



## HAMPSHIRE ATHLETICS - MINUTES OF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

FRIDAY 10<sup>th</sup> JANUARY 2020 at 7.30 pm

MEETING ROOM, FLEMING PARK LEISURE CENTRE, EASTLEIGH

### Members present:

Mike Neighbour – Chair (MN), Mike Williams – Secretary (MW), Richard Dean - Treasurer (RD), Jackie Tobin (JT), Paul Farres (PF), Eileen Williams (EW), Terry Williams (TW), Dave Churcher (DC), Pam Rogers (PR), Stuart Horsewood - Admin Secretary (SH)

### 1. Apologies received from:

Sarah Gardner (SG), Stan Burton (SB), Colin Goater (CG), Mary Goater (MG), John Fitzmorris (JF), Sheena Fitzmorris (SF), Peter Newton (PN), Phil Budd (PB), Carol Quinn (CQ)

### 2. Minutes of the last meeting – 8<sup>th</sup> November 2019:

Agreed as presented

### 3. Matters arising from the above minutes:

- Affiliation fees – the way forward had been agreed to waive those not collected since 2016 and to refund to those who had paid since that time. This decision was queried as to whether this committee has the power or whether such decision can only be made during the AGM. The proposed reduction in such fees from £100 to £50 was also challenged.

RD referred to Section 9, para xiii which states that while the Treasurer has the authority to undertake transactions up to £500 alone, anything larger must be approved by this committee. On this basis and after further discussion, it was agreed and approved that the Treasurer can reimburse to those who had paid subsequent to 2016 the full amount of those affiliation fees and absolve those who either did not make any payment or the lesser amounts of those who did make some but not all payments. MN concurred that we will start from scratch from 2020.

**CG had agreed** during the previous meeting to take responsibility for making all clubs aware of their liability for such fees and for chasing where necessary.

**RD confirmed** that he would share the full club list, including details of payment or non-payment with SH for his records.

- **RD confirmed** that he would place on our website the dates of this year's Multi-event + Track & Field Championships as various members of the committee indicated that they are being approached in order to make flight and/or hotel bookings. A discussion took place as to whether we need to look at introducing social media, such as WhatsApp or Facebook to get our messages out to member clubs.
- EW asked that in the HSAA section of the last minutes we add the fact that apart from four of our schools had been identified as being placed in the top half of the table, overall eight Hampshire schools made it into the finals. Overall an excellent performance. **RD also confirmed** that he would update onto the website HSAA information as provided.

### 4. Secretary's report:

- MW reported that Kirsty Allen of UKA had circulated details to the counties and all clubs' details of coaching courses scheduled to be held.

- **SH queried** whether it is the intention to post on our web site the minutes of these committee meetings, as well as those of the AGMs as neither had been added subsequent to 2016.

## **5. Treasurer's report:**

RD circulated a copy of his report up to 31<sup>st</sup> December 2019. A small deficit of £319.76, only 1% of total recorded expenditure was mentioned as being the first negative result in recent years. This was partly due to the already-discussed shortage of affiliation fees. There was however a surplus from the Grand Prix events of £1,143 whilst deficits of £608 from subsidising accommodation for the 20 Mile Intercounty Road Race team, £410 under Sports Hall, £1,437 being the cost of the running of Development Courses in March and September 2019, £736 for grants to Hampshire Schools and £384 for increased Administration expenses (including for hosting the website for the next three years) were all mentioned. Turning to the upcoming Championships, entry fees had not been increased for several years although we expect to out-turn a profit of approx. £1,500. No decision was reached on fees, with **RD and SH to discuss** shortly. The sums paid and to be paid going forward to Kevin and Jo for the running of the Development Courses was discussed. Kevin has submitted specific amounts, while Jo has not yet. **JT will talk** to them both to try and what they consider to be appropriate, before the next course which is scheduled for March 2020.

## **6. Development matters:**

JT continued the above topic by reporting that Kevin had indicated that 60 athletes attended the last course. Fantastic feedback was received. Teachers had been invited to observe the proceedings, with the Schools programme now on the website.

## **7. Cross Country Championships:**

PR reported on what had been a successful meeting at Fairthorne Manor, with one small one-off initial routing hiccup, the late arrival of the First Aid team and two officials bowing out just before the day (although the latter was well managed). A profit of £1,500 was made on the day. Despite this, PR indicated that a review of the entry fees would be considered as while the fee had remained at £8 for the past few years, PayPal had increased their own fees.

