



SUFFOLK COUNTY ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION
MINUTES OF THE FIXTURES MEETING held at Mid Suffolk District Council Offices,
Needham Market Wednesday 14th September 2016

Present: Joe Mower, Trevor Bunch, Mike Oakley, Anne Granger, Gordon Merfield, Roger Hobson, Jonathan Price, Zoey Battell, Sarah Pennock, Jenny Evans, Ricky Peacher, Bobbie Sauerzapf, Chris Chorley, Robin Belsom, Brian Munns, Kate Warboys, Jim Withers, Jonathan Wilding, Paul Felton

Apologies: Ian Gooderham, Claire Hoblyn, Tim Earl, Sue Wilshaw, Jean & Bill Cox (Framlingham), Paul Wright (Woodbridge)

1) Fixtures for 2016 / 2017, Road, Cross Country, Race Walking, T & F. (Not the Suffolk Cross Country League)

The list of regular known fixtures was read out by Joe Mower, with dates added by those present (wherever possible). This list will be distributed by email prior to the SCAA AGM.

Races for the Grand Prix Series and County Championships were discussed and agreed.

Suffolk GP 2017

- Tarpley 10M & 20M (both races) - Sunday 26th Feb
- Sudbury 5M Fun Run - Friday 14th April
- Bury Friday 5M - Friday 23rd June
- Ipswich Half Marathon - Sunday 17th Sept
- Martlesham 10K - Sunday 8th Oct
- Stowmarket Scenic 7M - Sunday 12th Nov
- Turkey Trot 10M - Sunday 10th Dec

County Championships

- Stowmarket Half Marathon - Sunday 19th March
- Framlingham Friday 5 - Friday 16th June
- Twilight 10K - Friday 18th August
- Felixstowe Coastal 10M - Sunday 24th Sept

Fees for being included in either the GP or County Champs were discussed. The agreed cost last year was £35, but Trevor Bunch (Road Running Secretary) asked for clarification on whether events with more than one race should pay the fee each time one of the races is included. An example is that of Bungay marathon and half marathon which were both County Championship races in 2016, with the half marathon also being a GP race (potentially 3 fees payable). The fees have to be sufficient to cover the cost of the trophies for both competitions, therefore the main options were:

- a) Divide the cost of the trophies by the number of 'events' included in the GP and/or County Championships (i.e., a festival of running with 2 or more races would constitute 1 event, even if it had races in both the GP and County Championships).
- b) Divide the cost of trophies by the number of individual races included in the GP and/or County Champs. A race that is included as both a GP and Championship race would pay twice. The reasoning for this approach would be that inclusion in either competition would increase entries in that race, therefore covering the minimal cost of inclusion.

It was decided that option (b) would be adopted for the 2016/2017 season.

2) Officials

a) Current List of Qualified Officials + New Grades

The county currently has 53 registered officials
Record of Experience forms are now due for all officials.

b) Risk Awareness Course

All officials are required to complete the Risk Awareness course. To date only 27 have completed it. UKA will begin chasing anyone who doesn't complete it in due course.

3) Club contact list for each discipline

Joe Mowers suggested that the list of club contacts and officials held by the county should be expanded to include contact details for other key contacts within the clubs. This to be actioned by the executive committee.

4) Marquees for Cross county Champs

Ricky Peacher agreed to organise 2 marquees the same as last year. Unfortunately the 4x4 won't be available, so Ricky to look at alternatives.

Heveningham Hall have confirmed they are happy for the XC Champs to be held there in January 2017.

5) Process of Road Licences.

Joe Mower reminded everyone that local authority permission was required before applying for a licence. A licence cannot be approved until the relevant box is ticked on the application. It was pointed out by several race directors present, that many local authorities don't grant permission in written (or even verbal) form, and that 'no news is good news' is quite often the best that can be expected.

Licence applicants were reminded that they should allow 6 months for new licence applications.

Following the sad passing of Barry Wallman, the regional licencing committee is looking for a new committee member. Anyone interested should contact Joe Mower.

6) AOB

Kate Warboys (Newmarket Joggers) asked how many first aiders were required at a road race. The consensus of opinion around the room was that race organisers should follow the Run Britain guidance on medical provision at small races and adhere to the recommendations within, to be on the safe side.

As a point of clarification - only athletes affiliated to England Athletics are eligible to enter County Championships. This is something which is coming under additional scrutiny and needs to be borne in mind. Clubs need to ensure that their athlete affiliations are up to date.