



SUFFOLK COUNTY ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION

MINUTES OF THE COMMITTEE MEETING held at Stowmarket Leisure Centre on Friday 23 November 2012

Present: Joe Mower, Richard Nash, Graham Leroy, Karin Mead, Paul Felton, Tony Cheatham, Mike Oakley, Bill Cox, Jonathan Wilding, Jean Cox, Terry Back, Roy Miller, Terry McEntee, Margaret Leek.

Minutes: The minutes of the previous meeting having been circulated were taken as read and signed as a true record.

Matters arising: Richard Nash had put the 2nd meeting with England Athletics on the agenda.

Regarding the SEAN merger, the only feedback he had received about the revised constitution was from Mike Oakley. This item is also on the agenda.

Joe Mower referred to grid map references being on course maps. Clubs should have picked up this information from the Suffolk website and should also be passed on to Clubs by "word of mouth" from those present at last Wednesdays' talk on Race Adjudicating and Race Refereeing at Bungay

Apologies for Absence: Ron Wallwork, Tania Spurling, Jennie Grimwood.

Feedback from Chairman's meeting with England Athletics on 24 October:

RN was unable to attend this meeting but minutes have been sent to this Committee. Counties are to forge better links with Schools Associations. The Secretary (Joe Mower) will contact Bruce Andrews, Suffolk Schools AA, to nominate a representative for this Committee.

With regard to the new affiliation fees to England Athletics - this could be a risk to this Association as Clubs should be affiliated to UKA. Clubs are being contacted by Association of Running Clubs (ARC) to affiliate to them in preference to EA. Does SCAA need to change its criteria to allow for this? It was decided that before changing, need to wait to see what Clubs do. Clubs will need to inform JM/RN as to what they are doing regarding affiliation. In the SCAA constitution it states that Clubs should affiliate to UKA and SEAA - should this be changed as Clubs affiliate to England Athletics?

SEAN & Suffolk AA Merger Update: Terry McEntee is trying to get the activities going that were already in the pipeline before Tania left. There is a cross country day on 18 December. TM is exploring ways of getting funding locally. There is enough funding left to keep the activities going but not for an employed person. England Athletics are unable to release details of any further funding as they are waiting for information from Sport England. One person has replied to the advert for voluntary help. TM has interviewed her and is now looking at what she can do. Suffolk Sport could help with arranging workshops and this would be one to carry on. The question was asked as to what this Committee felt about the merger at present. There were mixed responses. One question is are Clubs going to affiliate to both (SEAN and SCAA). Will Clubs join or drop out. The next meeting is the AGM in February where constitutional changes will take place. A vote was taken on whether to merge or stay separate. The decision was to stay separate until the future of SEAN is known.

JM reported that Colin Brunning is happy to work with himself, Mike Oakley and Richard Nash to revise the Constitution.

Job Descriptions - the feedback was that there is a need to specify exactly what the jobs entail and this information should be seen by the Committee before it is put on the website.

Finance: At present there is £13,594.19, this is £1031 up for the year. The cost of the coach for the Inter-Counties (to be paid) is the same as the claim from Clubs for the Friday 5 series therefore should be up £1000 for the year.

All money is in for the Grand Prix Series.

Track and Field: The official date for the County Champs has been fixed for 26 May 2013 (Bank Holiday weekend). An email has been sent to the Permit Secretary to see if there are any objections to holding the championships on the usual weekend, 12 May 2013. A reply is awaited. The Committee were asked for their opinion - if given go ahead for the 12 May..yes, if not hold the championships on the 26 May 2013.

Cross Country: No report from the Cross Country Secretary.

Suffolk Winter League remaining fixtures agreed 13 January at Stowmarket and 03 March at Nowton Park.

There is a more challenging course being considered for the Suffolk Championships at Ickworth Park which is probably a 15mins walk from the car park. However, need to await confirmation from the National Trust before issuing details. Also need to ask if toilets will be available near the course. The question was also asked if the Cross Country Secretary had applied for a permit and done a risk assessment. Also need to enquire if vehicles with equipment can go down to the new course starting area. There may be a need for more marshalls.

JM gave the date for the Anglian Schools championships - February 2nd 2013 at Gaythorpe, Sleaford, Lincs.

Road Running: Terry Back reported that good numbers are still be achieved at Suffolk events despite the weather. The Bungay 10k and 20k was blessed with the worst weather for running but still produced a good race for the entrants and Bungay Black Dog should be commended for their efforts in such conditions.

