

Athletics Norfolk Meeting – Minutes **Wednesday 7th Feb, 7.30pm, Sportspark.**

Present: Clive Poyner (Chairman/CONAC), Ian Harvey (Treasurer), Rebecca Tuff (Development coordinator/Ryston), Sally-Ann Hook (Trophy Secretary), Linda Farrow (QuadKids), Chris Harbord (GYRR), Kay Bailey (SON), Brendon Byrne (Norfolk Schools), Nicci Clark (Harling)

1. Apologies:

Wally Oliver (WN), Tania Spuring (England Athletics), Louise Pegg (NNH), Martin Rendle (Dunerunner), Brenda Hutcheon (BVH), Gaye Clarke (Ryston), Andrew Baker (GYRR), Richard Polley (CONAC), Chris Merrylees (NNBR), Dominic Blake (Reepham Runners), Mark Taylor (GYDAC), Mick Johnson, Claire Boylan (Harling)

2. Minutes of the last meeting

Agreed as being a true record.

3. Finance (as of 4th Feb)

Competition fund: Total assets £14,764.68

Development fund: £3443.82

4. Competitions

Schools – XC successful on 23rd Jan (Norfolk), 3rd Feb (Anglian), English Schools is 17th March. Track and field dates 19th June (Norfolk) and 16th Jan (Anglian), both at Sportspark, Norwich.

Cross Country – County cross country Champs record entry numbers of nearly 500. Feedback very positive, suggestions to consider junior presentations to be done outside on the field instead of the hall and more staff in the café would be appreciated. Inter-county teams have been submitted and paid for. County cross country training session being organised by Chris M and Dom B again on 10th Feb at Earlham Park. Cross Country rep role still vacant. Net year's Champs on first weekend of year again.

Keith Ward Indoor T&F – record entries. Online opt out of County entry worked well – main problem was those not eligible not unticking – will make this very clear as to what the eligibility rules are next year. Field entries potentially near maximum, room for more track entries next year. Timetable stuck to throughout the day allowing everything to run very smoothly.

Sportshall – County Champs ran well. Regional on 24th March. Phil Steele (Sportspark Director) and Ben Jones (Athletics Norfolk Director) will be attending as guests to help with presentations, alongside previous winners. Matches later in the year Oct-Nov, two held at Norwich and one at King's Lynn.

Track & Field – 12th & 13th May at Sportspark. Request to bring back 1500m either instead of or as well as the mile race due to the trophy we have for this event. Podium needs some upgrading, potentially to include number positions – Clive to look into this. Sally to send Becks a list of trophies so an email can be sent around the Clubs to see if anyone would like to donate any trophies to fill gaps.

QuadKids – NNH replied to say Greshams will allow a Sunday match to be hosted. Dates to be confirmed with Linda and Helen. Price per event to remain the same, small increase for 4 match entry deal and offer of 5 match entry deal.

5. Courses

Officials – Awaiting to hear from England Athletics on decision for officials' courses, looking to hold all disciplines. Re attracting Starters; approach local gun clubs, ask to promote at Parkrun, send round Clubs to encourage and ask Active Norfolk to advertise.

Coaching courses – 3 week day course for Assistant Coach focused on SON volunteers successfully went ahead at Sportspark. Presently no local Athletics Coach courses scheduled due to the EA restructuring to include a discipline specific day 3. Hoping to hold one this year at Norwich. Brendon organised a course for teachers in training at Sportspark on 8th Feb. Brendon also visiting Harling AC soon for strength training session.

LiRF course on 18th March at Easton & Otley College, Norwich – booking deadline 3rd March.

Physical Preparation workshop on 3rd March at Bury St Edmunds – booking deadline 16th Feb.

CiRF on 28/29th Apr, 24th Jun & 22 Sep at Bury St Edmunds – booking deadline 13th Apr.

6. A.O.B

- Awards Evening on 23rd March 7.30pm at Sportspark, more nominations to be requested before end of Feb. Sally started to collect trophies back.
- PA system required for different events, Chris Harbord to look into potential suitable option. One is used at Parkrun – potential to test this at an upcoming event. Ian found walkie talkies from Maplin – Clive to check out.
- Ian still looking into the change in government legislation regarding data protection.
- Donation of £200 made to East Anglian Air Ambulance.
- Agreed to hire the EDM for the County T&F this year and at the Schools events if possible.
- More County vests have been ordered, Brendon passed on current stock to Becks to pass on to XC team managers – £17 to buy.
- SON setting up Children's athletics club with support from Yvonne Newton. Adam Szucs (CONAC) and Cameron Ross (WN) selected for East Region Special Olympics event
- Brendon suggested hosting a 'try it' day hosted by different Athletics Clubs for School pupils to have a go at events such as pole vault and hammer which cannot be taught in Schools, in order to increase numbers competing at Norfolk/Anglian Schools Champs. Potential to set-up and then advertise through SSPs.

7. Date of next meeting

Wednesday 18th April, Sportspark Norwich, 7.30pm.

Meeting closed 8.54pm.