



SUFFOLK COUNTY ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION
MINUTES OF THE MEETING held at the Dove Room, Mid Suffolk District Council Offices,
Needham Market Friday 27 November 2015

Present: Joe Mower, Tony Cheatham, Terry Back, Karin Mead, Odile Wladon, Trevor Bunch, Ian Gooderham, Jonathan Wilding, Paul Felton, Jean & Bill Cox, Robin Belsom, Terry McEntee, Margaret Leek.

Apologies: Ricky Peacher, Ron Wallwork, Mike Oakley, Tom Fairbrother, Jennie Grimwood,

Minutes of the meeting of 25 September 2015: The minutes of the meeting having been circulated and on Page 2 under Cross Country the date for the ESAA championships should read 5 March 2016. With this amendment were signed as a true record.

Thanks were given to OW for taking the minutes of that meeting.

Matters arising: None.

Finance:

- Tony Cheatham reported that:
 - the balance in the main account is £15,345.11 which is slightly down over the year.
 - The balance in the Number 2 account was £1,765.66.

Coaching and Officials bursaries have been paid. [TMOs](#) cheque has been sent.

Track and Field:

- ⤴ TC reported UKA have reverted to the "old date" for the County Championships - 15 May 2016 - permit has been received with the proviso that the track certificate is ok and the number of Officials is as per the criteria. There is no criteria as far as TC can find out. TC has given 3 provisional dates to Bury Sports Centre and will confirm the permit for the meeting and ask for the criteria to be adhered to.

Cross Country:

- ⤴ PF has looked at the Suffolk conditions and these need updating. There is nothing about under-11s and team declarations. PF/JM to deal with this.
- ⤴ After last year's championships PF bought 30 bibs which he'll donate but would like SCAA printed on the back. The Committee agreed to this and also that SCAA should pay for the bibs.
- ⤴ Also order foil blankets to give to Marshalls to issue to competitors as required.
- ⤴ All going well for the forthcoming championships - quad bikes, PA and first aid booked.
- ⤴ Hopefully each Club will provide 2 marshalls. Need to report at 10am. An appeal to go on the County website.
- ⤴ Need a volunteer to provide lunches for the marshalls. TC to ask his daughter.
- ⤴ Entries are coming in.
- ⤴ PF has compiled a "marshalling post's duties" e.g. where runners coming from and going to etc.

Road Racing: Report from Terry Back

In the short period since our last county meeting the Suffolk Grand Prix series now has only one event, Turkey Trot 10 mile in December, to go. The current team leaders are Haverhill followed by Stowmarket, Jaffa & Pacers. We look forward to an exciting conclusion to this year's series.

The proposed events for the Suffolk GP 2016 series, subject to the organising club approval, are:
Stowmarket half marathon (March) This should also be the when 2015 series awards will be handed out.

Newmarket 10k (July)
Jaffa twilight 5 & 10k (August)
Saxon 5 mile (October)
Hadleigh 5 & 10 mile (November)

County Road Championships proposed, again subject to the organising club approval, are:

Pacers Tapley 10 mile (February)
Bungay full & half marathon (April)
Framlingham 10k (September)

It is hoped the Felixstowe Kirton 5 mile will be added when clarification is received about the Friday 5 series events

As per last year the County 5k will be at the county track & field championships.

Organising clubs are reminded that a fee of £35.00 is payable to the SCAA for hosting a grand prix or county event, and invoices will be sent closer to the race date.

In February 2016 the county has agreed to take part in the inaugural Inter county 20 mile road race being held in conjunction with the Essex 20 mile event at Langham. Teams from Essex, Suffolk, Cambridge & Hertfordshire have agreed to take part. Teams will consist of 4 men and 4 women with 3 to score. The cost of team entry is £48.00 and 8 places have been reserved. Final team declaration will be 48 hrs before the event which gives each county the chance to enter the most informed athletes available. Athletes will be invited to be part of the team based on current form and their 2015 results at the longer events. Suffolk county vest will be required to be worn. The organising are hoping to make this an annual event and a trophy is being purchased for the winning team. I believe this to be an exciting development in our local race calendar and at which we should make every effort to perform at our best.

- ⤴ TBA added to this report that the County 10 at Felixstowe was one of the best events and numbers have increased and the course enjoyed by all.
- ⤴ There is a query on the Kirton 5 - TBA will sort and report back.
- ⤴ PF gave the date for the Capel 5 - 19 June 2016
- ⤴ JAFFA Ipswich 5 is not taking place in 2016. The Ipswich half marathon is 25 September 2016.
- ⤴ Coastal 10 is 11 September 2016.

Race Walking:

- ⤴ RW wished to thank MO for his speedy response in putting Walking News on the website.
- ⤴ Date for next year's Moulton 5 is being arranged for 4 June 2016.

Sportshall: Report from Terry McEntee

- ⤴ Third event is at Lowestoft.
- ⤴ Over the 3 events, have almost broken even. Fees went up this year and there were less athletes. Northgate costs are high for 2 halls.
- ⤴ County team is in the process of being selected for the area match.
- ⤴ Clubs' participation in the events fluctuates.
- ⤴ Hopefully more participation next year. There is a meeting in December and TMc will report back.

Network: Report from Terry McEntee

- 3 / 4 coaches at Waveney, 1 at Pacers and 1 at Bungay have taken the Level 2 course.
- Considering changing the pathway of the coach courses. A lot of Level 1 coaches are not doing the Level 2 - too complicated.
- First Aid course - Simon King of Suffolk Sport needs to know what month and days of the week suit those wanting to take the course so that he can get a tutor and venue. Wednesday evening seems to

be the most popular and Mid Suffolk as a venue. Need 12 persons - if more interested then will put on another course. Cost is £20ph and the rest will be made up from the Network Fund.

Officials:

α) Track and Field:

- ⤴ There is a course this coming weekend.

β) Endurance:

- ⤴ Risk awareness is going online. JM is in the process of checking the questions and answers and then it will "go live" at the end of 2015.
- ⤴ TMOs - list of qualified TMOs will be updated and put on the website.
- ⤴ JM has written to 3 clubs about Officials whose DBS are out of date.
- ⤴ 1st April 2016 Officials are being restructured again! Due to the Power of10 not accepting performances as some competitions do not have qualified Officials to judge the events.

Date of the next meeting:

- ⤴ The AGM 12 February 2016 at Needham Market 7.30pm.
- ⤴ Items for the AGM - affiliation fees to increase by £5 to £55.

AOB:

- Amendment to dates under Road Running Report: Felixstowe 10 is 25 September 2016; Ipswich $\frac{1}{2}$ marathon 18 September 2016.
- TMc reported there are 10 athletes registered in the County for the Special Olympics. Need to get qualified Officials to ratify performances which will go towards 2017. Next year's event is 11 June 2016.
- OW reported that Suffolk Schools Athletic Association has had its block grant cut. In the circumstances would this Association consider supporting needy athletes to attend championships. Athletes will possibly have to pay the full cost to take part in national championships. After discussion OW was asked to put a proposal together to be discussed at the Executive after the AGM. A written policy will be needed whatever decision is made.
- TMc to make enquiries for more information on this.

Meeting closed 8.50pm