



SUFFOLK COUNTY ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION

MINUTES OF THE MEETING held at the Dove Room, Mid Suffolk District Council Offices, Needham Market Friday 22 May 2015

Present: Joe Mower, Tony Cheatham, Terry Back, Jennie Grimwood, Karin Mead, Ron Wallwork, Odile Wladon, Mike Oakley, Trevor Bunch, Ian Gooderham, Robin Belsom, Ricky Peacher, Jonathan Wilding, Margaret Leek.

Apologies: Terry McEntee, Tom Fairbrother, Paul Felton, Jean & Bill Cox

Joe Mower informed that meeting that Trevor Bunch had volunteered to take on the role of Honorary Secretary for the coming year and welcomed him to the position.

Minutes of the meetings of 21 November 2014 and 13 February 2015: The minutes of both meetings having been circulated and with no amendments were both signed as true records.

Matters arising: Neither the First Aid Course nor the Safeguarding Course had taken place, new dates are being arranged.

Finance: Tony Cheatham reported that in the main account is £15,545.76p which is down over the year at the present time. In the Number 2 account £2,201.06p - this is £440 in credit at the present time.

KM handed over money for County hooded tops, County vests and bus money.

T Back had a bill for trophies: £136.12.

Track and Field: TC reported that everything was in place for the County Championships this coming weekend (24 May 2015). He said that Field Officials were short but would be able to cover the events. Asked about the entries, TC reported that there are 120 males compared to 105 in 2014 and 116 females compared to 99 in 2014 although these figures did not take into account 5k entries, the race, previously, being on a separate occasion. 18/19 had entered the 5k and the 3k entries had not been affected.

JM gave the following dates: SEAA U15/U20 Inter-Counties 23 August Copthall

U13 Inter-Counties 26 June Kingston.

JM has received an email from EA to say that all U20 County winners are invited to the Sainsburys Games in Birmingham. He has invitations to be given out.

Cross Country: JM reported that Ickworth is not available between October and March and therefore enquiries have been made for alternative venues for the County Championships. The problem with this and other venues seems to be 'car parking'. Ben Jackson from Suffolk Sport who is involved with High Lodge Thetford, is keen to put on more events there. This information will be passed to Paul Felton (Cross Country Secretary) to make contact.

There was also the suggestion of using the Speedway at Foxhall, Ipswich. Robin Belsom will contact Woodbridge School as a possible venue and Trevor Bunch also mentioned a school in Haverhill.

JM gave the following dates: CAU 12 March 2016

English Schools 05 March 2016 Woollaton Park

National Championships 27 February 2016 Donington Park

Road Racing: Terry Back, Road Running Secretary reported that the road running year has started well, which is more than can be said for the British spring weather. The build up to the London Marathon as normal meant that the races were achieving high entries. The Pacers Tapley 10/20 started the 2015 Suffolk gp series and again allowed us to award the 2014 awards, many thanks. Both their events showed this increase of entries on 2014 level, there was a small issue around the results from the chip timing with a few errors but on the whole very well run.

The county half marathon championship at Stowmarket saw a step up in the entries for the county event and thanks go to the Striders for their promotion of it. They were rewarded with 2 new county records from the ladies, Odette Robson MF40 (1.20.54.97) and Carole Spong FM65 (1.57.29.56) congratulations to them both.

Sudbury Good Friday 5 again was full and the event needs to look at ways of improving its race hq and course so the event can grow. There is a traffic safety issue which is preventing the chances of this and the RD should be investigating taking the step of a new improved all round race. Bungay Black Dog triple (marathon, 1/2m & 10k) produced well run events with their normal quality and the addition of the 10k replaces the lost of their Autumn 10 & 20k race this year. At Alton Water the local schools again went for the triple but not with quite the same smoothness. This is down to the problem with school events having new organisers each year and in some way being a bit over ambitious. The timing of their races and the fact that they go in opposite directions add to the issues. But it was very well supported by the local community.

Congratulations to all Suffolk London Marathon runners we hope you all enjoyed your day and achieved your personal goals.

Woodbridge 10k last weekend again was full and for the first time we have tested it for a Suffolk Gp series. They were blessed with the best Summer day so far and once again the locals came out and supported this event, their support up that last finish hill raises the spirits of every runner, well done Woodbridge Shufflers.

The Friday 5 series is about to start and Summer has just arrived, so get out and enjoy your running.

He added that Suffolk Sport are trying to put more local runs.

Race Walking: RW reported that the entries are in double figures for the Moulton races. Callum Wilkinson was the highest Britain in Spain and qualified for the European Championships.

Sportshall: No report however it was recorded that Suffolk went to the Sportshall Finals and finished 3rd in the U13 boys and U13 girls. Hoping to get more U11s and U13s this winter and hopefully they will then progress on to the U15s in time.

This coming season there are two competitions in Ipswich and one in Waveney. A small loss was made last season so a small increase in fees will be made next year.

Network: No report but information received is that TMc has set a budget and from now on most information regarding events, courses etc will be on the website.

Officials:

a) Track and Field: MO has a list of Officials. One Endurance Official has been deactivated due to no DBS. There are some queries which MO is dealing with. There are 45 names on the list but not all are active.

b) Endurance: JM reported that Ken Rooke's licence has expired and the three from Stowmarket who were 'under enquiry' are now OK.

Risk awareness course: Information from a meeting on 28 April 2015 is that from September 2015 the Level 2 course will be available on line and will have until end April 2016
All the TMOs have been emailed but the response has not been good, therefore reminders will be send out.

There is a conference at this venue (Dove Room) on 17 September 2015 7 - 9.30pm - Fixtures meeting.

Date of the next meeting: 25 September 2015 - Odile Wladon has agreed to take minutes.

AOB:

- ✦ OW on behalf of Suffolk Schools recorded a vote of thanks to all the officials who supported the County Championships at Bury St Edmunds. All details regarding selection for English Schools are on the website. For the Anglian Schools, Senior Athletes are being given permission to enter the Southern Championships or the National Championships rather than the Anglian if they so wish. TC put in a request to schools that all athletes are provided with two numbers and that they are big enough for the Officials to see!
- ✦ RB gave the date for the JAFFA Twilight 5k/10k race - Friday 14 August 2015 7pm start.
- ✦ Daniel King wants to visit all sports clubs in Suffolk to get volunteers participating in sport events.
- ✦ IG wants to rearrange the Bury SWL fixture - sort at Fixtures Conference.
- ✦ Revised Age Groups - At the Cross Country AGM opinion was to stay as they are now. Schools and UKA need to get together and agree age groups so all are "singing from the same hymn sheet!". Objections to the rule change need to be in by 31 May 2015.
- ✦ JM reported that EA are checking athletes' registration numbers at all championships to ensure they are up to date with their registration fees.

Meeting closed 8.45pm