There is just one event left in the 2012 Suffolk Grand Prix series, the Hadleigh 10 which is this coming Sunday. There is a growing response with the series and Terry has noted various conversations between runners who are now picking up on the GP. We had verbally arranged earlier in the series for Runability to have a sponsorship role, and Richard had in principle agreed a structure with Steve Robinson, their rep, for an awards evening etc. Sadly unknown to us, Steve left Runability during the summer with out moving the process forward, Terry said he also bears some responsibility in this for not making contact with them on a more regular basis. He has contacted the owner Vincent Coogan and he has confirmed with him by email that he had left things to Steve to arrange, this did not happen. He has on their web site promoted the series during the year but said that he had not seen any mention on organising clubs of the SCAA website to show the sponsorship between us. He will however furnish us with a pair of shoes for the winning male and female as a way of this year's event and is happy to support next year's series to a greater degree. Terry has accepted his offer and suggests that part of the agreement with the events that are the 2013 series and the SCAA website, should promote on entry forms and online entry/race information

and series results, their support. Terry suggests something like "Suffolk !! 2013 Grand Prix sponsored by "Runability" and their web/contact number, this would need to be organised as soon as the races for 2013 are announced. This does mean that we shall have to arrange a selection of club and age group winners' rewards for the current series.

Following an email to SCAA member clubs asking if any would like to host a 2013 series event, we have had three replies so far. Haverhill 10 mile (Oct), Bury Pacers Tapley 10/20 (Feb 24) and Stowmarket $\frac{1}{2}$ marathon (March 24).

Contact has been made with the organising clubs within the Friday 5 series, to try and arrange a meeting with someone from all parties as a way of redefining the series rules and a structure for the Clubs to share the responsibility for producing year on year results for their Grand Prix. Last year the SCAA covered this as no club had moved forward prior to the 2012 series to compile them, this cannot continue. The work for the series should be carried out by the Clubs not SCAA. Terry has proposed a meeting for November 30th and hopes to report back after that on the outcome. He has also indicated that they should look to the junior races as part of the Grand Prix series in the same manner as the senior event. The re-introduction of Suffolk County Champs road races is ongoing and he is currently considering the following events, although as yet he has not contacted any race directors or clubs.

5 mile - one of the Friday 5 preferably Kirton

10k Framlingham

10 mile Hadleigh

$\frac{1}{2}$ marathon Ipswich JAFFA

The TMO list is coming along. So far there are 7 qualified Officials who are willing to go on the list for clubs to contact. The way this list is advertised or run is yet to be sorted and agreed, he Terry hopes that early in the new year things will be much more defined.

Paul Felton said that on Wednesday evening he and Joe Mower had been to Bungay to talk on Race Adjudicating and Race Refereeing but this had been poorly attended. He wondered how well publicised this talk had been. PF asked where the County Clock was as it is not being returned. It is required for Sunday at the Hadleigh 10. Need to talk to Stowmarket Striders as they were the last Club to use it. Following a phone call the clock is being returned this evening.

From the meeting at Bungay on Wednesday came the suggestion that there should be a "pool for road signs" so that all Clubs could have access. This was thought to be a good idea but needs thought on "rules, use and return".

Bill Cox asked if it was still necessary to have both a Race Adjudicator and Referee - yes at the moment.

Race Walking: No report

Sports Hall Athletics: There was an email from Tania regarding an email from Adam Burgess on the first event on 27 October. Apparently results cannot be accessed from the website without a password!

Terry McEntee said the next event was on December 1st at Northgate. Several Suffolk clubs had indicated their intention to enter and he will send out an email early next week. Volunteers are needed to help.

Officials: (a) Track and Field - Tony Cheatham was due to attend an Eastern group meeting but that was cancelled. When the meeting is reinstated there will be a better idea of what courses are being put on. If any Clubs want a course please let Tony know.

(b) Endurance - Joe Mower is leading a Risk Assessment course at the Holiday Inn on 24 November and there are 15 attendees.

There are 88 Officials on endurance but only 31 forms have been sent back and these have now been sent on to the appropriate body. Of the 88 only 10 can referee races - names have been given to Terry Back. Report forms can be downloaded from the website.

Suffolk Officials are being asked to do races in Essex as well as Suffolk. Bill Cox asked if Adjudicators were being funded - only a minimal amount, 100mile round trip.

Correspondence: CAU had sent out a questionnaire and this was completed at the meeting. Anglian School Track & Field Championships is on June 15th either Suffolk or Norfolk Newmarket Joggers are likely to get Clubmark status before Christmas.

Any other business: Richard Nash asked if Team Managers were CRB checked - Karin Mead yes; David Cripps and Odile have club CRBs. Enquiries will be made regarding other Team Managers.

Does the SCAA have Public Liability insurance?

Chris Starmer has done his three years as President, therefore he needs to chose his successor. There are still three on the list yet to be chosen.

Joe Mower retiring and he informed the Committee that he had served 25 years as Cross Country Secretary, 30 years as Secretary and one year as Chair.

The date of the AGM is 15 February 2013 7.30pm at Stowmarket Leisure Centre.

Dates of next meeting: 18 January 2013.

Meeting closed 9pm.