

Rugby & Northampton Athletics Club: General Committee Meeting

Date: Monday 14 October 2013

Venue: Ravensthorpe

Present: Mark Exley, Terry Egan, Joe Horsley, Anne-Marie Williamson, Tim Merrey, Trish Garner, Jim Elder, Mary Akiens & Paul Cooper

By Invitation Ben Townsend

Apologies: Terry Akiens

1. Matters arising

- 1.1 Rugby Club House:** a written report from JW had been circulated. PC provided a verbal update. IG in the lead for R & NAC
- 1.2 T Shirts:** little indication of money coming in from YDL athletes who were being charged £5 per tshirt. Update needed at next meeting.

2. Northampton Track

- 2.1** Since the last meeting the move to Moulton has gone public, with slots on local radio and in the local press. NBC had sent a press release to all the technical press so coverage is now at national level.
- 2.2** ME/DP had had another meeting on 11/10/13 which was very positive and NBC will assist in finding alternative training facilities for next year.
- 2.3** The clubs coaches and helpers were briefed 10 day ago and there was a positive response from all who attended.
- 2.4** A briefing will be emailed to members this week.
- 2.5** PC said that we should draft a 'heads of terms' document so that some of the so far verbal agreements may be formally agreed.

3. Finance

- 3.1 September 2013 transactions:** reviewed and noted.
- 3.2 Year to date accounts for 2013:** noted and slightly above budget
- 3.3 Subscriptions against budget graph:** noted that actuals are continuing to climb above the budgeted amounts.
- 3.4** ME said that due a change in regulations the club would need to invest in new women's throw equipment.
- 3.5** A-MW said that with the continuing input of new members, all of whom now get a club vest as part of their joining pack that a substantial number of running vests need to be ordered. 400 vests at £10 each were required. Agreed that these must be purchased.
- 3.6** Interest on savings. PC said that he had been searching for an account that would provide more than the minimum interest rate. Agreed that he should put surplus money into a short term interest account but that funds would be required next year to support the new track facility and any short term hire costs for alternative facilities.
- 3.7 Cash Handling guidelines.** The club be issuing guidelines to those officials who handle quite considerable amounts of cash to ensure that both costs and income for events are exposed and that individuals do not hold large sums of money that are the property of the club.
- 3.8 Ladies running group.** Agreed a budget of £250 for a minibus to a marathon they took part in.

4. Membership

31 New members proposed and accepted by the committee including one new coach.

Samuel Wash	Dominic Whitfield	Mya Dobson	Oliver Greener
Luke Richardson	Oliver Savage	Anais Worrell	Emma Bond
Jack Bond	David Brooks	Ophellia Griffiths	Phoenix Hitchcock
Aidan O'Brien	Mark Pearce	Olivia Williams	Joseph Winterburn
Tom Allee	Evie Atkin	Thomas Cramp	William Cramp
Emile De Mello	Matthew Elliot	Luke Grant	Elliott Greatrex
Jessica Large	Lauren Nash	Jonathan Paine	Ellie Quinn
Connor Ryan	Michael Suddaby	Ella Welch	

- 4.1** Member stands at 1034 members, Rugby 507 and Northampton 527
- 4.2** 25 Members renewals for September still outstanding, 14 paying by instalments. JE looking at ways to introduce direct debits for membership.

5. Competition

- 5.1 Track and Field:** now complete with 56 club records this season
- 5.2 YDL:** Looking forward to an even better YDL season next year
- 5.3 Angela Copson:** gained world record for W65 in Berlin Marathon
- 5.4 Cross Country: Hatton,** flooded with R & N athletes with over 200 taking part. U13 boys – 90 in race with club taking 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th and 7th. Good performance also from girls.

6. Governance

- 6.1 Virgin London Marathon:** club has been allocated 5 places. JH has emailed out to club members and has so far had 8 applications. Places to be agreed at next committee meeting.
- 6.2**

7. Road Races

- 7.1 Rugby 10:** poor response from club members with only 2 members taking part and difficulties in obtaining marshals. Need review for next year requests for it to include a 10k race which may encourage more to participate.
- 7.2** MA said that the Warwicks RR league was pressing for reductions in entry fees for road races. Not seen as practical as very little if any profit made from these event once costs of prize.

8. Communications

- 8.1 Website:** very close to launch. Request from Ruth for a paragraph defining role of committee. TG will use draft constitution document to supply.
- 8.2 Marketing Support:** ME provided a written proposal for support in the production of press releases etc to keep the clubs profile in the media view. Need to raise the profile to encourage sponsorship from medium/large company in the future. Agreed to fund for three months.

9. Welfare

- 9.1** M-A W said that she was putting together basic first aid bags for use by coaches away from track. Also promoting first aid courses.

10. AOB/Correspondence

- 10.1 Dates/Venue for next meetings.** Creaton not available, A-M W offered her house at Ravensthorpe for next meeting.
3A Scott Close , Ravensthorpe, NN6 8EA. Meeting at 1930 as normal on 11 October. December meeting back at Creaton
- 10.2** Letter from Steve Heighway to committee read out.
- 10.3 Birmingham X country league: 7 December at Abington Park:** Only one race at 1430, Changing facilities, toilets, first aid, refreshments required. Volunteers required to set up course and marshal.
- 10.4 TE had won 97th county medal at Daventry on 13 October 2013**

Meeting closed at 21.50

Meeting dates for rest of 2013
11 November – Ravensthorpe
9 December - Creaton

Date of next meeting: Monday 11 November 2013 at Ravensthorpe at 1930