



## SUFFOLK COUNTY ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION

MINUTES OF THE MEETING held at the Dove Room, Mid Suffolk District Council Offices, Needham Market following the AGM Friday 28 February 2014

**Present:** Joe Mower, Tony Cheatham, Terry Back, Jean Cox, Bill Cox, Jennie Grimwood, Paul Felton, Jonathan Wilding, Karin Mead, Ron Wallwork, Odile Wladon, David Cripps, Terry McEntee, Mike Oakley, Trevor Bunch, Ian Gooderham, Chris Starmer, Robin Belsom, Margaret Leek.

**Network:** Terry McEntee (SEAN) had a meeting with Joe Mower, Tony Cheatham and Lynn Walters to put forward a proposal that SEAN becomes a sub-group of SCAA. Over the past year (since Tania Spurling had left) Zeta Wright administered the clerical side regarding courses etc. but now Tania is back. SEAN has been working closely with England Athletics. SEAN has four meetings a year with Clubs. Janet Lomas has been dealing with the Junior activities and paid on a project by project basis. Funding has been received.

52 coaches have benefited from courses and flying visits organised and two are planned in the near future. Monday 12 May an Endurance session at Northgate, Ipswich (JAFFA) and a seated discus session with Orwell Panthers. Each Club has two sessions a year.

10 Officials have also been supported and £1049 coaching bursaries have been paid out. Zeta Wright is leaving at the end of March and Terry McEntee will deal with items then. There have also been safeguarding and Club structure courses and a Nutrition one is in the planning.

SEAN is not a constituted group. It is looking at involving all Suffolk Clubs as well as a few in Cambridgeshire network which are on the Cambs/Suffolk border. It is proposed to waive the fee for this year as it is last year of England Athletics funding and use some of the £10,000. Up to £5000 can be applied for from England Athletics and Clubs are to be asked what they need in the way of coaching and courses for the coming year.

Mike Oakley asked how many clubs pay the £100 fee - possibly 9 or 10.

Terry McEntee explained where the £10,000 came from for the benefit of those new to the Committee.

Terry Bunch queried about why not apply for the whole £5000 and not up to £5000 as after next year there is no funding from England Athletics. England Athletics money has to be justified when applying but Terry appreciated the question.

Mike Oakley said need to get coaching back under the SCAA banner.

The proposal was put to those present to absorb SEAN into SCAA as a sub-group for a trial period of one year. It was agreed by the meeting to do. After the year the Constitution will need to be revised.

**Accounts:** It was agreed that Terry McEntee become a signatory on the accounts. He was co-opted onto the Committee. It was also agreed that the accounts would go back to the original format.

Tony Cheatham said that he had inadvertently put the Inter-counties expenses under the heading of Cross Country Championships.

**Norfolk County AA:** Joe Mower, Lynn Walters and Terry McEntee met with NCAA. NCAA want to join our Track & Field and Cross Country Championships.

Joe has now an analysis (to go out with the minutes) on each county's championships. A discussion followed on the pros and cons of amalgamating. Would there be two sets of results?

Where would the championships be held - one year Suffolk, one year Norfolk? Need to think about the travelling for the athletes. Combined championships should benefit both counties equally. Is there any benefit from coaches and athletes point of view? Entry fees - how would the revenue be split. How would expenditure be divided?

Ron Wallwork and Jennie Grimwood left the meeting at 9.10am but gave their support to whatever is decided.

Members were asked to think about what had been said and to let Joe Mower have any thoughts before the next meeting with NCAA on 19<sup>th</sup> March. Paul Felton and Odile Wladon will accompany Joe to this meeting.

Paul Evans has put together a proposal and this will be circulated to the Committee and any feedback to be given to Joe before 19 March.

Terry McEntee said that we want to show willingness to help but not to run their championships for them.

#### **AOB:**

- ✦ Odile Wladon said the Suffolk Schools Track & Field Championships are on Thursday 8 May at Bury St Edmunds and Bruce Andrews would welcome any Officials who would be able to help. The Anglian Schools Championships are on 21 June in Norfolk.
- ✦ Karin Mead handed bus and hoodie money to Tony Cheatham. She also had a bill for the new vests which she explained were a different design to what was previously agreed. It was then agreed to keep these to sell to athletes.
- ✦ Joe Mower has a new modified form for endurance officials.

Date of the next meeting is 23 May 2014.

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