

Suffolk Sportshall

Notes from meeting held 9th April 2014 at Mid Suffolk District Council Offices, Needham Market

Present: James Gooch & Ian Burgess, Waveney Valley AC; Geoff Morgan, Northgate Juniors; Deana Richards, Coastal AC / Ipswich Tri, Julie & Peter Thurlow & Terry Back, Ipswich Jaffa; Joe Mower, Suffolk County Athletics Association (SCAA) and Terry McEntee

Apologies: Jennie Grimwood & Cathy Elsdon, Newmarket Joggers; Sue Potter, Bungay Black Dog; Isabel Smith, Coastal AC / Ipswich Tri; Mitzi Read & Margaret Nicholls, Orwell Panthers; Ricky Peacher & Janet Lomas, Framlingham Flyers;

Action Points from meeting 12/3/14

- **Joe Mower** checked Sportshall event dates against other events being held and has confirmed there are no clashes
- **Terry McEntee** has booked Northgate Sports Centre for the 2014 events. Dates being advertised on the Sportshall section of the SCAA Website and communicated directly to all clubs through SCAA
- **James Gooch & Ian Burgess** looked into a computerised scoring system to aid Suffolk Sportshall. Further information covered in notes from this meeting

Notes from meeting on 9/4/14

Overall structure for Suffolk Sportshall including arrangements for County Team - It was agreed that there needs to be an organisational structure to aid in the management of the events and collation/ communication of information. It was decided to defer this until a future meeting where all participating clubs could be encouraged to attend to define and agree the structure.

Promotion of Sportshall events – Terry offered to liaise with clubs/ schools and community groups to promote and encourage participation in Sportshall

Dates for the events are being advertised on Sportshall section of the SCAA Website - <http://www.suffolkathletics.org.uk/Temp%20work/sportshall.htm>

A leaflet is to be designed and an application form sent and sent to all clubs and schools promoting the events. The application form is to be sent to Deana Richards, who will collate and forward onto the relevant clubs / head coaches

Event requirements - Terry McEntee has booked the Sportshall at Northgate Sports Centre and is looking into booking a second hall so that field and track events can be run simultaneously. Mike Oakley is looking into sorting out officials for the meeting and it was asked if clubs could approach parents to see if they would be willing to help out at the events.

It was also suggested that we could run a raffle at the events, and that we could approach parents to donate raffle prizes.

Computer - James Gooch & Ian Burgess have looked into a computerised scoring system to aid Suffolk Sportshall. They approached Norfolk Sportshall who have given them their old computer program used for computing scores and results, all it requires is the names to be entered and the results of the individual events and it computes the results. All that is now needed is a computer to run it on. (Jenny to look into this).

Teams - it was agreed that more than one team per club could be entered e.g. A & B teams, etc – additional individual athletes could take part on a non-scoring basis (individual performances recorded) – the optimum number for teams would be 6. There will be a fee of £3 for each competitor. It was asked if we should charge a fee for each team sent by the clubs/schools, but it was agreed to put this on hold until next year as we didn't want to discourage people entering.

Competition letters for the A & B teams and numbers for the non-scoring athletes would be ordered centrally – a decision on the allocation of specific letters to teams to be made once it was known who was competing – letters / numbers would be handed out on the day.

Medals – Joe to supply medals from SCAA for 1st, 2nd & 3rd placed teams in each age group across the 2 league events - Gold/Silver/Bronze.

Also Gold, Silver & Bronze for top placed individuals in each age group both boys and girls in the Championships event

AOB

Age Groups - Are school years 4, 5 & 6 classed as U11? It was agreed to approach Sportshall to confirm what U11 constitutes, James to confirm with them.

T-Shirts – James to get a cost for T shirts incorporating the Sportshall and SCAA logos

Date of next meetings –

18/6/14 – Location TBA (Ipswich/Woodbridge)

17/9/14– Location TBA (Ipswich/Woodbridge)

All meetings start at 7.00 pm

NB: All individuals and clubs interested in Suffolk Sportshall are welcome and indeed encouraged to attend meetings