



**HAMPSHIRE ATHLETICS -
MINUTES OF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING**

HELD ON FRIDAY 10th July 2020 at 4.00 pm

ACCESSED VIA ZOOM DUE TO THE ONGOING CORONAVIRUS LOCKDOWN

Members present:

Mike Neighbour – Chair (MN), Richard Dean (RD), Peter Newton (PN), Mike Williams (MW), Colin Goater (CG), Jackie Tobin (JT), Carol Quinn (CQ), Dave Churcher (DC), Pam Rogers (PR), Terry Williams (TW), Stuart Horsewood (SH)

1. Apologies received: Mike Barratt (MB)

2. Minutes of the last meeting: Accepted as received

3. Matters arising from the previous minutes: Nil

4. Treasurer's Updates: Nothing of any significance reported due to minimal activity

5. Update on the collection of clubs' affiliation fees:

RD advised that there have been no further payments from clubs in the last two months. However so far the position is still better than during the past two years with almost two-thirds of the clubs having responded. MN indicated that we must now wait for the resumption of activity.

It was mentioned that some clubs are keeping their internal communication going, with Aldershot, Basingstoke and Winchester confirmed as holding regular committee meetings.

CG reminded that when it comes to the resumption of meetings those participating clubs will have to have paid their affiliation subscriptions.

RD reminded that the Athletics, Cross Country and Road Running fees have to be paid separately as they are not under one umbrella.

6. General discussion on the impact of the current Covid-19 lockdown:

- MN started by referring to the need to communicate to clubs that there will be no rescheduling of the 2020 Track & Field Championships and the Multi-event meetings that were originally to be held in May 2020. As was agreed in the last meeting, the Grand Prix due to be held in Basingstoke at the end of July will also not take place. Regarding the Mini Grand Prix, scheduled for the beginning of September, while waiting for any further guidance from EA, this meeting is unlikely to go ahead, partly due to the uncertainty of adequate relaxation of the lockdown affecting the time available to organise, but also due to the work still needed to get the track in a satisfactory shape. Also TW advised that there is the uncertainty of the availability of adequate officials' presence due to many being in the "vulnerable" category, as well as the need for social distancing (critical for time-keepers). SH to prepare a communication for RD to place on the website, especially as the Channel Islands and the Isle

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of Wight need to be aware, due to their own problems with travel, as well as accommodation booking. It was mentioned that the Channel Islands are organising their own in-island events to meet their local lockdown conditions.

- PR referred to the HCCL meeting earlier in the week where it was mentioned that some counties are considering arranging “closed door” meetings. The Cross Country section is looking for committed dates towards the Championships on 9th January 2021.

- CQ advised that a meeting had taken place in Nuneaton last weekend. She mentioned that Basingstoke is trying to arrange a small competition in mid-August. In the meantime they are permitted limited training, with just a few field events, under social distancing management.

- PN mentioned that BH Live had promised the opening of their track facility on 7th July. However this has not yet happened as access to toilets would have to be through the Leisure Centre. He advised that a Portsmouth Open meeting is hoped to be held on Sunday 6th September with adequate social distancing. PN mentioned that they have so far have 22 committed officials. TW queried how this would be achieved given the existing EA guidelines, especially re blocked lanes.

- MN advised that only the track is available in Aldershot while SH mentioned that Winchester & District are still waiting for the University to agree to permitting access to their track facilities.

- TW advised that Andover have advised that their facilities are only for their local athletes, as well as to their Triathlon section. Even then there will be no access to the inner field.

- Southampton are taking over their track, with no access to equipment nor high jump or pole vault.

- CG referred to a Virtual British Masters competition with 4,000 athletes so far signed up.

- Around all of the above, RD asked whether there is a general appetite for competition. DC, confirmed by CQ, said that there definitely is a high desire to compete as soon as possible during the rest of this year. Anywhere in the country (logistics permitted) will be considered.

The meeting was closed at 4.40pm.

Date of the next meeting – Friday 14th August 2020 via ZOOM – access details to be provided nearer to the date.

Hampshire Athletics website: - www.hampshireathletics.org.uk

MN