

Suffolk Sportshall

Notes from meeting held 10th December 2014 at Holiday Inn, Copdock, Ipswich

Present: Terry Back, Ipswich Jaffa; Joe Mower, Suffolk County Athletics Association (SCAA), Julie Thurlow, Ipswich Jaffa; Terry McEntee (SCAA); Geoff Morgan, Northgate Juniors and Isabel Smith, Coastal AC / Ipswich Tri;

Apologies: James Gooch & Ian Burgess, Waveney Valley AC; Peter Thurlow, Ipswich Jaffa,

Notes from meeting 9th September and matters arising

- Everything covered on Agenda

Review of 2014 Suffolk Sportshall

- What went well: – a few points but by no means comprehensive - good numbers, mass warm up, assigning clubs to lead officiating on specific field events, improved registration & scoring system, posting results on the day – overall there was a lot of learning from which arrangements improved with each meeting e.g. spectators upstairs, use of 2 Halls
- Among the main areas identified for improvement are:
 - Announcements still difficult to hear
 - Person scoring being interrupted
 - Having more time before and after official competition, in particular after to enable scores to be checked before announcing official results (non - scoring events)
 - Further consideration given to athletes having numbers instead of letters – some team managers found the necessity to change letters difficult (discussion on this at the next meeting)
 - Javelin events didn't seem to have the same amount of spectator support as other events
 - With use of 2 Halls, a lot of movement between event sites & suggestion to have Boys Field in one Hall while Girls Track taking place in the other & vice versa
 - Better training / briefing of officials
 - Need to have an overall Event Manager who would not be committed to specific duties and also Track and Field Referees, again providing overall co-ordination roles

Planning for 2015

- Dates & venues – Saturday 10th October 2015 Northgate, Saturday 7th November 2015 Lowestoft, Saturday 13th February 2016 Northgate
- Early confirmation of venue availability needed
- Early check to see that the necessary equipment will be there
- Look at getting a more effective public address system

County Team arrangements for regional event

- Regional event at Hertfordshire Sports Village on Sunday 22nd March 2015
- Geoff Morgan overall Team Manager – Ian Burgess has offered to manage one of the age group teams – others to be found

- Geoff as Team Manager will lead on arrangements for team selection, including identification of selectors and communication with athletes – overall event winners at the 2014 Suffolk Sportshall to have prior consideration for selection followed by reference to individual rankings to overall achieve the best possible team performance – where there may be insufficient numbers, possibly in the U15 age group, invitations to other athletes
- Geoff to speak to James about a training session for the county teams possibly before February half term
- Transport – Geoff to arrange / confer with Karen Mead at SCAA – arrangements from Lowestoft & from Ipswich
- Terry to check what events will be done at the regional with Adam Burgess – also to check T Shirt colours for other counties in the East

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- 2015 Quadkids – Saturday 4th July Northgate – Terry to speak to Janet who organised this in 2014
- Joe is circulating a revised version of the SCAA Child Protection Policy – any comments get back to Joe

Date of next meeting

- Thursday 5th February 2015 7.00 pm at the Holiday Inn, London Road, Ipswich, IP2 0UA