## **8. Multi-event & Quadkids 2020:** SH's only necessary update was that he has asked the Mountbatten Centre to confirm that they will be in a position to comply with the nation-wide TrackMark requirements.

## **9. Track & Field Championships 2020:**

See above under 8) for SH's input. Additionally, **SH will work** with H&S who will be providing the photofinish equipment this year as to the camera mount positioning and also the identification of the support they will provide.

TW highlighted an imminent UKA rule for the U17 steeplechase where the barriers were 84cm and are to now be 91cm.

RD referred to the previous entry fees which were £10 for the first event and £4 each for additional events entered. **It was discussed and agreed** that commencing this year, we would still collect £10 for the first event but will increase to £5 for each additional event. **RD will adopt** this.

## **10. Team Managers' Report:**

DC referred the move from of one meeting from Manchester to Bedford – closer to home.

On the issue of the 8 Counties event, recently circulated to all, the feedback has presented a dilemma in that virtually all of the many possible scenarios have been sought. DC asked whether Hampshire would want to host, but it was highlighted that we have no Seniors' Manager. **An announcement needs to be put out**, seeking volunteers. As to the holding of the event, EW suggested that **we put our thoughts to the South of England team** but letting them make the final decision themselves. This will include recognition that several of the counties, e.g. Hertfordshire and Oxfordshire are withdrawing altogether. MW highlighted that John Falvey has so far done a reasonable job. It was agreed that **DC and MW will co-ordinate and also be our representatives in any future discussions.**

#### **11. Hampshire Schools Report:**

EW reported that the demise of grants is having the expected impact on Finance. ESAA rules require the support of teachers at events which is stretching resources and adding to costs, although some schools are absorbing this themselves.

EW spoke of the Schools Team Cross Country Championships held at St. Swithins School in Winchester in November where almost 600 entries were received. Costs were higher, especially due to the need to provide portaloos. It was highlighted that key information for this section is still to be added to the website, as teachers, parents and coaches do not know where to turn to. **RD to upload this information** as well as details, including photos from the event. EW has new ESAA Handbooks (cost £4) that incorporate a number of changes to ESAA entry standards.

#### **12. Technical Officials Report:**

TW reported on recent meetings, including last weekend's county Cross Country Championships where an amount of juggling was necessary due to late withdrawals of officials.

He advises being ready to circulate lists of summer meetings and seeking commitments from officials when it was noted that plans for the two Grand Prix meetings in July and August were in doubt due to JT's unfortunate likely unavailability due to family matters. **SH agreed to discuss with JT** the requirement for these events to see what help he can provide to enable them to be held on agreed dates of 22<sup>nd</sup> July and 2<sup>nd</sup> September.

TW went on to echo what had already been discussed during this meeting that key information is still being held back, despite having been provided to RD some time back and not put onto the website. **RD to rectify this** and fully update the web site as soon as possible.

Finally, TW announced that the Officials' Get-together will be held at the Hockey Club in Basingstoke on 20<sup>th</sup> March – details to be circulated soon.

#### **13. Road Running Report:**

The meeting was informed that no update had been received.

#### **14. Sports Hall Report:**

The meeting was informed that no update had been received.

#### **15. Any Other Business:**

SH advised that this meeting is the time to discuss nominations for the position of President as SB's term is drawing to a close. The only nominations received were from CG, being David Vosser and Peter Newton. A show of hands supported that of David Vosser, with the comment that this will give the opportunity of someone away from Track & Field holding this position. **SH will speak to David** to see whether he would be willing to accept this appointment and will report back to all committee members.

PR had one small item from the Sports Council meeting where cyclists complained that after our athletes had finished their events at the track, they were untidy in disposing of the safety pins from their bibs, creating the risk of punctures. It was unclear as to what the next step should be apart from asking teachers to mention this in assemblies. It was agreed however that it is the ultimate responsibility of BHLIVE to clean up their track after events, prior to handing the track over to the cyclists.

**Meeting Closed 8.55pm**

**Date of the next meeting – our AGM:**

Friday 6<sup>th</sup> March 2020 – **RD to post this date and** those of the Committee's 2020 meetings onto our website.

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