



SUFFOLK COUNTY ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION
MINUTES OF THE MEETING held at Mid Suffolk District Council Offices,
Needham Market on Friday 21 November 2014

Present: Joe Mower, Tony Cheatham, Terry Back, Paul Felton, Jonathan Wilding, Terry McEntee, Trevor Bunch, Jean Cox, Bill Cox, Mike Oakley, Margaret Leek.

Apologies for Absence: Ron Wallwork, Karin Mead, Ian Gooderham, Robin Belsom, Odile Wladon.

Minutes of Previous meetings: The minutes having been circularised and with no amendments were taken as read and signed as a true record.

Matters Arising:

- ⤴ With regard to the grant TC has sent the invoices.
- ⤴ ML reported on behalf of Karin Mead that the missing vest has been found.
- ⤴ Under 2015 SCAA Grand Prix events, the Bungay Black Dog 10k is not now taking place.
- ⤴ RB has confirmed that the person doing the PA for the Ekiden Relays is willing to do the County Cross Country Champs and his fee is £80,

Finance: TC reported just £12,686 in the main account and nothing much has changed in the No 2 account since the last meeting. About £2800 in the SEAN account is in the process of being transferred to the County Account.

Invoices are to be sent out re: road races - TC to get a current list of Club Secretaries to do this.

Track and Field: TC reported that nothing much moving at present. Confirmation has been sent to West Suffolk Arena and no reply received to date.

BC queried why West Suffolk Arena - cheaper than Northgate Sports Centre and Championships had not been there for a couple of years. BC thought it may be because of the state of some areas of the Northgate Track. There is a problem with the high jump bed and the long jump board needs repainting. Apparently England Athletics have stopped track inspections at the moment. It was suggested by T Mc that BC, on behalf of Orwell Panthers, communicated with ML (Ipswich Harriers) and if Harriers were experiencing any problems then both clubs should write to NSC.

Cross Country:

PF reported that all is going ahead with the Championships. All marshalls are in position. He has sent emails to Elizabeth Thomas but has not had replies to date. As previously stated the PA system is arranged. Trophies have been ordered. There have been some difficulties with the online entries. JM queried if KM had asked for a cheque for the Inter-Counties. TC to deal with this.

Road Running: TBa gave his report: "There has been just a few road events since the last meeting. The Martlesham 10k run by Felixstowe Road Runners which was well attended by athletes from around the region. The Saxon 5 which was part of the Suffolk Grand Prix Series had a good increase in runners this year plus the addition of a junior fun run. Well done to Sarah, Gordon and the team at Saxons. The Bungay 10k and $\frac{1}{2}$ marathon, Barr Gold Event, again

reasonable sized fields and well organised and the Stowmarket Scenic 7, which had an earlier start time this year which appears to have increased runner entry. There was a touch more traffic than in previous years but not enough to cause concerns.

The final event of this year'[s Grand Prix is on Sunday at Hadleigh - 10 and 5.

At the last meeting we looked at the race rules for County Road Championships, those are now finalised and on the SCAA website.

The 2015 Grand Prix race clubs have all confirmed their willingness to hold these events: BSE Tapley 10 & 20/Woodbridge 10k/Striders Friday 5/JAFFA Larkin Gowen $\frac{1}{2}$ Marathon/Framlingham 10k/Waveney Turkey Trot and Thurlow 10mile. The question was asked should the Thurlow 5 mile be included and it was agreed that it should.

2015 County Championships have been confirmed by Strider $\frac{1}{2}$ Marathon and Felixstowe Coastal 10. Still awaiting JAFFA Friday 5 confirmation, with their AGM due on Monday 24th we should get clarification soon.

Sadly Bungay Black Dog are unable to support the 10k county event. TBa proposes to miss the 10k 2015."

TB concluded his report by saying that the 3rd newsletter would be out as soon as confirmation is received on the above.

PF had received an email from Capel Cheetahs saying that the Capel 5 would be resurrected for 2015 on 21 June and affiliation to Suffolk County AA.

JM gave dates for the Lowestoft Scores Race 13 September 2015 and the Turkey Trot 13 December 2015.

Race Walking: JM reported on RW's behalf that not a lot was happening on the Race Walking front at the moment.

Sportshall Athletics: Jennie Grimwood was Secretary of the Association but has resigned from this and also from Suffolk County AA committee. TMc has stepped into the breach. Two events have been held and the last one is on 29 November. There were 82 athletes at the first event, 97 at the second and hoping for more at the last event. It is disappointing that entries have only been from four Clubs but hopefully next year more clubs will take part. Presentation of awards will be made at the last event. The regional event is in March 2015. It is hoped to get the Suffolk team together sometime in February before the event. MO requested that the timetable be put on the website. TMc to forward this.

SEAN: TMc reported that three Club visits had taken place since the last meeting and there had been very good attendances. When EA funding ceases SEAN/Suffolk AA will have to look at how to fund these visits.

JAFFA have an event on 19 January 2015 7 - 9pm at Northgate Sports Centre and coaches from other Clubs are very welcome to attend. Paul Evans has been to Saxmundham.

Clubs need to get visits organised to use up the money by the end of March 2015.

Bursaries have been handed out mainly for Leadership and Running Fitness courses.

Safeguarding and First Aid - there is the possibility of a First Aid Course in the west of the county. May need to put one on in the east.

As a Government Initiative SEAN has supported the setting up of a satellite club at UCS with JAFFA.

Officials:

Track and Field: MO said there is a course booked at Diss for 30 November but it may not go ahead due to lack of numbers. MO also needs to know what courses each Official has done - TC to forward this information. MO has only had one end of season return.

Endurance: JM reported that the County had 88 Officials three years ago. Now there are only 43 active officials. The main reason is non-renewal of their DBS and therefore removed from Trinity list.

The TMO course may be cancelled as most TMOs need a refresher course and this is not a refresher course. JM had emailed TMOs to inform them of this. In 2015 this course will be online. TMO licences have been extended to June 2015.

New log books are coming out - Risk Assessments will now be known as Risk Awareness - Park Runs and ARC races do not count for upgrading.

Website Update: Still waiting to arrange a meeting. JM has received no comments as to what should go on the website. Whoever administrates the website should be given a contract. It was agreed that JM, MO and TMc to be the sub-committee to sort this in the new year.

Child Protection: Suffolk County AA needs Child Protection Officers - especially to support Team Managers. Someone is needed to take on the task of drawing up a Child Protection Policy. TMc will help with this. PF will type up old CP policy and circulate to Committee and feedback thoughts to JM.

Date of next meeting: The next meeting will be the Annual General Meeting on Friday 13 February 2015. Reports need to be to ML by 16 January 2015.

Any other business:

- ✧ JM is compiling of list of Clubs in the County and when they were established. Also on the website are Club Champions which JM has gleaned from old Suffolk programmes.
- ✧ BC asked if Race Organisers use St John Ambulance for their First Aid. They do not appear to be as efficient as they used to be. Many Organisers use Essex Medics or Woodbridge Medics.
- ✧ JW had attended a Clubmark session for Clubs and informed the meeting that EA are putting Safeguarding/Child Protection courses online for a fee of £12.

With no other business the meeting closed at 8.50pm.