



SUFFOLK COUNTY ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION
MINUTES OF THE MEETING held at Mid Suffolk District Council Offices, Needham
Market Friday 2 December 2016

Present: Joe Mower, Tony Cheatham, Jean & Bill Cox, Mike Oakley, Robin Belsom, Karin Mead, Jonathan Price, Margaret Leek.

Apologies: Terry McEntee, Ricky Peacher, Claire Hoblyn, Jonathan Wilding, Ian Gooderham, Odile Whaldon, Trevor Bunch, Paul Felton

Minutes of the meeting of 30 September 2016: The minutes of the meeting having been circulated and were signed as a true record.

Matters arising: Page 1: SEAA selection procedure will be put on the County Facebook page - Mike Oakley to do this.

Page 2: Regarding the Bursary to members of Sudbury Joggers, an email has been sent to those concerned

Finance:

Tony Cheatham reported that:

- the balance in the main account is £14,805.74
- The balance in the Number 2 account was £1,027.16

TC said that everything was up-to-date.

KM handed over money for Kingston and Peterborough coach fares and hooded tops.

Track and Field:

- ▲ TC reported that he would be sorting out everything for the County Championships shortly. The track at Ipswich is booked for 14 May 2017.

Cross Country:

- ▲ 2017 Championships are on 8 January 2017 at Heveningham Hall. JM/PF had a sub-meeting on 17 November and went through the Race Officials and Marshalls. Parking may be a problem - if it is dry it is ok to park on the grass. If wet it is suggested that people car share. The site plan still needs amending. A plea has been sent out for Marshalls. So far 2 from Saxons, 2 from Framlingham, 1 from Ipswich Tri, 1 from Newmarket and Ricky will be "a floater". With regard to setting up the course on the Saturday, more help is needed. It was agreed to donate £300 to Heveningham Hall's charity "Gets kids going". After this year, need to look for another venue. Entries are slowly coming in. It was confirmed that Under-11s must be 9 on the day of competition.

Road Racing: Report from Trevor Bunch

Grand Prix Series

- ▲ Claire Hoblyn still hasn't received results through from the Hadleigh 5/10, but is chasing for them. Unfortunately the results on their website aren't sufficient. Claire needs the date of birth for each tuner to confirm that they are in the correct category. Once the results are received in an appropriate format Claire can finalise the results for this year's GP series. Trevor to order trophies and present them at Tarpley.
- ▲ Trevor received the following email from Carl Ashton (Race Director of the Twilight 5K & 10K) in response to him sending him an invoice for their inclusion in this year's GP series.

"I wasn't aware there was a cost associated with this. It would be really helpful if SCAA would make the event aware of the cost at the time the event is selected as I had not budgeted for this cost on this event. Maybe that could be fed back please?"

Trevor has replied to Carl explaining that the races for 2016 were selected prior to my taking over the role of Road Running Secretary, and assured him that the costs of inclusion had been highlighted to all races invited to be a part of the 2017 series.

Friday 5 Series

- ⤴ Next year's series will be sponsored by the East of England Coop. They have been offered naming rights but the details are yet to be confirmed.
- ⤴ Each race in the series will be using Races Online for their entries and results. This will enable runners to enter multiple races at once, hopefully avoiding discrepancies caused by using multiple entry systems.

Race Online will also generate the series results, replacing a very time consuming process that was carried out Claire Hoblyn in 2016.

- ⤴ Jonathan Price said the Good Friday 5 race is at Sudbury.

Race Walking:

There was no report

Sportshall: Report from Terry McEntee

- ⤴ 3 well attended events were held at Northgate with athletes from Waveney Valley AC, Ipswich JAFFA, Northgate Juniors, Ipswich Tri and CATS.

Teams are now being selected to represent Suffolk in the regional sportshall on Sunday 12 February in Hertfordshire.

A County Teams' training day will take place at Northgate on Sunday 14 January.

BC said that it was sad that more teams were not involved but it would be difficult to accommodate more teams at the present venue.

Network: Report from Terry McEntee

- Since the last meeting 1 Coaching Assistant and 5 LiRF Bursaries have been approved for Waveney Valley AC.

1 Athletics Coach Bursary has also been approved for Felixstowe Road Runners.

- Clubs are reminded that bursaries and Flying Coach visits are still available and to contact Terry directly.

Suffolk Sport will remove Network information from its website.

Officials:

α) Track and Field:

- ⤴ MO reported that the County had "lost" 2 Officials and gained one although the one gained may be for Norfolk as is from GYDAC.

There are no courses lined up for the County at present.

BC reinforced that the County needs to make sure that everyone has an up-to-date DBS in light of recent newspapers reports.

β) Endurance:

- ⤴ JM reported same number of Officials. No courses have been asked for to date. The Risk Assessment is now down to Grade 3 Officials. He advised that the email regarding this should be ignored as it is not very well worded.

Next week JM has a meeting to sort out Officials who have DBS and done the Risk Assessment course.

Suffolk are top on both counts.

Date of the Annual General Meeting:

- ⤴ This was set for Friday 10 February 2017 - hopefully at the Dove Room.

AOB:

- It was agreed to increase the affiliation fee to £60 (up by £5).

With no other business the meeting closed 8.10pm