



President: Roland Garrad

Minutes of the Executive Committee meeting held at Withdean Stadium

on Friday 21st April 2017

Present R Garrad, Sue May, Keith May, Bob Page, Graham Jessop, Roland Garrad, Martin Etchells, Peter Masters, Tony Roberts, Ron Penfold, Melanie, Guests: Bruce Warren and Steve Hardman

16-166 Apologies: J Lasis, K Donno, M Collison, L Tullett, P Standen, J Gill

16- 167 Minutes of the Previous Meeting

The Minutes were agreed as a true record and signed by the President.

16-168 Road Relays update

The 2017 Road Relays organisers B Warren and S Hardman of Brighton Phoenix were guests at the meeting. R Garrad thanked them for the overall success of the day. Their report had been circulated to members prior to the meeting. This detailed what went well, any concerns raised and what changes would be made to improve the Relays next year.

There was a £371 profit, which M Etchells believed could be higher when final figures were factored in.

The President formally thanked Brighton Phoenix for running the event so effectively.

16-169 Matters Arising

M Anning reported that the gift for Bob Harvey had been organised and sent.

R Garrad had not heard back from Sussex police re. safeguarding and welfare.

16-170 Correspondences and Administrators Report

The Administrator had circulated her report prior to the meeting.

- Elspeth Turner was no longer the EA rep after a reorganisation. The committee expressed their disappointment at this decision. P Masters reported that he, S Condie and K May had independently written to Chris Jones of England Athletics to express their concerns. P Masters had also asked what was being put in place to cover the

extensive work carried out by E Turner in Sussex, under the new structure. He was still awaiting a reply.

- E Turner's successor Sarah Gardiner had contacted Sussex AA and planned to attend a future meeting.
- Caroline Waterworth – A parent of a B&H AC athlete had taken over as meeting manager for the U13 Champs.
- M Anning is manage the U15 Inter counties team.
- Nobody had responded to the Senior Team Manager vacancy.
- Two Horsham athletes Seb Wallace and Cleo Tomlinson have qualified for the UK Sportshall finals as individuals and will be travelling to Manchester to compete.
- A mobile caterer had asked about the possibility of attending county events. The committee rejected this as catering was a fundraiser for local clubs.

16-171 Treasurers Report

M Etchells is to circulate the Treasurer's report for year-end as soon as it is complete. He will identify any clubs that have not paid their affiliation fees.

P Masters asked for an update about when key financial decisions would be made. The committee agreed 'the Future' would be a main item on the June agenda.

16-172 Development Group Report

- **Website and On-line entry.** P Masters updated the committee about the relationship with Website developer's Netkandi and reasons for the new on-line entry system. Netkandi would continue to host the website and carry out updates, but the entry system had been moved to on-line entry specialists Open Track.
- **Missing Archive.** P Masters and M Anning had met with Julie Minn of Netkandi. She will schedule work to recover the archive and is to update P Masters shortly.
- The two master classes in triple jump and hurdles, hosted by Olympians Tosin Oke and Lorna Booth took place in March and both were a success. R Hook said Lorna had not yet sent her invoice. M Anning to chase.
- Thirty-two people had attended the officials training at Haywards Heath on Sunday 12th March. However this had not yet translated into volunteers to help at the county championships.
- P Masters updated the committee re. the Elite Throws squad. It was decided that the Development committee would look into the issues around taking it forward and report back at the next meeting.

16-173 Tilgate Forest Incident update

In late March R Garrad received a letter from the solicitor representing the woman involved in the incident at Tilgate Forest in November. M Anning sent it onto the UKA insurers. The letter alleges negligence, and Sussex AA does not accept this. All the information around the incident had already been gathered and sent to the insurers earlier this year. They will deal directly with any further communications.

16-174 Track & Field Panel Report

The May Championships needs additional officials. On-Line entry was working well, but there had been issues around the requirement for the EA number and the linked up EA systems showed that many athletes were out of registration, as their clubs had not yet forwarded their subs. Temporarily removing the EA number requirement has resolved this issue.

16-175 Cross Country Report

No report submitted

16-176 Road Running Report

B Page spoke about Sussex success at the 20-mile Inter-Counties team championships (managed by Tom Ulliott).

B Page discussed the organisation of the Brighton Half Marathon and the poor response they received from England Athletics when they realised there was a problem with the race distance. B Page also gave his overview of the recent Brighton Marathon.

B Page added his praise for the organisation of the Road Relays.

16-177 Race Walking Report

R Penfold's report had been circulated in advance (attached).

He shared his disappointment that Steyning had been forced to turn away a young athlete, as they had no walking coaches.

16-178 U13 Championship distances

The Development committee had discussed changing the Under 13 Championships distances from 75m/150m and 1200m to 100m/200m and 1500m. This would bring Sussex in line with the majority of counties in England. K May said any change needed to be considered by the Track & Field Panel. M Anning is to send information to the track & field panel so that a decision can be made before next January when they historically meet. This decision would not impact on the distances run at Sussex League events or at the YDL, which are 75m/150m.

16-179 Any other business – Nothing to report.

The meeting ended at 21:15

The next meeting will be held on Friday 16th June 2017. Future meeting dates (All Fridays) are: 16th June, 15th September, the AGM is 20th October, 17th November.

