



SUFFOLK COUNTY ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION
MINUTES OF THE COMMITTEE MEETING held at Stowmarket Leisure Centre
on Friday 30 September 2011

Present: Richard Nash, Joe Mower, Tony Cheatham, Terry Back, Jean Cox, Bill Cox, Graham Leroy, Tania Spurling, Karin Mead, Clive Pinnion, Steve Benson, Ron Wallwork, Jonathan Wilding, Terry McEntee, Chris Starmer, Jennie Grimwood, Margaret Leek.

Minutes: An email had been received from Paul Felton regarding an amendment to the minutes of 13 May under the heading of Road Running - the paragraph regarding the Woodbridge 10k should read: " Paul Felton is qualified to implement a road closure order that has been gained/granted by the council. He is not qualified to close roads, neither is anyone else". With this amendment the minutes were then agreed and signed as a true record.

Matters Arising:

- △ Richard Nash noted that two matters were outstanding from the minutes:
 - a) Steve Benson's proposal regarding the U17/U20/Senior Women's distances at the County Cross Country Champs. A decision needs to be made.
 - b) Graham Leroy should have let Tony Cheatham have details of press contacts - Suffolk and Bury Free Press.
- △ Paul Preston has resigned from Sudbury Joggers and is now with Colchester Harriers. As this is an Essex Club he feels he needs to resign from this Committee. His resignation was agreed.

Apologies: Received from Paul Felton.

Finance: Tony Cheatham reported there is £14,118.54 in the accounts. This figure is about £1000 down on 2010 however Tony has acquired some County badges for approximately 70p each - has ordered 1000 (£670), therefore only about £300 down on the year. County Championships profit is between £400 - £500. Karin Mead has some bus money which she passed to Tony Cheatham.

Karin has had a claim for travelling expenses from Katy Sealy who came from Cardiff to represent Suffolk in the Inter-Counties at Bedford. The train fare was £69. Joe Mower proposed that County pays this in full - all agreed. Tony Cheatham to deal with this.

Track and Field: County Championships: Contact with the Bury Sports Centre is trying to be made for the 2012 championships. The track is free on Sunday 13 May 2012. This year's event went very well. There was a 90% turnout. 13 records were broken. Matti Mortimore smashed the U20 Javelin record. Ellie Bloomfield broke the U15 Girls hammer record and Sophie Tooley set a new record in the U13 girls 800m.

Mr Benson referred to performances in Suffolk not necessarily being good nationally. However Karin Mead pointed out that Sophie Tooley had won the U13 Girls event at Kingston and would be picked up by national event coaches if they were interested.

Terry McEntee reported on the Suffolk Youth Games - pleasing to have young officials and hopefully they will go on courses.

Tony Cheatham informed the meeting that there will be an Officials course on 20 November 2011 in the western area - venue as yet to be decided.

Steve Benson asked who funded the Suffolk Youth Games - Terry said Redrow provide the sponsorship but much is "done in kind". The idea is to get new people to take part rather than club members although the coaching is done from the Clubs.

Karin Mead reported that Will Self won the U13 long jump. At the Inter-Counties U15/U20 championships Sam Milner won the U20 shot putt and was 2nd in the discus; Georgina Howe end in the U20 hammer, Holly Archer 2nd in the U20 1500m; Tom Powell 3rd in 100m; Paul Dowding 2nd in Javelin. In the Hibberd Trophy Holly Archer was 2nd in 400m.

Cross Country: The course for next year's championships at Ickworth Park on January 8th 2012 has been agreed.

There was a long discussion about Steve Benson's proposal for the U17/U20/Senior Women. It was agreed that they should all set off at the same time and split at different points on the course. This being the case each age group would need a different coloured numbers. Ron Wallwork will supply some numbers.

A risk assessment needs to be carried out. With regard to refreshments, the National Trust want to have an outside refreshment station this time.

The shepherd needs to be contacted re: sheep location on the day.

Chris Starmer and Richard Nash to meet the Event Organiser at Ickworth Park to sign the contract on behalf of the Association.

The SEAA inter-counties championships are on 10 December at Croydon.

Steve Benson asked about licence numbers for new members when entering them for races. He was advised to enter the athlete(s) and then chase up the licence number from England Athletics.

CAU is on 10 March 2012 at Cofton Park. For 2013/2014 this is guaranteed to be at Birmingham but not necessarily at Cofton Park.

