

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

Date: 8 August 2016, Creaton, 7.30pm

**Present:** Mark Exley, Angela Sumnal, Joe Horsley, Dave Burge, Paul Cooper, Adrian White, Janet Wright and Stuart Carlaw

**Apologies:** Helen Gardner, Terry Akiens and Karen Rushton

### **1. Matters arising from meeting of 11 July 2016**

5.5 Moulton College prices for track hire- resolved

5.6 Adam Wright – does enquiries, registers, chasing outstanding membership, coach's lists now being corrected.

6.1 Membership list – all those who haven't paid have been removed from membership list. Small number still to pay (and have said they would).

10.1 Website – overhaul needs additional helpers.

11.1 Star track- one week down, getting better than ever. Good core team leading it.

11.3 Club Champs – Thu 8<sup>th</sup> and Sat 10<sup>th</sup> September. JW is organising and will produce timetable. Will circulate for comments.

11.4 Presentation evening – venue still to be decided. Lead coach for each event will collate votes from other discipline coaches.

11.8 Officials – desperate to fill vacancies, 3 -4 field officials plus 2-3 timekeepers needed. Try to arrange local course.

### **2. Northampton Track**

2.1 Most of the running surface has been laid with about 50 metres remaining. Lining still to be done. Which will take 4 days. Both front and back straight fully marked to reduce wear and tear.

2.2 Clubhouse complete and going through snagging. Throws cage fabricated but still to be installed.

2.3 On target for end of August completion. Equipment still stored at Sixfields site being moved to Moulton.

2.4 Lease – PC has provided feedback on lease. Costs for Moulton will be the same as Sixfields increased to current prices. This covers Tuesday and Thursday nights and Sunday mornings. Use at other times may increase charges.

### **3. Rugby Track**

3.1 Gym area complete, quotes for equipment being pursued. Floor complete.

3.2 Fund raising going OK.

### **4. Finance**

4.1 Subscriptions comparison – levelling off, not sure if we will hit £76k target.

4.2 Transactions – Rugby shop, poor takings at last two events.

4.3 Accounts to date – Noted

4.4 Budget – noted

4.5 Charity proposals. Recommendation that foundation model CIO be used. Initial costs of setting up £2.4K, likely overall cost of £2.5k to £3k.

Committee members should not be trustees but further guidance of any governing body of charity to be obtained. There will be a need for accountants to be involved in any transfer of money between the charity and the club.

Agreed unanimously that we proceed with instructions to Thursfields. AW to have further discussions with Thursfields. AW authorised to sign agreement with Thursfields.

### **5. Membership**

5.1 16 new members, 408 Northampton and 563 Rugby (including 164LRG).

5.2 The following new members were accepted into the club.

Jane Akinola	Luc Breen	Harvey Ivor Hsu
Dominic Jones	James Idris Lewis	Aidan Mc Fadden
Jade Morgan	Anesu Mumbure	Harvey Oliver
Laura Riddell	Gemma Stockton	Karen Tailby
Abigail Katy Thayanithy	Rugy Grace Thomas	Lucy Van Uem
Finlay Ward		

## 6 Competition

- 6.1 YDL – both age groups have reached National finals
- 6.2 HofE – finished 2<sup>nd</sup> both U11 groups won.
- 6.3 BAL – another 2<sup>nd</sup> place - promoted
- 6.4 UK Women’s League –ended in 4<sup>th</sup> place, still in 3<sup>rd</sup> division. Roy Humphries will take over as Team Manager next year.
- 6.5 Midland League – under pressure to move athletes out of UKWL, withdraw and compete in Midland League.
- 6.6 Teams Coordination meeting – in October to sort out initial team members for 2017. Team Managers, key coaches etc. to be involved. Communication between coaches need to improve to ensure athletes understand why remaining in the club is beneficial. We also need to stop forcing athletes to do disciplines they don’t want to do.
- 6.7 Eleanor Broome – missed cut by 1cm in Tbilisi
- 6.8 Elite Membership – Agreed for Eleanor Broome.

## 7 Governance

Nil

## 8 Road Races

Details going out for Rugby 10.

## 9 Communication

### 9.1 Website

See matters arising

### 9.2 PR Support & Sponsorship

Social media policy – from UKA. AS to arrange for Facebook group to return to closed. Picture of young athletes are now open to the world - risks – maybe need for a closed group plus an open group for publicity

## 10 Welfare

A-M W to attend next meeting/

## 11 AOB

Survey – SC produced first draft of club members survey. Is using survey monkey – response within two weeks.

Meeting Closed 2130

Date of next meeting 12 September at 19.30