

Athletics Norfolk Meeting – Minutes **Wednesday 12th Apr, 7.30pm, City Academy Norwich.**

Present: Clive Poyner (Chairman/CONAC), Ian Harvey (Treasurer), Wally Oliver (West Norfolk), David Pring (CONAC), Brendon Byrne (Norfolk Schools), Chris Harbord (GYRR), Linda Farrow (Quad Kids), Richard Polley (CONAC), Rebecca Tuff (Development coordinator/Ryston).

1. Apologies:

Sally Hook (TrophySec), Gaye Clarke (Ryston), Gareth Hunt (Ryston), Mick Johnson (Thetford), Mark Turner (GYDAC), Andrew Baker (GYRR).

2. Minutes of the last meeting

Agreed as being a true record.

3. Finance (as of 31st Mar)

Competition fund: Total assets £10,295.86

Development fund: £3229.51

£600 from AN to Norfolk Schools Assoc. has been paid back and will be shown in April's figures.

4. Competitions

English Schools XC – Brendon gave thanks to all those involved in the organisation of the event, good feedback received and an overall success with volunteers on the day coming from all around the County. Thanks also given to Brendon for securing the Championships at Norfolk this year.

Inter-counties XC – good turnout of athletes in the junior categories, with more Clubs representing than before. Best placing team were U15 girls, 11th. Bus costs covered well due to charging athletes upfront who agreed they would be using bus regardless if they dropped out. Richard queried, on behalf of athletes from various Norfolk Clubs, the potential team selection problems for the U20 & senior teams, due to low numbers running. Action going forward will be to highlight the management of these teams at Athletics Norfolk Road Running meetings and see who may be willing to take on the organisation of this to ensure full numbers are taken/selected.

Schools track and field – Norfolk Schools 10th June at Sportspark and Anglian Schools 18th June at Cambridge. English Schools now have 4 tiers of categories of which Norfolk are placed in 'C', meaning our number of allocation paces has increased from 25-32.

Southern U15/U20 Inter-counties track and field – invites to be sent out for this along with some for Hibbard.

County track and field Championships – Entries now open on Athletics Norfolk website (closing date is 4th May). Brendon has agreed 2/3 of England Athletics grant towards this event (the 1/3 we are unable to secure as electronic timing is required). Sophie McKinna has entered and will be going for World Champs qualifier – Clive/Brendon to publicise.

Youth Development League – Team Norfolk hosting first match at Sportspark Norwich on 30th May.

QuadKids – Entries now open on Athletics Norfolk website, for the series or individual matches. Closing date for first match is 24th May. Dates/Venues: 27th May Thetford, 18th Jun Norwich, 9th July Great Yarmouth & 22nd July King's Lynn. Flyers to be distributed.

5. Courses

Athletics Assistant Coach – Sportspark, Norwich, 20th & 21st May (deadline 5th May). Booking available via England Athletics website (www.englandathletics.org/courses-and-bookings). Currently 4 booked on and we need 10 for this to run.

Leadership in Running Fitness - provisional date for another course in Norfolk is 17th June.

Coaching in Running Fitness – provisional dates tbc by England Athletics for a course in Norfolk are; Day 1 & 2 - 24th & 25th Jun, day 3 - 22nd or 23rd Jul, day 4 – 30th Sep.

Officials course – Track, field and timekeeping courses confirmed for Sunday 7th May, held at Charles Burrell Centre in Thetford. Booking form available to download from England Athletics website (as above).

6. A.O.B

New affiliations – Diss AC have joined and an email response received from East Harling regarding the benefits of joining Athletics Norfolk. Reepham Runners have also enquired at Athletics Norfolk Road Running meetings and will be discussing at their next committee meeting.

England Athletics – Tania Spurling is now the Club Support Manager for Norfolk, Cambridgeshire, Suffolk, Bedfordshire and Buckinghamshire. Rebecca meeting with Tania on 24th April to discuss future workshops/events.

AGM – revised date is now 31st May at City Academy Norwich at 7.30pm. Clive received confirmation from all those in current positions that they are willing to continue. Proposed to create a new role of Website Manager on the committee and elect Chris Whall. Clive to send out formal notification to all clubs (including vacant XC Team Manager for U20 and seniors).

7. Date of next meeting

AGM - Wednesday 31st May 7.30pm, City Academy Norwich.
Meeting closed 8.30pm.