

Rugby & Northampton Athletics Club: General Committee Meeting

Date: Monday 14 September 2015 **Venue:** Creaton

Present: Mark Exley, Terry Egan, Terry Akiens, Joe Horsley, Mary Akiens, Janet Wright, Dave Burge, Angela Sumnall, Paul Cooper, Karen Rushton, Tim Merry, Helen Gardner and Ben Townsend

Angela Horley has resigned from the committee.

1. Matters Arising from meeting of 10 August 2015

11.3 **Club records:** passed to Jim Elder

11.6 **Membership Database:** progressing, ready by end of next week.

4.6 **Coaches: Officials courses** – timekeepers in short supply, email needed to try and gain more volunteers.

2. Northampton Track

The construction of the track is still dragging on, progress seems very slow. An increase in cost from £1.2m to £1.6m meant the council having to obtain further funding and project manage the scheme. October/November before track ready at earliest.

DG is sourcing alternative training venues for the autumn but some available last year are not available this year. DG unable to attend this meeting as requested at the last meeting.

TE read out email from Adrian White regarding lack of information on progress. Agreed there is a need to have regular updates on the website including pictures of site and progress. ME to write.

October contingency is High School/Moulton. Rugby track still being used on Tuesday nights with added cost of transport.

DG requested to attend next meeting.

3. Rugby Clubhouse

3.1. **Crèche/Clubhouse:** JW has sent long email to Leisure Centre and has held meeting with manager. The agreement to use the club house as a crèche has been terminated and until a signed agreement is in place no further use of the building by the crèche is to be made. She awaits a response to the email and its terms for future use of the building plus restitution for lost/damaged items and equipment and the time spent putting equipment right.

JW suggested altering the changing rooms to provide lockable storage and a conditioning suite. Confirmation that showers for events would still be available in Leisure Centre if removed from the clubroom required. When these changes have been made then the crèche could be let back in. This would also mean a signing in/out process to ensure that the building was secure after use.

The committee discussed management of the crèche and benefits of having the facility over the disbenefits.

JW said she would send her list of changes to PC within the next 24hrs with costs.

4. Finance

4.1 Subscriptions – still tracking 2014 amounts so on target to reach 2014 level of £73k

4.2 Transactions – net £7k income over expenditure.

4.3 Accounts – summary of year to date, surplus still stands at around £10k

4.4 Budget - noted

5. Membership

5.1 New members: proposed and all 15 accepted by the committee:

Lisa Peters	Shelagh Robinson	Mikala Torrance	Kelly Wills
Muss-Ab Hassan	Ollie Bench	Jak Eyre	Jack Gray

Matthew Littler	Evan Lowe	Maxamillian Marshall	Macey Quinn
Anya Bennett	Amelie Edge	Leah Mistry	

5.2 Membership stands at 1056 members, Rugby 628 and Northampton 428; qualified coach's 99, qualified officials 35.

DB proposed to qualify as DSB verifier.

6. Competition

6.1 Female Road Running and Cross Country Team Managers: There is a need for new team managers this autumn. Need to circulate coaches to see if any interest. Agreed that list of positions filled and vacancies to be circulated by KR.

6.2 Vets Cup Final:

Lions W 1st A Final

Saints M 1st B Final

Combined B Final 1st

Combined A Final 2nd

6.3 Northampton ½ Marathon: 10 club athletes took part, Stephen Marks 1hr 16 and 3rd

6.4 YDL Final: – finished 6th in both age groups (that's 6th in country!). Good performances but some athletes fresh from holidays and suffered from lack of training. Upper age group won around 50 medals.

6.5 British Athletics League – Men

Out of 17 events won 9 A string and 11 B String

4 teams involved. Now definitely in British League for next year. Athletes were funded for the qualifier and funders found to cover costs. Further work needed to sort out how this 'funding works. ME will gain advice from tax consultant.

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3000m 8:05.71

5000m 13:53.30.

6.6 X Country Race at Northampton 11 October:

Most issues now resolved, need for more marshals and tape etc.

6.7 Club Champs:

Large number of competitors, 190ish over the two days. Medals for all! Lots of helpers. One incident that needs to be resolved.

7. Governance

7.1 London Marathon Places: JH recommended that a requirement to have been a member of the club for 2 years be added to the requirements.

7.2 Committee Membership makeup: Short discussion held where the proposed committee makeup to be proposed to membership at next EGM/AGM would be:

Committee Main Posts (5) Voted at AGM

5 Committee Members from Rugby – voted by Rugby members

5 Committee Members from Northampton – voted by Northampton Members

Proposals to be reviewed at next committee meeting.

8. Road Races

Rugby 10 – going well but still more help required to staff 3 water stations. MA said that looking to change the way we do road races, also need input from Northampton members to learn. Proposal to set up subcommittee to manage in the future.

9. Communications

9.1 Website – some tidying and updating to be done.

9.2 **Sponsorship-** ME has been networking to discuss what we need to do to attract sponsors. Lots of ideas received and will provide list of potential sponsors. One option is to sell beauty/health products for commission.

Large companies are harder to crack, giving companies exposure to club members and parents in exchange for sponsorship may be best way. Event sponsorship ... for the future?

10. Welfare

Nothing

11. AOB

11.1 **Team Management** – DB said as an observation that reliance on the Power of 10 rather than actual observation of athletes was leading to kids who deserve a team place not getting one. Needs better collaboration to ensure best athletes are selected. Noted that coach's not being notified about team selectins and ability to comment. Track wash-up meeting to be held to resolve.

Meeting closed 2202

Date of next meeting: Monday 11 October at 1930 at Creaton.