



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

HELD ON FRIDAY 14th August 2020 at 5.00 pm

ACCESSED VIA ZOOM, DUE TO THE ONGOING CORONAVIRUS LOCKDOWN

Members present:

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

1. Apologies received: Paul Farres (PF), Colin Goater (CG)

2. Minutes of the last meeting: Accepted as produced

3. Matters arising from the previous minutes: Nil

4. Treasurer's Updates: There is nothing of any significance to be reported due to minimal activity.

MB queried some expenses relating to the 2020 Track & Field Championships which did not take place. SH explained that these were for bib numbers and medals/trophies that had been ordered prior to the lockdown. He confirmed that these items will be carried over for use at the next Championships meeting.

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

RD had produced a list of clubs broken down by who had paid and who had not paid. A further comparison was by club reflecting the number of athletes who had participated in the past four County Championships.

It was agreed that we need to get tough and an appropriate message should be sent to delinquent clubs. CQ advised that she will share the contact details of the Guernsey club as attempts to reach them have so far been unsuccessful.

6. General discussion on the current situation re the Covid-19 lockdown:

CQ indicated that Basingstoke has organised a limited meeting, with strict rules around EA guidelines, especially social distancing.

SH advised that a throws competition is scheduled in Winchester & District AC. Strong Covid-19 control will be in force, also monitored by the University of Winchester, whose track is used.

MN referred to a meet that was planned to take place in Aldershot on 22nd August. However the stadium owners are not responding. A Road Relay meet at Rushmore Marina Army Headquarters was being considered with a maximum number of 30 civilians being mandated.

PN mentioned re an open meet to take place in Portsmouth on 6th September but that has been cancelled, while a closed meet is hoped for. It was mentioned that the first four HRRL matches have already been cancelled.

**ACTION:
WHO?**

CQ

DC referred to a meet recently organised by Leigh Valley which was strictly held and was successful:

- Only one person per athlete was allowed to enter the grounds.
- Only 2 timekeepers were allowed on the gantry.
- Time slots in and out and warm-up locations and times were strictly allocated and adhered to.

MW advise that a meet in Havant on 12th September has been cancelled.

TW advised that of our officials a total of 111, being 30% are over the age of 60, with the potential for vulnerability re Covid-19.

7. A.O.B.

TW raised an approach by South of England Track and Field Academy (S.E.T.A.F.A.) which has been started by a former coach of Portsmouth AC, along with other coaches. It is indicated as having EA event-provider affiliation. They sought a list of our county officials who might turn-out in an event scheduled for Sunday 13th September 2020. TW produced a paper, shared in advance with committee members, that included reference to the contact details of officials to be openly posted on the SEFATA web-page. It was found that children are being approached to help at events that this organisation is trying to put together and will be paid for their services. PN mentioned that there is nothing to stop them and the overall agreement of the committee was that we as the County body should not promote or endorse their intentions.

PR was left with no time at the end of the meeting to cover the Cross Country situation. She shared her thoughts in a subsequent email that was shared with all present on the Zoom call. The main issues are:

- Fairthorne Manor are not taking any bookings currently and were amazed that we even enquired about fixing a booking for our County Championships. Obviously without a confirmed venue nothing can be progressed.
- We are waiting for advice from ECCA on staging Cross Country events. Ian Byett indicated that the document should be 'live this week'.
- The possibility of chip timing, which seems to be currently the accepted way forward, is under consideration in terms of cost. The advice looks likely to be for socially distanced 'wave' starts, which will be complicated for manual timekeepers, hence the use of chips.
- Victory Trophies have been kept informed of the situation.
- A contact at a chip timing company is available if we get the go ahead on actually holding any events and have a confirmed venue.
- There has to be a cut-off date, beyond which there will be no time to pull it altogether.
- Even if we do go ahead the Risk Assessment and Permit Application will be vast, as well as any other requirements from Fairthorne Manor.

The meeting was closed at 5.40pm with a subsequent suggestion that we have open-timed ZOOM meetings and not just the basic 40 minutes.

Date of the next meeting – Friday 18th September 2020 via ZOOM – access details to be provided nearer to the date.

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