

Rugby & Northampton Athletics Club: General Committee Meeting

Date: Monday 9 September 2013

Venue: Creaton

Present: Mark Exley, Terry Egan, Joe Horsley, Anne-Marie Williamson,, Tim Merrey, Trish Garner and Jim Elder

By Invitation Dave Pope and Ben Townsend

Apologies: Terry Akiens, Mary Akiens& Paul Cooper

1. Matters arising

- 1.1 *Recruitments of PR and Publicity person:*** through contacts ME has found that we may have the use of a graduate student, under supervision to write press releases etc. We still need an internal Marketing and PR professional to lead for R & N AC. Position needs advertising within R & N membership.
- 1.2 *Richard Blenkinsop:*** discussions completed.
- 1.3 *Rugby Club House:*** IG will lead for R & N on the renewal of lease with committee mandate on conditions for acceptance. New leisure centre has ambitious plan to maximise income and there is a need to ensure that this does not jeopardise our own plans.
- 1.4 *Underage athletes:*** TE said this matter now resolved
- 1.5 *Rugby 10 Marshalls:*** shortfall still a problem with 3 weeks to go.
- 1.6 *Website:*** still not up and running. TG to check progress for next meeting.
- 1.7 *T Shirts:*** cost £3k, £2k from ready steady run to go to Rugby Clubhouse rest goes to YDL stuff. Need for clear visibility and accountability over spend.

2. Northampton Track

- 2.1** DP provided and update on the current position over the redevelopment of NTFC football stadium. He has been leading negotiations with NBC for some time on behalf of the club and committee since funding was found for the football club expansion.
- 2.2** He had obtained legal advice on the strength of our existing lease and found that we had no right notice of termination and no strong position to fight from. Building work starts at NTFC in March/April 2014 and at that time the existing track and facilities will be removed. There is insufficient time for a new track to be built anywhere in the time available.
- 2.3** Initially the new University of Northampton site was seen as the best location. However, funding and work do not commence there until 2016 and could be 2019 before a track facility was available. That is if a large enough area of land could be found within the site.
- 2.4** There are few other locations available and at present Moulton College seem to be the most likely location for a new track facility. Negotiations are in an early stage and until they are progressed the media should not be involved.
- 2.5** A likely start date for any works would be early 2014 and for much if not all of 2014 the club will have no facility within Northampton to call its own.
- 2.6** After much discussion it was agreed that trying to fight NTFC to retain the existing facility was unlikely to succeed and would pitch us against the funder of a new facility.
- 2.7** Agreed in principle that the club would work towards managing most of 2014 without a facility but with the vision that at the end of 2014 it would have a quality facility at Moulton College.
- 2.8** Agreed in principle to proceed with moving the club to a new stadium at Moulton by the end of 2014.

3. Finance

- 3.1 *August 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 have now exceeded projected income line

4. Membership

33 New members proposed and accepted by the committee including two coaches.

Daniel Carey	Jack Carey	Abbie Draper	Charlotte Duffin
Olivia Farrell	Oliver Grundy	Jeevan Jutla	Samuel Whittaker
Yoseph Wilson	Kierran West	Helen West	Xcena Pasqualin
Paul Adams	Isaac Beethan-Green	Jake Devine	Dahlia Folwell
Rebecca Kidd	Ruby Lane	Daxa Panchal	Oliver Rose
Ruby Fall	Cameron Berry	Stephen Arroyo-Hover	Hope-Ellis Brown
Darcie Butler	Riley Hillyard	Thomas Hughes	Jack Mains
Jamie Russell	Isaac Seiger	Jack Upton	Lee Woodward
Jake Hope			

4.1 TE said that he had again been approached by people who want a lower rate for Road Runners who do not want to use the track for training. Again emphasised that there will be no change in policy. For those who find even £70 too much to pay at once there were facilities for monthly payments.

5. Competition

5.1 Vets League: Won Midlands final with men 40½ points in front and ladies 2½. Club has the best Vets T & F team in the Midlands.

5.2 YDL: Very successful national final for U13/15 finishing 3rd. Older age group finished 6th.

5.3 HOE season – finished 4th.

6. Governance

6.1 Revised Constitution: was circulated prior to meeting containing a number of revisions taken from the UKA template constitution. Further revisions proposed and as JH has little free time at the present a small working group of JE/TG and JH set up to complete reworking of constitution.

7. Road Races

7.1 Rugby 10: see matters arising section 1

8. Communications

8.1 Website: still outstanding

9. Welfare

9.1 M-A W said that the club had been approached regarding a special needs child joining the club. Need to check what was required and only able to offer any place at Rugby as needed to be a Saturday which is not able to be offered at Northampton. .

10. AOB/Correspondence

10.1 Presentation Night: booked for 6 December but clashes with sports hall activity. BT to sort out.

10.2 Dates/Venue for next two 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 14 October. Venue for November meeting to be agreed at October meeting.

10.3 UKA letter – advising that Athlete registration fee will remain at £10 for 2014. Club fee will remain at £75 for 2014.

10.4 London Marathon 2014 – allocation of club places. JH tabled a set of criteria which were agreed for the 2014 marathon

10.5 BA had emailed a number of questions:

- Website status (see above)
- Rugby 10 (see above)
- End of season review – agreed will be held in October

- Lack of Press reports for Young athletes - agreed but no one writing anything this year. Aim that new press person plus help will solve this.

Meeting closed at 21.50

Meeting dates for rest of 2013

14 October – Ravensthorpe

11 November – to be agreed

9 December - Creaton

Date of next meeting: Monday 14 October 2013 at **Ravensthorpe** at 1930