



SUFFOLK COUNTY ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION
MINUTES OF THE MEETING held at Mid Suffolk District Council Offices, Needham
Market Friday 06 May 2016

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

Apologies: Ron Wallwork, Jonathan Price, Odile Wladon

Minutes of the meeting of 27 November 2015: The minutes of the meeting having been circulated and were signed as a true record.

Matters arising: None

Finance:

- Tony Cheatham reported that:
 - the balance in the main account is £14,845.23 which is down by £2,500 mainly due to the cross country expenses in January and the income for these was in December.
 - The balance in the Number 2 account was £1,285.66.

There is an outstanding coach bill to be paid. JC queried if Woodbridge Shufflers paid for the Grand Prix in 2015. TC couldn't confirm this but did have a query on one cheque of the amount paid £32. TC to double check and JC also to check with Woodbridge Shufflers.

KM had money from Birmingham coach and hooded tops which was handed to TC.

All affiliations have been paid.

Track and Field:

- ✦ TC reported that everything was in place for the Track and Field championships however there is a shortage of Officials.
- ✦ CAU championships are on 30/31 July at Bedford and entry is online. Athletes must enter the England Championships as well which are on the same day.
- ✦ U13 Championships are also on 31 July.

Cross Country:

- ✦ Sub Committee met on 14 April - outcome of this is a document on the website giving conditions of entry for the athletes and specifications for the event for the Host Club. If there are any queries on the day - refer to this document.
- ✦ 2017 Championships are on 8 January 2017 at Heveningham Hall. BC asked if the U17 men could not be last - this will be looked into by Sub Committee.
- ✦ CAU is on 11 March 2017.
- ✦ KM gave results inter-counties and said how smart Suffolk looked with the tents and banners.

Road Racing: Report from Trevor Bunch

- ✦ Suffolk GP
- ✦ Results after Race 2 are now on website
- ✦ Stowmarket = 183 eligible runners
- ✦ Bungay Half Marathon = 113 eligible runners
- ✦ Next race Newmarket 10K 3rd July
- ✦ County Championships
- ✦ Bungay Half Marathon and Marathon success
- ✦ Marathon = 25

- ⤴ Half Marathon = 115
- ⤴ **Friday 5**
- ⤴ Meeting took place on 30th March
- ⤴ Rules agreed
- ⤴ Fixtures set
- ⤴ Website set up
- ⤴ **London Marathon**
- ⤴ Highlighted successes from around the county
- ⤴ **Inter-counties invitational**
- ⤴ Just to confirm the date for next year's event has been set as Sunday 5th March. We hope you will come back again next year and support the event. Work is already under way to invite 4 more teams from Norfolk, Middx, Surrey and Sussex and so hopefully even more competition at the sharp end of the race. Any questions then feel free to contact me - details to follow in the Autumn

Race Walking:

- ⤴ RW booked radios for Moulton 5 with PF. If JM attending the RWA meeting on Saturday 4th June would he be able to bring them along then and if, as in the last few years, JM would be willing to assist with the event.
- ⤴ **County Champs** - Peter Marlow and Mick Graham along with RW have agreed to judge the walks and if JM will not be at Moulton, RW will collect the championship medals at the County champs on 15th.

Sportshall: Report from Terry McEntee

- ⤴ Dates are 8/29 October at Northgate. 19 November at Lowestoft and 14 January is a training day for the national event.
- ⤴ Attempts are being made to get more clubs to take part. Need to get more financial sound to help with the national and regional events.
- ⤴ Has a meeting with Stowmarket Striders and hopefully will get help.
- ⤴ Waveney and Northgate group support all events. Others are from Framlingham Flyers and Lowestoft.

Network: Report from Terry McEntee

- Two First Aid courses have been held. The Stowmarket one is reported to have been the best ever. It was very well done and the Tutor emphasised the seriousness of concussion and also got the participants involved all the time. Another course to be arranged.
- KM will purchase First Aid items to carry in a First Aid kit (as per the course) and will carry this in the Team Manager's bag. Following an incident, everything needs to be recorded that is said and done - one copy to be given to the patient/hospital/parent and one to the County Association. It was suggested that there should be one kit bag for each Team Manager and KM will sort this.
- Coaching bursaries have been given to Stowmarket Striders and Capel Cheetahs.
- There have been flying visits to JAFFA to help with coaches coaching junior athletes.
- Trevor Bunch to put survey together to go to Clubs to find out what they need and this to be forwarded to Tania Spurling for distribution.
- No more money from England Athletics so there is a need to look at expenditure. There was a suggestion to focus on Coach and Coach development rather than Coach Assistants who do not go on to coach. This needs to be monitored - hopefully Coaching Assistants will go on to progress.

Officials:

α) Track and Field:

- ⤴ MO reported that there is a lack of field officials for the County Championships. Only have 20 at present and need 26 to run efficiently. Ipswich Harriers are out in force but no other clubs have come forward.

β) Endurance:

- ⤴ Several Officials are coming off the list as not renewing their DBS due to re-grading.
- ⤴ Risk awareness course will be online as from June and people have 6 months to do it. No cost and need 75% to pass.
- ⤴ Run Britain state there should be a Referee as well as an Adjudicator. They are still working on the document which should go on their website. The application for a Licence will ask who the Referee is going to be.
- ⤴ New Rule Book - on open road no ear pieces are to be worn and Race Directors should check URN numbers.
- ⤴ JC asked about Traffic Management - JM will check about doing this online.
- ⤴ Events that last longer than 8 hours (twice) will no longer get a permit unless there is another set of Officials to replace the first lot.

Date of the next meeting:

- ⤴ 30 September 2016 in the Dove Room (this has been booked).

AOB:

- JM produced a copy of the first SCAAA championships programme. MO to put on website
- JM reported that Suffolk won the Hibbard Trophy in 1930.
- KM asked to confirm that expenses of £10 would be paid for the inter-counties at Oxford.
- TMc reported the success of a grant from England Athletics of £500 to purchase equipment.
- England Athletics consultation evening at Bury St Edmunds on 18 May 2016.
- 3 September 2016 is the Special Olympics at Northgate.
- JM gave an apology from the AGM that the election of the President had not received agreement from the floor. Those present at this Committee Meeting agreed that Tony Cheatham should be elected President for the next three years.
- There is only one Life Vice-President left so it was agreed that the following were made Life Vice Presidents having served the County for at least 10 years - Bill Cox, Jean Cox and Jonathan Wilding.
- MO has written to Tania Spurling for an update of forthcoming events/workshops as only one left to take place. It was mentioned that she is probably waiting for the results of the Club survey.

Meeting closed 8.55pm