

Athletics Norfolk Annual General Meeting – Minutes

Wednesday 31st May, 7.30pm, 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), Sam Barwick (Nor Gazelles), Michelle Waters (Nor Gazelles), Louise Pegg (NNH), Gareth Hunt (Ryston), Gaye Clarke (Ryston).

Apologies:

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

2. Minutes of the last AGM meeting

Agreed as being a true record – Brendon Byrne would have attended if it wasn't for assisting with an emergency.

3. Finance (as of 31st Mar)

Competition fund: Total assets £10,295.86

Development fund: £3229.51

4. Review of the year by Clive, Chairman of Athletics Norfolk.

Change in Development coordinator as Kate Bamfield stepped down and passed onto Rebecca Tuff. Very successful Officials course organised in April 2016 with 52 attending and a further 16 on a course May 2017. In terms of competitions there were record entry numbers for Keith Ward indoor county champs, county cross country, as well as track and field county champs. Good numbers attending Norfolk Sportshall events and QuadKids remains as popular as last year – a great development series. We have been able to support inter-counties events and London mini-marathon from the success of entry numbers. Regional Council have identified issues with officials across the area, wanting to push starters/marksmen as a priority – something we also need to try to grow the attendance/qualified numbers of officials at local events.

5. Elections:

- a. Proposed positions as stated on Agenda were elected and agreed by all
- b. Vacant positions remain - Track and Field Manager, and Cross Country Manager (U20 and seniors)
- c. New posts agreed; Chris Whall to be Web Master and Inclusive Advisors to be Paul Edwards and Stuart Ross

6. Affiliation fees: Membership is to remain at £1.25 per Club member – all agreed.

7. Motions:

- a. *'Membership affiliation will be taken from either England Athletics or ARC registered athletes.'*

As we no longer receive England Athletics funding (as we did when originally formed as an EA network), it seems logical to include ARC affiliated athletics/running clubs – therefore requiring a constitution change. Potentially as associate members. Questions raised as to whether ARC members would need to also be EA registered to compete safely/insured at events organised by AN. The motion to 'embrace the wider aspect of the sport' was carried (with reservations to be checked by Clive/examine other networks for memberships).

- b. *'Proposed to move basing the results of the combined events championships on the results of the eastern championships Pentathlon in late September to a full multi-events program where applicable.'*

RE combined events. Agreed that the best way to decide on this would be to contact athletes/clubs to survey whether July or September would be best for the Counties at combined events. Clive to look into.

8. A.O.B

Chris H highlighted that within the 'embracing wider aspect' it may be worth also considering RunTogether groups and Parkrun going forward. Agreed that this could be a potential future avenue when widening Athletics Norfolk reach.

Meeting closed 8.02pm

Committee meeting held straight after.

The next committee meeting will be held on 16th August at UEA Sportspark in the meeting room.