

## Rugby & Northampton Athletic Club: General Committee Meeting

Date: Monday 9 December 2013 at Creaton

Present: Mark Exley, Tricia Garner, Paul Cooper, Terry & Mary Akiens, Jim Elder & Terry Egan

By invitation: Ben Townsend

Apologies: Joe Horsley, Anne-Marie Williamson, Tim Merrey

### 1. Matters arising

All previous outstanding items had been dealt with and resolved, apart from cash handling guidelines which is still ongoing.

### 2. Northampton Track update

The football club have requested the Rugby & Northampton Athletic Club vacate the track at Sixfields by the end of the year. We have a contract to remain there until the end of March and the view of the committee is that we should not leave until we have written agreements in place with the alternative interim facilities. PC is to try and engage Martin Sharman (solicitor) who has previously dealt with business for the club. Various venues will be used e.g. Caroline Chisholm School, Campion School and other local school tracks until the new track at Moulton College becomes available. This will take a lot of careful planning in order to minimise the loss of our athletes from the sport or to other clubs. Dave Goddard and Dave Pope are negotiating the use of school sites.

### 3. Financial update

PC requested that JE become a signatory on the chequebook as this will make it possible for him to chase up unpaid standing orders for subs.

The income for subs has more than reached its budgeted amount, although expenditure in certain areas has also exceeded its budget. The clubs bank balance towards the end of the year is fairly healthy.

The number of coaching course attendees needs to be followed up and checked that they are actually working in activities within the club that they have been trained for. This is to be on the agenda at the next meeting.

### 4. Membership

There are 23 new members this month

Elouise Aitchison U15	Ellis Chaplow U13	Matthew Chronicle U15	Jake Elliott U15
Alastair Gardner U20	Aimee Gowans U15	Joseph Mawby U20	Imogen Oxborough U17
Angela Sumnall VW official	Joshua Whittington U17	Joanna Blair SW 2 <sup>nd</sup> claim	Ruby Cole U13
Jennifer Dall U11	Billy Dall U15	Thomas Dall U15	Steven James VM
Vincent Poole U11	Jonathan Sarkies VM	Caitlin Hopkins U11	Jada Ababio U15G
Ellis Fitzgerald U17	Danielle Jasper U15	Emily Lancaster U20	

Harriett Sumnall, Rosanna & Penelope Andrews are now 1<sup>st</sup> claim.

#### Membership Data at 9th December (numbers in brackets are N'ton/Rugby)

Members 1043 (526/517)

LRG 148

Officials 19 qualified (11/8) with 9 more who have done the course still to gain their level 2(a)

Coaches 92 (52/40)

Outstanding renewals still due up to and including November 74 - amount outstanding is £6,500

Members currently paying by instalments 24 - amount outstanding is £1,325

It was agreed that subs for next year would be tabled for discussion at the next meeting.

### 5. Competition

The Charity cup at Kettering on 30<sup>th</sup> Nov produced excellent results for R & N. The team winners for us were: U/11 girls and boys, U13 girls and boys, U15 girls.

At the Nene Valley 10, Mike Aldridge ran the fastest M40 time for 10 miles in the UK this year.

The Birmingham XC League was our Home fixture and the weather kept fine for us. For the first time ever, a Rugby & Northampton athlete won a Division 1 race. A brilliant run by Jacob Allen, Well done! Our team was weakened by work commitments and injury, but still the team finished in 10<sup>th</sup> place and remain 9<sup>th</sup> overall.

#### A TEAM

1st Jacob Allen	32.53
64th Robert Gardner	36.48
65th Robert Male	36.55
85th Luke Robinson	38.01
93rd Iain Botheroyd	38.17
96th Brendan Moen	38.21 position: 10th

## B TEAM

115th Paul Birch	39.18
119th Iain Gillam	39.24
140th Vince Carroll	40.05
159th Terry Egan	40.47
163rd Nigel Roberts	40.59
165th Daniel Mould	41.02

position: 5<sup>th</sup>

It was agreed that John Love should not be left to organise fixtures like the Birmingham League, he has requested to step down more than once after many years of sterling service to the club.

It was also considered whether it would be worth approaching Princethorpe College with a view to hosting a future B'ham League match there. John Gercs will be asked to consider this.

At the Midland Masters 10 mile at Sneyd, Angela Copson broke her own O/65 British record with a time of 71.25.

The young athletes' XC team are 200 points clear of their nearest rivals. Adam Searle won the U/13 B race and Molly Williams the U11G. This makes it 3 wins out of 3 for Molly and if she makes it 5 out of 5 this will set a new standard.

The Women's XC was run at Wolverhampton and we had 3 runners: Emily Waugh 16<sup>th</sup>, Kate Williams 112<sup>th</sup> and Tilly Lea 119<sup>th</sup>.

### 6. Governance

JE produced a draft of the revised constitution for our perusal and after a few tweaks, it was agreed to arrange an EGM as soon as possible in order to get it enshrined before the AGM.

### 7. Road Races

MA had attended the AGMs of both Warwickshire Road Race League and East Midlands Grand Prix. In essence little was changed and our fixtures were agreed Rugby6 14<sup>th</sup> May and Rugby10 5<sup>th</sup> October.

Due to the disappearance of the marshal vests, MA is to order new ones at a cost of £61.54 for 20 vests.

Some modification of the finish at the Rugby10 will be needed and the course will therefore have to be re-measured.

### 8. Communication

a)Website: Tim Merrey is now the Webmaster and hopes to have the website live on 01/01/2014.

b)Marketing Project: Final Third Media appear to be raising the club's profile and at the end of their 3 month stint will be discussed further.

### 9. Welfare

In the absence of AMW this was passed to next meeting.

### 10. AOB

#### 10.1 Rugby clubhouse.

Development up date was read and discussed at some length. It was suggested that a meeting at Rugby site would be good as then we could be taken through it with more understanding than simply looking at a plan.

Paul will take on the clubhouse extension account. A meeting has been set up with Ian for 6<sup>th</sup> Jan 2014, Terry, Ben, Paul, Janet, Mark and Joe.

10.2 New shirts for officials were thought to be a good idea and MA will research suppliers and cost.

10.3 A proposed budget for coaching + YA transport was received from Janet. As this involved a sum in excess of £12000 it was suggested that the committee should ask for a more detailed breakdown of the amounts.

10.4 it was suggested that the presentation night be held sooner after the end of the track and field season as there was a poor attendance, possibly due to being too near Christmas.

### 11. The meeting closed at 21.50