



HAMPSHIRE ATHLETICS - MINUTES OF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

HELD ON FRIDAY 15TH MAY 2020 at 5.00 pm

ACCESSED VIA ZOOM DUE TO THE CORONAVIRUS LOCKDOWN

Members present:

Mike Neighbour – Chair (MN), Richard Dean -Treasurer (RD), Carol Quinn (CQ), Rachel Jones (RJ), Colin Goater (CG), Dave Churcher (DC), Pam Rogers (PR), Stuart Horsewood - Admin Secretary (SH)

1.Apologies received from: Eileen Williams (EW), Terry Williams (TW), Mike Williams – Secretary (MW), Jackie Tobin (JT),

2.Minutes of the last meeting: As there were no critical issues, this was not discussed due to the ad hoc and generally unattended nature of the current meeting.

3.Treasurer’s report: Circulated in advance.

Together with CG, contact has been made with as many member clubs as contact details are available. Refunds have been made to all clubs who had made any payments of affiliation fees for the previous three years. The issue of 2020 affiliation fees was raised and RJ proposed that clubs should be affiliated to UKA through payment of their fees before their own athletes are permitted to participate in any future meetings.

RD highlighted that some expenses have been incurred for such as the 2020 Championship meeting that is now unlikely to occur due to the coronavirus lockdown – mainly race numbers and some of the medals/trophies. These items can be used for the next time these meetings take place. Orders had also been placed for Officials’ clothing that had to be prepaid, but not yet delivered in order that they may be delivered and paid for by the officials concerned.

4. General Updates:

MN referred to Chris Jones’ advice that tracks can now open and be used, although no group activities can take place, in adherence to social distancing.

The National Relays for one meet are on hold pending any relaxation by the UK Government of lockdown.

Generally registration fees by athletes have not been renewed in the atmosphere of no possible activity, be it training or competition.

However RJ advised that at New Forest Juniors (NFJ) fees had been paid up by February in line with their own annual renewal date. NFJ is very active on Facebook.

CQ and SH reported that training has been arranged virtually for individual athlete activity in Basingstoke and Winchester respectively.

**ACTION:
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ALL?

RJ asked whether any provisional dates have been pencilled into such profile events as the County Championships. With the uncertainty of any relaxation of the lockdown, RD highlighted that unless this would be permitted before the end of September, there would be insufficient daylight for full event coverage to take place.

Also, as many of our Officials fall into the “vulnerable” category, the holding of events will very much depend on the extent of their permitted activity in the coming months.

SH did commit to raise this with EW & TW to see the likely availability of essential officials at any early date during this calendar year.

The issue of coverage by such as First Aid and the extent of spectator presence are also areas that will need clear UKA and British Government guidelines.

Specific query was made regarding the holding of the Grand Prix, scheduled for late July and/or the Mini Grand Prix at the beginning of September. SH later raised these with JT, to learn that the Basingstoke track is in need of repairs that have been delayed due to the lockdown. It is therefore very unlikely that the Grand Prix can be considered, with the fate of the Mini Grand Prix doubtful as of now.

PR commented on the situation in Endurance and Cross Country. No discussion has yet taken place, especially with no possibility of applying for UKA licences or permits. SH had already approached HCCL as to holding an early Cross Country meeting in Winchester and PR is aware of this, but again there is complete uncertainty in every respect.

CG advised that the Road Running AGM had been held and fixture dates for 2020/2021 will be carried forward around the same days or weekends in need.

DC highlighted the problem of team selection with no County Championships and with even the U15/U20 meetings scheduled for September having already been cancelled.

The meeting ended with SH to work with those who were unable to get into the ZOOM system to try and get a greater turnout at the next such meeting, that was agreed to be attempted on Friday 12th June 2020. MN to kindly help to set this up nearer the date and to advise access details to all.

Meeting Closed 5.45pm

Date of the next meeting – Friday 12th June 2020 via ZOOM – access details to be provided nearer to the date.

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EW/TW

MN