

## **Rugby & Northampton Athletics Club: General Committee Meeting**

**Date:** Monday 9 March 2015    **Venue:** Creaton

**Present:** Mark Exley, Angela Sumnall, Terry Egan, Paul Cooper, Ben Townsend, Terry Akiens, Tim Merrey, Richard Blenkinsop, Joe Horsley, Mary Akiens, Janet Wright, Helen Gardner, Dave Burge & Angela Horley.

### **1. New Committee – Development of the club**

ME welcomed the new committee members to what is the largest committee. He said that there was a need for everyone to work together to ensure the club continued to develop.

### **2. Matters Arising from meeting of 12 January 2015**

1.6.4 Senior match Newport: PC said that the closest location with available hotel space was Bristol. Awaiting BA to make a decision on whether to proceed with booking.

4.5 Logo: Agreed to change to the simpler logo ASAP. Clothing to change as stocks depleted. Website and correspondence to have new logo ASAP.

6.2 YFL Match 28<sup>th</sup> June: Starter still to be finalised

Dates of future meetings:

Monday 13 April – IBIS Crick

Monday 10 August – Creaton

Monday 11 May – Creaton

Monday 7 September - Creaton

Monday 8 June – Creaton

Monday 12 October - Creaton

Monday 13 July – Creaton

Monday 9 November - Creaton

### **3. Northampton Track**

All contracts signed and start of work is next Monday. The club will now be able to work with the college to ensure everything is right College want to be partners and run athletics courses. Opening date: Summer 2015.

The £8k from the joint account with NTFC is still outstanding. ME to follow up with NBC.

### **4. Rugby Clubhouse**

4.1 Redrafted lease PC said that they had now received feedback on comments from RBC. There had been some misunderstanding over total land area included in the lease. We had assumed 6m from clubhouse while lease shows 2.5m which is insufficient for stairway and lift for upper storey extension. Meeting held last week and RBC sympathetic to 6m.

4.2 GL want to reorganise space in the Leisure Centre and to provide crèche in the clubhouse. GLL want to redecorate clubhouse and keep clean. Will work around us but want space each weekday from 0900-1100 for approximately 1 year. Need for formal agreement.

4.3 Rugby redevelopment: Laurence Smith has produced paper on how things should be done. Should go to June legacy funding as is penultimate funding round. JW to circulate LS's paper to Committee.

### **5. Finance**

5.1 Subs & joining fees – projected figure for year is £66,250 against £73,237 in 2014. Reflects changes to membership rates.

5.2 *February transactions* – Noted

5.3 Coaches' courses – Noted. Invoice for a number of courses outstanding. Coaching course at Nottingham cancelled. Agreed to pay £40 for abortive hotel bill.

5.4 Accounts for year to date and budgets sheets to be updated

5.5 Audited accounts for 2013. PC said that the audited accounts for 2013 had been issued.

### **6. Membership**

6.1 New members: proposed and all 18 accepted by the committee:

William Drage	Luc Fays	Isabella Foale	Joanne Kinder
Shelley Palmer-Boyd	Cage Boons	Jeremy Hyland	Latrell Linton-Shaw
Parisse Linton-Shaw	Georgia Geracs	Richard Hardy	Zack Oldfield
Hannah-Mai Abbott	Elana-Rose Fereday	Emily O'Connor	Elsie Palmer-Boyd
Francesca Peabody	Tyra Walcott		

6.2 2015 Membership: TE explained the membership renewal process and said that for 2015-16 membership cards would be Green.

6.3 Membership stands at 974 members; Rugby 553 and Northampton 421. Qualified coaches 97, qualified officials 27. 12 coaches are currently awaiting DBS and licensing.

#### 6.4 Membership renewals

List of member's outstanding renewal provided. Proposed Constitution change to reduce time from 6 to 3 months for lapsed member's membership to be terminated.

6.5 Honorary Members: Three long standing coaches at Northampton, Judith Meeton, Andy Byrd and Steve Harris have retired. Proposed that they should become honorary members and this to be raised at next EGM/AGM

### 7. **Competition**

**7.1 Club Connect Relays**: Positive feedback over attendance at event. U13G 2<sup>nd</sup>, U17B 2<sup>nd</sup> other good results.

**7.2 Cross Country**: Adam Coulfield won Bronze medal in National XC  
Jacob Allen selected to run for England

**7.3 Spring Open**: Increasing the price hasn't reduced the number of entrants. £5 per event, 5 weeks to go and a good number of entries. Need to ensure that new officials are active at the event.

Refreshments issue raised. Need to ensure all officials are fed. Agreed. Charity donations – not included in this event.

**7.4 Team Management**: There is a need where there are multiple Team Managers for one person to co-ordinate sending off applications to XDL etc. Single point of contact necessary.  
HofE will be combined effort for Team Management.

### 8. **Governance**

8.1 Review of general committee numbers and election process. Agreed to defer to July when the new committee had been running for a number of meetings.

8.2 LRG Committee: Committee make up agreed as presented :

Ruth Waugh – Joint Chair

Kay Shaw – Joint Chair

Angela Horley

Marion Allen

Ann Hartfield

Laurence Scott – MRG

8.3 Angela Horley gave a summary of her club involvement including LRG and coaching.

### 9. **Road Races**

Rugby 6 : on 13<sup>th</sup> May Mary A recruiting marshals, medical support booked

Fun Run taking part on 17<sup>th</sup> May and again help required.

### 10. **Communications**

9.1 Website – TM said all in hand. Been busy so some changes have taken time to make.

9.2 PR support & Sponsorship– RW questioned coverage by local press particularly the Northampton Chronicle & Echo. ME said that C&E weekly and has little space while the Rugby Advertiser has more room. Need to tailor reports for each paper. May need the personal touch rather than letting the paper pick which bits it wants to feature. ME will review and bring along suggestions to next meeting.

## 11. Welfare

RB summarised the White/Carmichael case. Met Andy Carmichael 27 February. RB/A\_MW discussed today. First draft of letter produced and will refine during the week. Issue will then be resolved.

## 12. AOB

12.1 **Vets Track and Field Records:** Dave Cowley has produced updated Vets Track and Field Records from a combination of Rugby, Phoenix and R&NAC. Response from Vince Carroll to Dave that these are not club records as some took place before the formation of the existing club. After discussion agreed that the Vets records as updated by DC should stand.

12.2 **Coaches Kit** – should be provided so that Coaches, and Team Managers can easily be identified. Kit already available for purchase with identification but proposal was for free kit. Prices needed before any decision as providing 97 coaches with free clothing would be very expensive. Plan and prices to be provided at next meeting.

12.3 **Sportshall:** BT said there was a £200 shortfall in funding for presentation night awards- agreed to fund shortfall.

12.4 **EA** – JH raised the Visually Impaired Friendly Athletics booklet received from EA. Need for review of club policy on taking this forward in coming months.

12.5 **Star Track:** 3 Full weeks of Star Track, plus three Community Days to be trialled this year in partnership with Council. GLL looking for help for School Sports Days. JW has put plan together. Talent identification in place to boost numbers and junior number for Santa Run. Would like to pay for some of the help and look for sponsorship.

Schools that could pay would while those that couldn't the club would sponsor. JW to provide plan for next meeting.

Meeting closed 22:15

Date of next meeting: Monday 13<sup>th</sup> April at 1930 at IBIS, Crick.