Bill Cox reported that at the Suffolk Winter League at Framlingham there would be a Fun Run for the Under 10s and asked that if other host clubs could do the same, it would be much appreciated.

Steve Benson wished to clarify his position as Team Manager - he is Team Manager for the U17 Men, U20 Men and Senior Men at the CAU and picks the teams. This was confirmed.

Steve also confirmed, that despite what people may have heard, the Schools cross country for 2011/12 will operate as in previous years and all the races/local championships are at RHS.

Independent and state schools can take part in all Suffolk Schools Sport Association sporting events. However, Academies now have to pay out of their own budget and if an Academy decides that it is not going to affiliate to the Suffolk Schools Sport Association then no athlete from that Academy can compete in any Suffolk Schools Sport Association sporting event.

The dates and venues for the Suffolk Winter League were given as follows: 30 October Framlingham; 4 December Woodbridge; 15/22 January Nowton Park, Bury St Edmunds; 19 February Bungay; 4 March Stowmarket.

Road Running: Chris Starmer reported that following the Fixtures Meeting all races are now on the Racers Website. Four out the six races for the Suffolk Grand Prix have been completed. It was agreed to have the same races as this year for 2012.

Clubs need to have permit applications for races to Paul Felton six months in advance of the race.

Richard Nash reported how well the Ipswich Marathon had been organised.

Park Runs: Tania informed the meeting that there is full insurance for Park Runs. Sport England allocate some money and the East could make a bid for an amount and give to counties to help set up Park Runs to encourage people to begin running. This needs to be looked at to see which Clubs would be interested in getting involved. Terry McEntee will contact Clubs to get their ideas.

Race Walking: Ron Wallwork reported that there were over 100 competitors on the course for the Moulton 5. Also Angie Alstrachen is the first Suffolk lady to come a centurion. In the Southern Counties at Lee Valley Angie was first Suffolk lady. Ron suggested that the 2012 Moulton 5 is used for the County Championship - this was agreed and to use some of the old trophies for this event. Walkers meet in Newmarket on a Monday evening. There are several walkers in Suffolk but they are mainly women.

Sports Hall Athletics: Tania said that the Network would support Clubs with setting up Sports Hall training. Setting up a virtual league across the region between October and January. Some Clubs would need help with equipment. There was a suggestion that Suffolk held their County Championships with Norfolk but it was agreed to see have the league progressed first.

Coaching: Clive Pinnion reported that he had held two coaches meetings but they had not been a great success for various reasons. He is hoping to set up a Coaching Newsletter and will email all coaches for input. This will contain all information for coaches and be issued quarterly. Clive has been invited to go to the Harriers coaches meeting on 6 October. Athletics 365 use varies according the Club's requirements and is used to suit circumstances.

Officials: a) Tony Cheatham said there is a Level 2 Track and Field officials course at Bury St Edmunds on 20 November. If anyone is interested but is not available please contact Tony.

b) Endurance - Joe Mower reported that he has received nearly all Bungay report sheets (y/e 31 August 2011), but there are still a lot outstanding. Has received Endurance Bulletin 2011. Need to get on TRINITY to update information. Highest level in Endurance is 3. If Endurance Officials have not done the new Health and Safety Risk Assessment course by the end of 2012 then they may be struck off the list.

Joe then went on to Road and as from 1 October 2011 in the North races need to have an Event Adjudicator, this is for a trial period but as from 1 April 2012 all events need an Adjudicator. However, a referee is needed for championships. Clubs who cannot provide an Adjudicator need to contact UKA for them to provide.

There is also a recommendation now that all course marshals should have mobile phones or an alternative means of communication, especially on remote parts of courses. Marshals should also be aware of emergency access to the course, both cross country and road, and that all access gates should be open.

Terry McEntee sits on the Regional Council and will be the link to Suffolk County for the present. He explained the set up of the Regional Council.

Correspondence: Joe Mower dealt with this under "Officials".

Any Other Business: Terry McEntee informed the meeting that the Suffolk Youth Games next year is on 6 July possibly at Bury St Edmunds.

Suffolk Show - Although this had been good it was felt that a longer time was needed to get the momentum going for the people taking part in the activities. Terry McEntee will feedback this information.

Date of next meeting: Friday 09 December 2011 at Stowmarket Sports Centre 7.30pm.