



HAMPSHIRE ATHLETICS - MINUTES OF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

HELD ON FRIDAY 18th SEPTEMBER 2020 at 5.00 pm

ACCESSED VIA ZOOM, DUE TO THE ONGOING CORONAVIRUS LOCKDOWN

**ACTION:
WHO?**

Members present:

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

1. Apologies received: Carol Quinn (CQ), Mike Barratt (MB), Colin Goater (CG)

2. Minutes of the last meeting of 14th August 2020: Accepted as produced, by PR and DC.

3. Matters arising from the previous minutes:

TW provided an update on S.E.T.A.F.A. They had held a meeting with only 7 or 8 present, mostly Level 1 Officials. TW has spoken with John Temperton who advised that a licence for a meeting had been granted although no venue had been booked. However Portsmouth AC had a meeting scheduled for the same date with the venue booked but no licence. PN advised that an agreement was reached for the venue to be available to S.E.T.A.F.A. The meeting was held with sparse official presence with the programme over-running. 8 Portsmouth athletes took part. S.E.T.A.F.A. is indicated to be affiliated to EA as an organising body. TW advised that John Temperton will check on this next week.

4a. Treasurer's Update:

-RD advised that EA had paid a grant of £500 for the 2019 Track & Field Championships.

-Minimal other activity, with the bank interest on our savings account reduced further.

-Currently there is a surplus of £1,700 despite 2019 T/F Championships costs incurred (useable for next meeting) and Cross Country vests - £1,500.

4b. Secretary's Update:

-Cross Country National Championships to be held on the weekend of 31st October/1st November in Mansfield, but only for the top 30 teams from 2019 results. All age groups covered. More details to follow on the website.

-South of England Championships to be held at Wormwood Scrubs at the end of October.

-Road Race Relays competition cancelled at the last minute.

-PR mentioned that new Covid-19 regulations have been issued for Cross Country events. Changes include eliminating laps and keeping races to a maximum of 15 minutes. TW expressed concern in view of the big list of

administrative and organisational hurdles to overcome. If chips are used and wave starts implemented then things MIGHT be easier. MN mentioned that double taping of the course could be difficult to implement. RD highlighted that overtaking by athletes would be difficult to control. JT referred to the limiting of the numbers of athletes by age group. PR put out the thought of restricting numbers pro rata by club size.

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

-RD mentioned that Overton have now paid.

-Some clubs are owed refunds but we do not have contact details. We need to reach out to clubs not yet reached. SH agreed to help. RD to share the updates lists.

6. Sportshall update by Steve Torrance:

-A meeting is to be held to determine whether it is safe and appropriate, given the lockdown, to proceed with this indoor event. ST has contacted Places Leisure in Eastleigh – the biggest facility available. Their response was that they will not consider permitting such activity until into the first quarter of 2021.

-No spectators would anyway be allowed. 2/3 of the area would be reserved for competition, with the remaining 1/3 for the athletes holding area.

-The Mountbatten facility in Portsmouth will only allow 100 athletes per meeting.

-There are only 7 teams, with COPAC, SAC and WADAC the largest.

-ST advised the committee that UK Sportshall supports the restart of the league, although Regional and/or National Championships will NOT go ahead.

-The main sponsors have indicated that they cannot continue as before, due to the lockdown.

-ST referred to the need for officials and will work with Team Managers for nominations, as well as the need for adequate PPE.

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

-With the changing weather there is little future leeway for T/F competition.

-PR referred generally to several clubs having held limited meetings. DC mentioned Leigh Valley, which was well organised. Chelmsford held a successful "Covid Games". Worthing and Mazebrook Park, Barking in London were also mentioned.

-The name of "Just Timing" was highlighted as the provider of good quality electronic timing for several recent events. EW mentioned that she has satisfactory experience with this company.

EW referred to Schools events and advised that there will be no Cross Country meetings before this Christmas, with a date of 16th January 2021 so far pencilled in.

8. A.O.B.

-TW mentioned that trophies have been received back from the engravers, with updated winners and have been delivered to holders where possible.

-PR asked the committee whether she should continue with arrangements for the Cross Country Championship meeting. MN indicated that she should

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continue to “try our best”. RD suggested that we liaise with other counties. PR mentioned that Fairthorne Manor might be a problem, as it is a semi-closed course.

-EW/TW advised that Officials’ records of experience for the season should be carried over to the next season. However it is ok for endurance officials to complete, if sufficient meetings are held during their season.

The meeting was closed at 6.30pm.

Date of the next meeting – Friday 16th October 2020 via ZOOM – access details to be provided nearer to the date.

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