



SUFFOLK COUNTY ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION

MINUTES OF THE COMMITTEE MEETING held at Stowmarket Leisure Centre following the AGM Friday 15 February 2013

Present: Richard Nash, Joe Mower, Tony Cheatham, Terry Back, Jean Cox, Bill Cox, Tania Spurling, Jonathan Wilding, Roy Miller, Terry McEntee, Karin Mead, David Cripps, Odile Wladon, Trevor Bunch, Mike Oakley, Margaret Leek.

Minutes: There were no minutes to agree.

Richard Nash welcomed the new members to the Committee including the schools representative Odile Wladon.

The County Rules had been done and the County Championships are at Ipswich on 26 May 2013.

Sportshall: Jennie Grimwood reported that the match Ipswich v Colchester went well. The last match had to be cancelled but is rearranged for 16 March at Ware. Jennie also reported that Newmarket Joggers have got their Clubmark accreditation.

Richard Nash reported on the meeting of England Athletics with County Associations. There is a fall in numbers of Level 2 Endurance Officials and Tony Cheatham reported that there is also falling off in Track & Field Level 2 Officials.

Cross Country: Chris Starmer reported that the Championships on the whole had been quite good. For next year, do we have the same course? Some felt it was too far from the carpark. There were two issues with the course initially which were corrected. More markers are needed. Finish line needs to be moved further back so people going to the start of the race don't cross the finish. Senior Men to be the last race. Paul Felton informed the meeting that he will not be doing the results but will help elsewhere. Toilets were ok and the feedback on Facebook had been positive.

Suffolk School Games: Terry McEntee asked if the Country would help out on 5 July 2013.

Martlesham 10k: This race had been cancelled this year and Paul Felton would like to see SCAA take it on as a fundraiser. Terry Back had sent email to the person (Woodbridge Lions) concerned to see how SCAA and JAFFA could help to keep it going. Felixstowe Road Runners are willing to take on the Race Directorship under the FRR banner. Need to get all the feedback and Committee would be happy to take it on but it is up to Woodbridge Lions as to how they want to go.

Championship Events: Kirton 5, Framlingham 10k. An email received from Bungay - interested in turning their East Run into half marathon to be involved. TB will follow this up.

Suffolk Grand Prix: Waiting to hear from Lowestoft to see if they wish to be involved and possibly the Bungay Turkey Trot. Sarah Vick has taken on doing the results. Chris Starmer asked if the series races can be agreed at the Fixtures meeting and if an event gets filled up quickly can another be used. This needs to be followed up.

Track and Field Championships: The date and venue are arranged. Do the fees need to be increased. It was agreed to keep them the same. Invites have been sent out to some Officials. Tony gave a plea for help! David Cripps says he has a Starter if needed. The SEAA inter-counties are 11 August at Copthall.

County Race Clock: Paul Felton has been approached by a commercial concern to hire the clock. Does the County think this is a viable concern £100 a time. Need to think about damage (£1000); does the Hirer have insurance to cover damage. Paul Felton to draft document and to agree a fee.

Any other business:

- ✧ Odile Whaldon raised the point about not sending U20s to inter-counties at Abingdon. Athletes should have been given opportunity to go and County should have paid the fee.
- ✧ David Cripps gave feedback from Coaching Assistant course to say that no safeguarding or appropriate behaviour was covered and this should be part of the course.
- ✧ Karin Mead gave hooded tops and bus money to Tony Cheatham.

Date of next meeting: Friday 10 May 2013.