



HAMPSHIRE ATHLETICS - MINUTES OF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

HELD ON FRIDAY 12th JUNE 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), Mike Barratt (MB), Colin Goater (CG), Jackie Tobin (JT), Dave Churcher (DC), Pam Rogers (PR), Terry Williams (TW), Paul Farres (PF), Stuart Horwood (SH)

1. Apologies received: Nil

2. Minutes of the last meeting:

- The question of the availability of officials, especially those in the “vulnerable” category re Covid-19, for any events that can be arranged later in the year has been taken up country-wide by EA through their own survey.

- DC asked to note in the last minutes that there had not in fact been problems with team selection. The correct input was that he had received enquiries regarding team selection but with all events being cancelled there was nothing to target.

3. General Updates:

- RD and CG have been in contact with most clubs regarding the payment of current club affiliation fees and refunds where appropriate for the years 2017 to 2019. The committee was advised that some fees are still awaited.

CG queried that as some clubs have Cross Country, Road Racing and Track & Field sections, can they have one fee for all. The discussion concluded this could not work as affiliation fees have to be paid to each central body.

PR queried whether we have all up-to-date club email addresses as this has been a constant blockage to guaranteed contact across the 40+ clubs in the county. One way to try and reach all was agreed by RD putting the communication on our website.

- The question of individual athletes renewing their own membership was raised and whether clubs are paying the relevant contribution to EA.

PN advised that Portsmouth AC is asking for members to renew but at a reduced level.

JT indicated that Basingstoke are collecting fees when offered.

MW advised that Havant are not pushing the payment by their athletes of the renewal fees.

SH advised that Winchester have been collecting as usual but giving a 3 month extension at the time of the next renewal.

PN reminded that EA have to-date extended payment to them until the end of August 2020.

PF suggested that EA themselves will be in difficulty as they are paying their staff salaries during this period of no activity for such as competition licences.

**ACTION:
WHO?**

RD

PR expressed the hope that this whole issue will all be resolved prior to the potential start of the Cross-Country season.

- JT advised that the decision was made to cancel the Grand Prix meeting scheduled for July 2020. This was mainly due to ongoing uncertainty regarding the Covid-19 lockdown, but also as the Basingstoke track needs some work to get it in a fit state for competition. A decision will be made later as to whether the Mini Grand Prix will take place at the same venue at the beginning of September 2020. The Basingstoke track is however open to the general public, but not for any form of formal training.

MN advised that there is no access to the Aldershot track although training is going on at other locations.

SH advised that the University of Winchester track is similarly closed.

PN and PF jointly referred to the situation in Portsmouth where the Mountbatten Centre track facility will not reopen until 7th July 2020, although it is unclear how many of the facilities will be made available. As in other locations, coaches are finding any locations that they can, to help their athletes with training.

JT advised that the National Athletics League plan to hold a meeting in August 2020, but once again this will be dependent on social distancing requirements making competition possible.

MN advised that the venue for the Road Racing National Championships has been booked, but that everything else for this meeting is currently on hold.

The meeting was closed at 4.45pm.

Date of the next meeting – Friday 10th July 2020 via ZOOM – access details to be provided nearer to the date.

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

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