



SUSSEX COUNTY ATHLETICS ASSOCIATION

President: Roland Garrad

Minutes of the Executive Committee meeting held at Withdean Stadium

on Friday 16th June 2017

Present: R Garrad, S May, P Masters, K May, B Page, M Etchells, J Gill, N Sutherland, M Anning and guest S Gardiner of England Athletics

16-181 Apologies: Linda Tullett, Reg Hook, Judy Lasis, Maureen Stephens, Ron Penfold.

16-182 Minutes of the Previous Meeting

The minutes of the previous meeting were agreed as a true record and signed by the President.

16-183 Matters Arising

No matters arising.

16-184 Welcome Sarah Gardiner – England Athletics

Sarah Gardiner had no handover into the role and very little knowledge of Sussex clubs. She had sent out a questionnaire to the largest 15 clubs in the county to find out what they needed. She spoke about the various 'new' EA schemes - some of which were rebranded old schemes – such as 'flying coach.' She welcomed any and all feedback and reiterated that she wanted to help clubs but they had to meet her half way.

16-185 Correspondence & Administrator's Report

This had been circulated prior to the meeting and included an update on Inter-county team managers, the lack of medals at the Vets Champs for Sussex athletes, the congested fixtures lists and on-going clashes stretching officials and notable achievements and the retirement of longstanding official Graham Bentley.

16-186 Treasurer's Report

Run Academy Worthing had applied to affiliate to Sussex AA. Their application was accepted.

The County Champs was very successful with an income of £11700 and expenditure of just under £7000, thus approx. £4600 profit.

ME is still working in last year's accounts and the amalgamation of the Network/Development accounts. ME needs to marry up the detail re facility hire.

16-187 Future Planning

ME has done some approximations but needed to work on the figures.

He had successfully chased up overdue affiliations. Income and expenditure on vests had increased.

He plans to financially review each championship separately in the future.

The committee discussed ways of ensuring funds were not depleting annually. What are the key decisions needed as an association to stay sustainable into the future.

Discussed increasing the entry fee to £6 per event from 2018 to allow for the cost of Stripe – the online payment system now being used.

16-18 Sussex Athletics Development Report

Website Archive – PM and MA outlined the situation that despite many promised the archive has not yet been restored. In a recent meeting Julie Minn of Netkandi had assured them it could be done at an additional cost, however there has been no movement. Netkandi then said they could only restore the copy not the photos. This is inadequate and they are presently looking into options.

Pole Vault Grant – PM summarised the reasons for this grant – to support a range of athletes from across Sussex who needed poles for training and competition.

Throws Squad update - After discussion of the issues surrounding the squad use of the Lewes track and financial viability of the squad, it was agreed to support the squad for a period of 10 weeks at a cost of £25 per week for 10 weeks (payment being made to the facility).

16-189 Terms of Reference

Comments circulated by Reg Hook were noted.

It was agreed that the intention was for the Executive to appoint the Chairs of Panels and committees, and for those people to then invite others as required to undertake the allocated work of the panel/committee.

It was agreed that all the Panels should review officials and coaching issues and report their findings to the Development Panel for further action.

The proposed terms of Reference were accepted.

16-190 Track & Field Executive Panel Report

Kate Matthews and Shelly Baker were thanked and congratulated on the organisation of the County Championships. They had met with Keith to review the event and several matters were in hand to be amended for next year.

16-191 Cross-Country Executive Panel Report

No report.

16-192 Road Running Executive Panel Report

Entries for the Sussex 10k championships hosted by Brighton Phoenix in July have reached 560.

16-193 Race Walking Report

A written report from Ron Penfold had been circulated. In addition it was noted that:

- Olly Hopkins has been appointed England Team Captain for the international vs Ireland.
- Several athletes introduced to the sport by Peter Selby were now participating successfully on a regular basis.

16-194 Any other Business

None.

The meeting closed at 9.55pm