

Rugby & Northampton Athletics Club: General Committee Meeting

Date: 8th January 2018, Creaton, 7.30pm

Present: Mark Exley, Angie Sumnall, Dave Burge, Paul Cooper, Karen Rushton, Adrian White, Amanda Gurney, Joe Horsley, Terry Akiens, Steve Reynolds and Janet Wright

1. Matters arising from meeting of previous meetings

1.1 Club kit: noted the supplier has not yet visited Rugby on a track night.

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2. Facilities

2.1 Northampton

Indoor throws training previously using the Equestrian Centre has been relocated. No other major issues.

2.2 Rugby

JW has met with RBC, GLL contract is unclear on who does what and who pays for what. JW has updated RBC why regular maintenance is necessary to maintain quality of track. Cabinet meeting on 22 January and papers being put together over £70k (emergency funding) needed to carry out urgent work.

5 year rolling programme with costings to keep track at a good standard. Looking at doubling track hire hourly fees so that income supports maintenance. This money would be ring-fenced to spend on track.

Urgent need to clean and remark rack by March. Working party to carry out some work before then.

Noted that there was a real RISK OF NOT HAVING EVERYTHING READY FOR MATCHES AT Rugby track this season

In the longer term track may be managed by other than the leisure centre and run by a Trust, Rugby School etc. Nuneaton have done a similar thing with Club and Council setting up a company to manage the track.

Need to find £8k for track clean + base of additional store out of costs of £22k. Our contribution to be made up of £6k profit from Santa Run + £2k from club funds.

3. Competition

3.1 Forthcoming Hosted Events

14th January 2018 – Abington Park X Country match.

Agreed that BAL match to be relocated from Rugby track to nearby track.

3.2 Coach Development Training

Needs to be picked up again (by Dave G). Date needs to be agreed (3 months off) covering both sites. Key speakers needed to make it worthwhile.

3.3 Team Management

Sarah Turner has volunteered as Team Manager for lower age group YDL. Still looking for further volunteers.

3.4 Official Recruitment and Training

JW has arranged a course although timekeepers course still need organising. Need to ensure those who have been trained actually turn out for club.

3.5 Recent Competition Results

3 Counties - Men 3rd Women 7th

Noted several club records from recent indoor competition.

Warwickshire County Champs – club only had a total of 18 athletes competing comprising of 9 senior men and 9 men/ladies for all other age groups

Northants County Champs – club won 9 out of 10 team titles, 7 out of 10 Golds. 81 under 17s ran.

Need to ensure that Rugby are better represented in Warwick's County Champs in future. Need to get in diaries next September.

Track & File selection policy, circulated in September 2017. ME will recirculate.

4. Finance

4.1 Financial reports

Subscriptions – - ended year at £89,146 against a budget of £85,000.

4.2. Transactions – Noted

4.3. Accounts to end of year – Figures look £13k worse, deficit of £7k as expected.

4.4. Draft 2018 Budget

Reviewed in detail. Discussion over increased costs at Rugby and extra track hours for training. Likely need to raise membership to fund this.

Caroline P to come to next meeting with ideas for rates and payments.

Fees to be debated at February meeting.

Overall need to get more money in to develop the club.

4.5. BAL athlete payments.

Discussion of different rates paid to BAL athletes compared to BAL points. Only £391, agreed to pay the higher amount. Need for clarity on payment method for this year

5. Membership

5.1 No membership statistics this month – ME will chase up and circulate

6. Governance

3.1. Club Policies

Code of conduct, Social Media etc. Steve will recirculate. Noted that all helpers at track need to be DBS'd.

Need for knowledge of what groups are used by club members, What's App groups, Facebook groups, Twitter accounts etc.

Clubmark used on website but we have been part of this for some time.

Welfare officers. Need separate officers at each site and both male and female.

Feedback to Steve.

3.2. Reports from sub-committees

None

3.3. AGM

Venue to be East Haddon Primary School, 12th March 2018 at 1930.

7. Communication

7.1 Website

DB to discuss with BA. New site would cost £85 and same amount payable every year.

Need to change

7.2. Members Communication -Foundation newsletter to be issued shortly.

8. Late notice items

8.1 None

Meeting Closed 2206 Date of next meeting 5 February at 1930