

Rugby & Northampton Athletics Club: General Committee Meeting

Date: Monday 9 July 2012

Venue: Rugby

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

Apologies: Trish Garner and Ruth Waugh

1. Matters arising

1.1 Club Vests Adrian Inwood is investigating a new supplier based in Bradford. More information at next meeting

1.2 Presentation evening: costs of 'hoodies' held over to August meeting

1.3 Newsletter: Electronic newsletter now going out but there have been some gaps . New email address to allow members to forward items for inclusion will be available for the next meeting.

1.4 Olympic Ball: Event attracted 30 club members Cost to club was £158 for two places for the presenters plus the cost of the presentation package £400. The presentation will be usable for other events and will serve the club for some time in the future.

1.5 Sponsorship: for the afternoon event held in conjunction with the Olympic Ball £800 - £1k. . Local press in attendance and article in local paper.

1.6 Rugby Track: JW reported that she thought that VAT would NOT be charged for events held by the club and that this equally applied to training nights.

1.7 Statistical Information: TE has supplied some information to RW. Costs for running club to be available at September meeting.

1.8 Six Fields Track: Minor repairs have been carried out to the track to ensure that it remains usable for the next 12 – 18 months.

1.9 Website: Ian Wilson has provided ideas with the Blackheath and Bromley site being cited as a god example.

1.10 Notes of June Meeting: Agreed

2. Finance

2.1 Paul circulated the summary of June accounts & reported on the up to date finances to the committee, which were reviewed.

2.2 Travel Expenses: JH to draw up process for club and present to the September meeting.

3. Membership

14 New members proposed and accepted by the committee

Evonne Birch	Millie Wright	Archie Wright
William Foden	Matthew Riddell	Maria Pasicznyk
Jack Buchan	Ellas Divine	Martha Pargiter
Frederick Taylor	Imogen Mitton	Eleanor Mitton
Jack Shakeshaft	Mikayla Butler	

Currently there are 57 outstanding renewals of membership, 45 Rugby based athletes and 12 Northampton based athletes.

- 3.1** Coaches membership fees deferred to September meeting
- 3.2** Hardship: There are a small number of athletes who struggle to pay membership fees, travel expenses or buy the right equipment and clothing. The club will look into individual sponsorship of these athletes to ensure that their talent is not lost because of financial circumstances.
- 3.3** Request for Physio treatment. – agreed to fund 2 sessions for Rugby athlete up to maximum of £50 in total.

4. Facilities

4.1 Sixfields

- 4.1.1** It was noted that the local papers were carrying story of redevelopment of the football club and surrounding area and mentioning moving track to another site.
- 4.1.2** The Club must engage with the local authority, especially once the design of any replacement facility starts .
- 4.1.3** Relocation of track could be under one year provided the process starts quickly in the coming months.
- 4.1.4** Club had participated in “Walk in the Park” event

4.2 Rugby

- 4.2.1** Just before inspection high winds blew over the pole vault breaking some pieces of it. Replacement parts have now been received and an inspection is planned.
- 4.2.2** Leisure Centre likely to be completely closed April to July 2013 for relocation.
- 4.2.3** Inventory of all equipment at track required by 31st July. There may be complications over who owns some of the equipment.
- 4.2.4** List of new equipment being drawn up , split of equipment preferred .. Equipment for general use and specific club equipment.

5. Website

Deferred to August meeting

6. Competition

6.1 Athlete Selection – Under 17 athletes were being asked to compete in senior leagues. There was an concern that some were being pressurised into competing leading to the overuse of some athletes.

Agreed: as policy that U17s should not be used regularly for senior league matches.

Action ME to speak to relevant team managers to explain policy.

6.2 Remaining Grand Prix Matches Possible one or two meetings, one at Rugby and possibly one at SixFields.

6.3 Midland League 4 August – Noted BA is organising. Will need a field referee – CC will check to see what qualifications are required.

6.4 English Schools – noted 10 R&NAC athletes in Northants team. Overall 21 athletes from club at event. 4 medals won by R&NAC athletes.

7. Correspondence

None

8. AOB

8.1 Event Planning: Noted the following 12 for 12 events remain

- Club Champs
- Quiz – John Gerco organising
- End of Season Party – Organiser required

8.2 Workload

Noted that still too much being left to JW and DG to organise. Further work required to spread the workload . Noted that Jim is leading on possible Northampton based GP. Essential that someone found to lead events.

8.3 Welfare Officer.

Natalie is stepping down from position. Someone is required urgently to fill this role. JH to follow up on who can sign off identity documentation for CRB disclosures.

8.4 Discretionary Rate Relief- Not relevant

8.5 New Leader award – 50% funding available for course.

8.6 Meet the Funder Event – invitation, agreed no one will go.

8.7 CV from Sports Therapist – no opening at club

8.8 Olympic Torch – noted three R&NAC athletes carried torch

Meeting closed at 21:43

Date of next meeting: Monday 13 August at Creaton at 1930