made Honorary Member

Agreed that coaches who only coach and do not compete and train do not pay a membership fee. Those who compete and use the facilities for training do pay membership.

Student membership; need to ensure that we keep athletes when they go to university. Agreed that they should pay junior, non-track pass membership.

4. Facilities

4.1 Sixfields

4.1.1 DG is dealing with Stadia over netting for throws cage. Contractor is now putting right.

4.1.2 ME to look at how money from Northampton club house dealt with

4.2 Rugby

4.2.1 Pole vault not certified but everything else is.

4.2.2 Feedback from Rugby Borough Surveyor over changes planned is that changing rooms do need to be kept as there will be no club access to the rebuilt leisure centre.

4.2.3. Agreed that discussion needed on development of club house facilities needed; May agenda item.

4.2.4 Catering. Sandra and Derek have stood down from catering/cleaning with immediate effect. PC to write to them to thank them. JW said there was a contingency in place to continue running shop. Need for a clear understanding on who does what.

4.2.5 Track currently Managed by Leisure Centre, will not be in the future. Self-Financing Trust to run. Costs liable to double, Trust to provide track, club to provide equipment.

4.2.6 Fridge, kettle, Tea Urn required urgently – agreed to purchase.

5. Website

Nothing to report

6. Competition

British Masters XC – Mike Aldridge M35 1st
Stuart Nelson M35 2nd

Team 2nd

Angela Copson W60 1st (and has been for the last 5 years)

Midlands Masters 6 stage road relay – Men's team Bronze (club record by 40 seconds),
Senior Women 11th

7. Correspondence

None

8. AOB

8.1 Roles for General Committee Members; ME talked about GC members picking up specific roles i.e. Ruth looking after the website. Wood be good if other committee members could get involved in specific projects. Agreed

8.2 Triathlon Section – deferred to next meeting

8.3 Clothing Supplies; ME circulated list of clothing supplied by AI who is now supplying a large selection of clothing. Need to formalise how AI works with us and ensure that link from our website to his works. Agreed to Proceed with AI as agreed supplier.

8.4 Road Race Organisation; Need for someone to co-ordinate road race entries and to look after entries at start of East Midlands Grand Prix. Small support team needed. ME to talk to BA. MA also to talk to BA

8.5 Northants Athletics Network; Funding from UKA stops at the end of this (3rd) year. Financial support needed from clubs to enable it to continue. Agreed to contribute £1 for every (Northampton) club member.

8.6 Events at Rugby Track and 21 and 28 April; helpers urgently required.

Meeting closed at 22:23

Date of next meeting: Monday 14 May 2012 @ Creaton (19:30)