

Rugby & Northampton Athletics Club: General Committee Meeting

Date: Monday 9 January 2012

Venue: Creaton

Present: Bryan Acford, Paul Cooper, Janet Wright, Terry Egan, Joe Horsley, Chris Cox, Natalie Lawrence, Tricia Garner & John Love

Apologies: none

1) Matters arising

This item from Novembers meeting should read "Grant Application Inspire Facilities Application – NL is not sorting out an application at Northampton "
Logos on website – still to be checked
Bretherton Solicitors – BA meeting on 10/01/2012

December meeting 9.3 – Charity – PC still investigating which will take some time. Few running clubs have charitable status although Gateshead Harriers are a charity. Recommended to approach Northamptonshire sport for advice.

December 9.5 is now 13 February 2012

December 9.4 There was an officials course planned at Corby in December but cancelled due to low numbers

2) Finance

Paul circulated the almost finalised draft accounts which were reviewed. Income had risen but expenditure on equipment replacement and upgrades to facilities at both tracks had used most of this surplus.

Subscriptions for 2012 -13 were discussed with an increase of 5% seen as fair. PC to table formal changes to subscriptions rates at next meeting in preparation for the AGM on 1st March 2012.

The value of a joining fee, which would include providing new athletes with club vest and bag were considered. Athletes not making prompt payment for membership renewal would need to pay the 'joining fee' again if they wished to remain members. Joining fee to be further discussed at next meeting.

3) Membership

6 New members proposed and accepted to Rugby & Northampton AC

Jack Marcus Boak	William Dean	Ellen Ciara Flanagan
Grace Natalia McMorrow	Zaynah Mirza	Ella Poole

15 people still haven't paid to renew their membership from 2011. There are also some who need to join having never been members but having used the facilities.

Family membership reviewed and changes proposed include not having to have an adult member, sliding scale of membership fees depending on number of family members or discount off whole family. Changes would need to be part of changes to constitution at AGM.

4) Facilities

Sixfields

Costs have been obtained for sand pit covers. Two quotes one for £6,000 per pit and one at £2000 per pit. Natalie to check catalogues for other options.

JH said track was wearing in places and there was a need to carry out some repairs if it was to remain safe in the medium term.

TG said Inspection soon to check standards with ideally obtaining a competition license for the stadium

Rugby

Maintenance schedule received from council. Unsure if we should be carrying out maintenance at the track and whether Council should be responsible for all maintenance.

5) Website

BA will mail Adrian in next few days to add fixture lists to site

6) Competition -

Northamptonshire XC Champs

5 Individual winners and 6 team winners

Warwickshire SX Champs

Very low turnout from club but still 1 individual medal

7) 2012 Activities/Sub Committee

Meeting to discuss the above – Friday 20th January at Rugby Clubhouse JW will note attendance and ideas put forward.

Email to all members in December inviting to meeting and this repeated in January to key people.

8) Correspondence

Thank you card received from Damien

Group U17/U20 warm weather training – request for financial assistance both for coaches flight costs and help some low income athletes with loans to cover up front expenditure. Costs for coaches really should be included in athlete's costs in the future.

9) AOB

9.1 Track and Field Presentation night hall now booked provisionally for 17 November 2012 at Benn Hall, Rugby

9.2 XC Presentation night provisionally booked at St Crispin's for 31 March 2012

9.3 London Marathon – the two vacant places filled by Richard Burfield and Max Chippington

9.4. Clothing Adrian Inwood has made approach to provide club clothing. Await formal proposal which would include being able to order from website.

9.5 General Committee The set up contained within the constitution hasn't actually worked with the sub-committees not actually existing in any formal sense. Lots of the roles contained within the constitution are fill but informally and without the participants attending, or wishing to attend the General Committee meetings.

The actual structure is

Chair
Vice Chair
Secretary
Treasurer
Membership Secretary
Other members 4

The suggested new General Committee was:

Chair
Vice Chair
Secretary
Treasurer
Membership Secretary
Plus a minimum of 5 other members and a maximum of 7 other members.

9.6 Official Courses Only level 1 courses offered. Need for level 2 that deals with specifics. Thought 12 people would the minimum for a course to run. Need for Timekeepers, Field and track officials' disciplines. To generate the numbers for the specific there would be a need to open the courses to other clubs..

9.7 Rugby Clubhouse – proposals for changing the layout to be discussed at February meeting.

9.8 Club Presidency – Agreed to approach two of the nominees – action BA.

Meeting closed at 2216

Date of next meeting: Monday 13 February 2012 @ Creaton Church Village Hall (19:30)