

Athletics Norfolk committee meeting – Minutes

Wednesday 31st May, 8pm, City Academy Norwich.

Present:

Clive Poyner (Chairman/CONAC), Ian Harvey (Treasurer), Rebecca Tuff (Development coordinator/Ryston), Brendon Byrne (Norfolk Schools), Dean Kirton (Thetford), Mick Johnson (Thetford), Mark Taylor (GYDAC), Wally Oliver (WNAC), Linda Farrow (QuadKids), Chris Harbord (GYRR), David Pring (CONAC), Gareth Hunt (Ryston), Gaye Clarke (Ryston).

Apologies:

Brenda Hutcheon (BVH), Dave Hutcheon (BVH), Kay Bailey (SON), Martin Rendle (Dunerunner), Paul Bailey (WNAC).

1. Minutes of the last AGM meeting

Agreed as being a true record – noted to add into 5.4 that Richard (AN Road Running Chairman) advised that Endurance officials course was not a requirement for the County.

2. Finance (as of 29th May)

Competition fund: Total assets £13,761.63

Development fund: £3973.47

- Extra clothing has been purchased
- Large income from T&F champs entry fees, £300 EA grant, plus programme and clothing sales, resulted in a £2000 profit (25% profit allocated to Development funds)
- Reeve flooring sponsorship money received

3. Competitions

County T&F champs – record entry numbers and good feedback all round. This year included U11 QuadKids and SON champs, no medal restrictions and official Masters' categories/events. Numbers sponsored and provided by Sportlink.

Sub T&F committee discussed feedback for next year's planning,

What went well: online entry, held over 2 days, on the day administration, closing date and use of radios among team.

What could be improved: number of officials, event clashes and times, announcers for presentations/events, securing permit, add recent performances to entry form to assist with seeding.

Further feedback provided at the meeting;

- Brendon; 5k should be displayed as 5000m on results [UPDATED]. More announcers required, ideally one for the presentations, and one able to announce upcoming events and notable performances occurring during the competition to make spectators aware
- Gaye; rotation of Championships around the County – 2 day meeting suits using Norwich centre of County for athletes
- Wally; balance of events required between the days with Starters/marksmen in mind – potential timetable changes required for next year
- David; need to make T&F rules clear to all entrants. Agreed to include this in email that is sent out to entrants prior to the competition, directing to UKA rules

Inter-counties track and field – Clive to organise and send out invites

Keith Ward indoor – Wally to check date

Schools - Norfolk Schools on 10th June and Anglian Schools on 18th June. English Schools selection policy on Norfolk Schools athletics page [also published on social media following meeting]. Now in C category so Norfolk have 32 places.

QuadKids – No on the day entries has been successful and registration process straight forward for team to use. Linda has compiled figures to compare across the year. 87 registered for Match 1 at Thetford.

Sportshall – U15 girls were National Champions and there were 10 individual Norfolk wins across events.

YDL – finished 5th at Bromley match. Next one at Reading on 25th June.

4. Courses

Assistant Coach course at Sportspark in May fully booked.

Officials course (field and timekeeper) in May had 16 attend – Gaye took look into organising another course.

LiRF course on 17th June at Easton College, 12/24 booked on

CiRF course at Lynnsport confirmed (high demand to organise one in Norfolk) on 22nd, 23rd July, 2 Sep and 3 Dec has 6/15 booked on – booking deadline online is 7th July. Promoted by AN Road Running secretary to all contacts. 10 as a minimum to go ahead [UPDATE – there are now 11 booked on].

5. A.O.B.

Clive; EA Neil Deans retiring. Also explained the reorganised structure of England Athletics this year – more focus on Club and coach development

Gaye; County officials meeting has been resurrected at East Region meetings – there is a national lack of officials

Chris H; lack of endurance officials and concerned over road running issues being missed because of this

Wally; ammunition supplies

Dean K; permit needed for County XC from RSPB

Brendon; requires medals for Norfolk Schools

Becks; Met with Tania Spurling who will be attending the August committee meeting and able to explain new role

Meeting closed 8.58pm. Next committee meeting will be held on 16th August at UEA Sportspark in the meeting room.