



## SUFFOLK COUNTY ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION

MINUTES OF THE MEETING held at the Dove Room, Mid Suffolk District Council Offices, Needham Market following the AGM Friday 13 February 2015

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

**Finance:** Tony Cheatham had nothing to add to his report at the AGM.

**Sportshall:** Terry McEntee said there is a need to encourage more Clubs to enter and to get parents helping/officiating. He is very pleased with the group who are helping now to organise, etc.

It was mentioned that one of the fixtures had clashed with a home fixture of ITFC which had affected the turnout but it was difficult to find dates that did not clash with other athletic fixtures - it is known that Sportshall is held during the football season. Despite this about 100 children take part in the sport.

**Child Protection:** Since circulating the proposed Child Protection Policy, Joe Mower had spoken to Tania Spurling and she suggested using the UKA policy which included all the items that the County needed. All were in agreement to do this. Karin Mead asked who protected her as a Team Manager. It is all written in the Policy.

The Team Managers are to be the Child Protection Officers. Odile Wladon volunteered to be one of the female Officers with Karin Mead. Martyn Brophy and Richard Archer to be approached to be the Male Child Protection Officers.

**First Aid Course:** There has been a course in the West Suffolk area and there is a need for one in the Mid/South area. Odile Wladon, Karin Mead, Ron Wallwork and Jennie Grimwood need to do the course. Also there is a need for Child Protection Course. Suffolk Sport arranges these courses and TMc will arrange course and inform those concerned - Karin Mead, Terry Back, Ron Wallwork and Haverhill members.

**Coaching:** Need to work out who the administration will be dealt with without being able to finance a paid worker. The County website will be used to promote activities and TMc will coordinate for the time being. He has a meeting with Tanya Spurling to discuss this. Some of the £10,000 and the left over money for England Athletics will be used for coaching bursaries, officials courses and flying visits. Clubs need to let the Network know their needs so that a budget can be calculated. SCAA is overseeing SEAN for management of money.

**Communication:** Need to get a list of Coaches with their contact details so that they can be informed when courses are available and also for the Association to find out what Coaches and Clubs need.

A vote of thanks is recorded for the all the work Janet Lomas has done for the Network.

**Track and Field:** TC proposed that the entry fees for the Championships should remain the same as 2014. The cost of the Championships was £1373 and the entry fees brought in £2442.91.

KM proposed that there be no coach again for the Copthall meeting and travelling expenses be re-imbursed again.

**Cross Country:** TC is waiting for a bill from the National Trust. A suggestion regarding entry fees to think about for the future - a flat entry fee across all the age groups.

**AOB:**

- ⤴ Suffolk Grand Prix trophies and medals to be presented at the Tapley races.
- ⤴ There are 10 events in the Grand Prix Series for 2015 and in the rules it states 5 individual and 8 team and it was proposed to keep to this format.
- ⤴ There is no County 5k in 2015. In future insist on pre-entry to control numbers. Looked into chip timing; this is rather expensive - would the County Association help towards the cost.
- ⤴ Joe Mower said that discussion were in progress about putting the 5k championships back in with the main championships.
- ⤴ KM handed over money to TC for bus fees, hoodies and county vests.
- ⤴ JM gave the dates for the 2016:

County Cross Country Championships - weekend of 9/10 January 2016.

National Championships on 27 February 2016 at Donnington Park.

CAU 12 March 2016 venue tbc

ESAA 5 March 2016.

- ⤴ Congratulations were given on the success of the County Cross Country Championships this year.

Meeting closed 9.10pm

Date of the next meeting is 22 May 2015.