



## SUFFOLK COUNTY ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION

MINUTES OF THE COMMITTEE MEETING held at Stowmarket Leisure Centre following the AGM Friday 10 February 2012

**Present:** Richard Nash, Joe Mower, Tony Cheatham, Terry Back, Jean Cox, Bill Cox, Graham LeRoy, Tania Spurling, Jonathan Wilding, Clive Pinnion, Roy Miller, Terry McEntee, Margaret Leek.

**Minutes:** There were no minutes to agree.

**Bus Charge:** Joe Mower explained that when the levy came in athletes went free of charge on the coaches but now there is no levy. Therefore there is a need to start charging athletes. Graham LeRoy objected - athletes who were selected to represent their County should not be asked to pay. A long discussion followed. Tania Spurling suggested contacting Suffolk County Council Education for the use of their coaches as most of the athletes are Suffolk School children. This was agreed. There were two proposals for coach charges £8 athlete £12 supporter and £5 athlete and £10 supporter with the proviso that if an athlete could not afford the fee financial assistance would be given. Terry McEntee will investigate organisations who have systems for this kind of thing and report back at the next meeting. A vote was taken:

|        | For | Against | Abstained |
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| £8/£12 | 2   | 5       | 6         |
| £5/£10 | 6   | 1       | 6         |

Charge of £5 athlete and £10 supported was carried.

As the Inter-counties team has already been selected it was agreed to waiver the coach cost for this event.

### **Suffolk Grand Prix Series**

The Dates for this are on the Suffolk AA website. In 2013 will be looking for different venues.

**Friday 5:** Alan Jackson is looking to pass the organisation of this on and Richard Nash is looking to bring this event under the banner of SCAA to raise the profile. Jean Cox said it was a shame that the first 2 races were at the start and finish of half term and several people can't partake in the Series. Questioned when the dates were set - at the Fixtures meeting.

Therefore this point needs to be raised at that meeting in September. The cost of this event is split between the five Clubs involved and trophies etc are bought.

### **Any other business:**

- ⤴ The Cross Country Championships went well and the National Trust want to host the event again! The date for 2013 is Sunday 06 January.
- ⤴ Congratulations to Felixstowe Road Runners on obtaining Clubmark and to Stowmarket Striders and Ipswich Harriers on their renewal.
- ⤴ A suggestion that this Committee meets more regularly.
- ⤴ Joe Mower reported that Suffolk has been invited to Surrey County's meeting - U13/U15 - again on 22 July 2012 at Kingston. A coach would be required. It was agreed to attend.
- ⤴ Joe Mower has been elected Chair on the Regional Panel of East Region England Athletics Council for Road Running.

- ⤴ Re: Adjudicator - Terry Back and Paul Felton are the only two from Suffolk as from 1 April 2012. Permits need to be in before April to have a referee.
- ⤴ Joe Mower informed the meeting that the medical report on the Middlesex athlete who died during a race - Coroner's report stated that the Club was partly at fault. This has an affect on the Risk Assessment for all cross country and road races.
- ⤴ Question was asked as to the minimum requirement for First Aid - Joe Mower was unable to answer.
- ⤴ Clive Pinnion - Hadleigh Hares want to enter the East Anglian Track & Field League for this coming season and asked how to go about it. It was thought it was too late to qualify for 2012 but Tony Cheatham and Graham LeRoy will look into them being a guest for 2012.
- ⤴ On 31 March 2012 Joe Mower will be leading a Risk Assessment Course for Endurance 10.00am - 1pm in the Ipswich area.

**Date of next meeting:** Friday 27 April 2012.

Meeting closed 9pm.