



SUFFOLK COUNTY ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION

MINUTES OF THE COMMITTEE MEETING held at Stowmarket Leisure Centre on Friday 21 September 2012

Present: Joe Mower, Richard Nash, Graham Leroy, Karin Mead, Paul Felton, Jennie Grimwood, Ron Wallwork, Margaret Leek. Dave Smith & Lance Williams from SEAN.

Minutes: The minutes of the previous meeting having been circulated were taken as read and signed as a true record.

Matters arising: There were no matters arising not covered by the agenda.

Apologies for Absence: Terry Back, Tania Spurling, Jonathan Wilding, Roy Miller, Bill Cox, Jean Cox, Tony Cheatham, Chris Starmer, Mike Oakley.

Feedback from Chairman's meeting with England Athletics on 11 September:

RN reported that due to traffic and accidents on the road, he did not attend this meeting but will circulate the minutes. There is a second meeting on 25 October 2012 which RN will try to attend.

SEAN & Suffolk AA Merger Update: There was a lengthy discussion as to how the merger will work. SEAN will fall into SCAA but will keep its own identity as this help with sponsorship and grants. SEAN meets every other month and deals with coach development etc. and SCAA meets the other months and deals with competitions etc.

At the SCAA AGM there will be a need to make constitutional changes and role name changes. RN will email details to the Committee. There will be one fee for both organisations. Dave Smith supported the work that had already been done towards the merger.

- △ RN has still to review the SCAA Constitution to present at the AGM
- △ RN to draft out some of the roles defined in the Constitution.

Tania had already sent out role descriptions - some would merge into the existing county roles. There was a plea for a secretary to take over from Joe Mower.

Finance: At present there is £14,188.88 in the County Funds made up of £11,520.25 in the bank, £28.18 cash and £1,640.45 in the Building Society. Tony reported via Joe Mower that there is £600+ owing to the County from the Friday 5 series and expenses that have to be agreed. Karin Mead handed money for hooded tops and Kingston bus fare to Joe Mower.

Track and Field: The numbers from Suffolk for the U13 championships at Kingston were down this year but those who went enjoyed themselves.

On 30 September is the Combined Events Championships at Cambridge.

Two ladies attended the CAU championships - Tania Spurling and Katy Seeley.

Cross Country: RN reported that Chris Starmer still has to look at the new route at Ickworth Park which is ongoing. Dave Cripps (West Suffolk) will help with Team selection if asked. The Championships are on Sunday 6 January 2013.

On December 08 2012 is the Southern Inter-counties at Woodford Green - agreed to support these.

It was reported that Odile (West Suffolk) will help Dave Cripps if Naomi and Gary Finch are not available. Karin Mead will contact them.

The dates for the Suffolk Winter League were given as: 28 October Framlingham; 2 December Woodbridge; 17 February Bungay; Dates for Nowton Park and Stowmarket venues to be confirmed.

Road Running: Terry Back sent a written report. The date for next year's Woodbridge 10k is 19 May 2013. Entries to nearly all the road races are reporting as full for their events which is very encouraging. The Suffolk Grand Prix series is now on the web site thanks to Mike and Richard for their assistance. There are 2 events left, Bungay on 4 November and Hadleigh on 25 November. Haverhill 10 event have asked to be in the series next year. TB recommends that an email/letter be sent to members asking for events re 2013 Grand Prix rather than just choosing events via the Committee. This should state the basic rules of 6 events of varied distance plus any charges involved for admin of series results.

The Park Runs have now started in Ipswich at Chantry Park cricket club and the first events had just over 70 athletes taking part. Around 150 people have signed up for bar codes prior to the series starting so looks like a reasonable entry each week.

Since the previous meeting clubs had been emailed (within SCAA) regarding the traffic management issues that are creating problems for a number of events. Clubs were asked to provide names of TMOs so a list could be put on the website to assist Race Directors but there had been a limited response. TB gave a few ideas as to how this would work (TB's report available if anyone wishes to see it).

No approach has yet been made to the Friday 5 Clubs to see what they are doing for the 2013 series, in the way of results and rule clarification. TB is hoping the clubs will arrange a meeting among themselves to sort this out as they need to run this as a club series and not a county association series.

During 2013 TB would like to restart County championship road races. Feedback from the membership would be welcomed.

TB concluded his report by suggesting having a group email system to communicate between committee and membership thus reaching out to the membership with important issues to make them feel that being part of the SCAA is important and that their input and ideas are welcomed.

Paul Felton informed the meeting that the mileage allowance for Event Adjudicators has gone up from 75 miles to 100 miles in total but the cost per mile has not increased.

Race Walking: Ron Wallwork reported that the Suffolk Ladies were Runners Up in the Inter Counties 10k. A young walker was not entered by Suffolk Schools for an event but was eventually able to compete. Need to ensure he has entered next year and any others.

Sports Hall Athletics: Tania has emailed details of two up and coming Sportshall events - one in October and one in December.

Coaching: There was no report but SEAN have put on several courses recently.

Officials: (a) Track and Field - There is a course on 21 October at Chelmsford and this is on the England Athletics website.

(b) Endurance - Joe Mower needs Log sheets back, these should have been returned by the end of August. There is a Risk Assessment course on 24 November. There are 15/20 people interested and will be on the EA website.

JM sits on the Endurance Committee of UKA and there are various proposals going round about report forms. 2A & B = 1 report; 2C= 2or more reports.

Risk Assessment - things have been slack with regards to this. It is now suggested that all course maps should be grip maps so that if an ambulance is needed it can go to the grid reference. A health and safety officer has been appointed for the National Championships this year. JM has done a role description.

It is recommended that all road races should have a Referee and Adjudicator.

Correspondence: This has all been dealt with under the various headings above,

Any other business: Karin Mead informed the meeting that Bruce Andrews (Suffolk Schools) has moved to Norfolk but will still be involved in this season's schools cross country events.

Graham Leroy asked if the U20/U15 inter-counties will go back to its normal venue and date for 2013. This is not known at present. He said that the good athletes should be allowed to compete.

Date of next meeting: 23 November 2012.

Meeting closed 9pm.