

Athletics Norfolk Meeting – Minutes **Wednesday 15th August 2018, 7.30pm, Sportspark.**

Present: Clive Poyner (Chairman/CoNAC), Ian Harvey (Treasurer), Rebecca Tuff (Development coordinator/Ryston), Brendon Byrne (Norfolk Schools), Wally Oliver (WNAC), Tania Spurling (England Athletics), Dean Kirton (Thetford), Linda Farrow (QuadKids), Tony Bradfield (CoNAC), Richard Polley (CoNAC), Chris Harbord (GYRR), Sam Brotherhood (Harling), Gary Brotherhood (Harling).

1. Apologies:

Brenda Hutcheon (BVH), Dave Hutcheon (BVH), Kay Bailey (SON), Liam Hunt (UEA Athletics), Sally Hook (Trophy Sec), Mark Turner (GYDAC), Louise Pegg (NNH), Mick Johnson (Thetford).

2. Minutes of the last meeting

Agreed as being a true record.

3. Finance (as of 4th Feb)

Competition fund: Total assets £14,667.38

Development fund: £6047.62

Affiliation fees: outstanding – GYRR, Reepham Runners, Ryston Runners, Tri Anglia, Waveney. Dune Runner are not renewing.

Affiliation date: IH proposed that Clubs should declare their affiliated numbers as of 31 March 2019 next year and receive an invoice either on 1st or 31st May 2019. Agreed by all – to be officially proposed at AGM and constitution amended.

4. Competitions

QuadKids – 5 competitions worked well spread around the county, however no significant increase in entry numbers over the series. Potentially down to the final date being in Summer holidays, the World Cup and removing year 8. Hope to have the dates/venues booked much earlier next year to increase entry numbers.

Facility hire costs reviewed – CoNAC feel it is unfair they have to pay more to hire their facility than other Clubs do and suggest raising entry costs in order to cater for Athletics Norfolk covering all facility hire rather than Clubs. CP to email each Club regarding their thoughts on possible options moving forward.

RP left the meeting.

Sportshall – Athletics Norfolk will now take on the role of secretary/contacting all clubs for events – PDF flyer to be emailed to all contacts, BB to send around School contacts via newsletter. Officials are yet to be organised. We would like to ensure Mike De Silva can still attend one of the events this year – CP to sort.

Cross country – Considering the use of chip timing for this year – DK passed contact details of company used for their Club races. Harling happy to help with on the day support such as marshalling. DK to book HQ CBC. CP sent CH a list of responsibilities for the Cross Country rep role and unfortunately the person who CH had contacted has said this was too much of a commitment. An official job description to be pulled together by CH – TB suggested looking on UKA website for this. Last year's Inter-counties team managers contacted about continuing this year, 2/5 have confirmed so far.

Schools – Norfolk and Anglian Schools held at Sportspark, BB very thankful to CoNAC and Norfolk officials for their support at both events. Track hire fee likely to increase in 2019. The Norfolk English Schools team had 24/32 places filled, 3 performing the Entry standard and 5 the National standard on the day. Discussion as to how to increase attendance at Norfolk Schools Champs to try and identify further talent; work with SSPs better and potentially ensure we have someone at each partnership athletics event to give out invites to all event winners – raising awareness.

Track & field – U15/U20 inter-counties team and Hibbard team being confirmed through contacting clubs. Bus booked for IC match on 1st Sep, however currently only 6 booked on – 20 required to make it financially viable. Two weeks cancellation period required to get full refund, RT to contact everyone to see if any more seats can be filled. 30th September is the Eastern Combined Events at Peterborough, this includes Norfolk Champs again.

5. Courses

Coaching – RT emailed all contacts with list of upcoming courses. The Athletics Coach course this year begins in November and based at King's Lynn – minimum of 10 required for it to go ahead.

Thetford have booked 'track nights' through England Athletics focusing on coaching javelin – happy for this to be opened up to other local coaches to attend. TS to email Club contacts. The EA Movement Skills workshop this year is at Thetford.

Young Leaders – RT and TS met to discuss applying for EA Game Changers funding to help support this year's Young Leaders Academy. Hoping to launch in Autumn.

Officials – RT contacted EA to enquire about possible dates for an officials course. East Region mentor scheme meeting held on 13th Aug. Hopeful that we can assign mentors to all those attending our courses this year to ensure they complete their qualification. English Schools selected CoNAC athlete Katie Daniels to represent Norfolk at the ESAA Champs and invited back for next year.

6. A.O.B

Track nights / Club run – These two schemes run through EA are open for Clubs to apply for. Club run application closes on 16th Sep.

Photo finish – Approx. cost £20,000, AN has ring fenced £5000 towards this. We will now be looking at all funding opportunities. BB mentioned Norfolk Schools may be able to help. DK suggested contacting Clubs to see what they may be able to contribute.

Welfare – still unsure of best method on communication of potential welfare issues arising in Clubs to other local Clubs. TS advised the process is still to contact the Welfare team at England Athletics and any suspended or banned individuals appear on the online list. However, it may be that we wish to warn other clubs of someone who is not put on the list – decided the best action was to remind Club Welfare Officers to be vigilant and following best practice at all times.

GDPR – update meeting to be held at next meeting.

7. Date of next meeting

Wednesday 17th October, Sportspark Norwich, at 7.30pm.

Meeting closed 8.55pm.