

Minutes of the Executive Committee meeting held at Withdean Stadium

on Friday 15th September 2017

Present: R Hook, P Masters, B Page, M Etchells, J Gill, M Anning

16-195 Apologies: R Garrad, L Tullett, J Lasis, M Stephens, R Penfold, J Linfield, K May, S May, N Sutherland, M Collison

16-196 Minutes of the Previous Meeting

The minutes of the previous meeting were agreed as a true record and signed by the Martin Etchells who chaired the meeting in the absence of Roland Garrad.

16-197 Matters Arising

Several clubs had not received England Athletics Sarah Gardner's questionnaire. PM said she was due to visit Lewes AC on 10th October.

16-198 Correspondence & Administrator's Report

This had been circulated prior to the meeting and included the information that:

- John Gill would be stepping down as Officials Secretary and that he had recruited a replacement Peter Kennedy of Lewes. The county thanked John for his tireless dedication and the energy, support and warmth he has brought to what has become an increasingly difficult job of attracting would be officials who will commit to getting licenced and then turn out for their clubs and the county.
- The U15 and U13 League finals were both successful events and we thank Janis Long, Phil Baker and Keith May respectively for their outstanding organisation and the teams of officials and volunteers without whom these events would not happen
- The Inter-county fixtures have all taken place, with varying success for Sussex.
- Noel Butler and Elsie Lovell very effectively managed the Senior teams.
- Melanie Anning managed the U13 and U15/20 teams. The latter event was last weekend and Sussex had one of its best showings ever, with the U15's in second place by a mere point and the U20's, fielding mainly U17's, in sixth place despite a heavily depleted team.
- Lee Fulham will be managing the U17 T&F inter-counties team next year.
- Gail Nerurkar, Virginia Fonteyn, Tom Ulliott and Dave Leach will all continue as XC Inter-County team managers across the 2017/18 season.
- Thanks were given to Phil Baker and team for compiling the Winter Fixtures List.
- **Honours** - Rob Mullett (Coach: Dave Leach) competed in the World Champs but was knocked out in his heat. Horsham based Jade Lally (Coach: Andy Neal) did not qualify for the discus final
- Toby Harries won a brilliant gold over 200m and Orla Brothers made it to the semis of the 400mH at the European U20 champs in Grosseto.
- In July Amber Anning won bronze in the 400m at the Commonwealth Youth Games and silver in the mixed 4x400m relay.

- *Other achievements at regional championships and county records, of which there are many, will be listed in the AGM report.*
- **General** - Affiliation emails have been sent out to all clubs. Horsham Amphibians Tri club have ended their affiliation with EA and Sussex AA.
- **Correspondence:**
- Roland Garrad had responded to a parent's informal complaint about a Sussex coach and their alleged public comments about a former Sussex athlete.

16-199 Treasurer's Report

- Ten clubs had paid their subs to this date.
- ME was working on the annual report in a more detailed format.
- ME had received a cheque for £520 from Surrey for the Masters Championships. This was £400 more than last year's profit. ME wanted to know the entry fee last year. He understood that entries had gone up.
- Freedom Leisure has billed us for the cost of stewards at the U13 Championships and U15 League Final in 2017. ME could not find a similar charge for stewards at Withdean Stadium for 2016. He is to query this.
- ME had rolled over the £15000 deposited four years ago. It is now worth £15509 at the current rate of interest 0.65%. The money cannot now be touched until 9th September 2018. It can be taken out and moved on that date with notice.
- There is £84441 in the bank account.
- ME updated the situation around accounts and the relationship with Dorothy Stringer who cover payments from and to certain squads and leagues.
- The remittance for £500 County Championships grant from England Athletics had been sent through to Keith May today.

16-200 Sussex Athletics Development Report

- **Website** - PM summarised the situation.
- **Squads** - Kim Milnthorpe will be managing the U13 Track & Field squads and Fiona Newport the Master classes. MA outlined some issues around the booking of Sportshall at Tanbridge House School, which could impact on the squad dates. *(This has now been resolved).*
- ME wanted the fees for the squads to be paid to the Development account and dealt with by Debbie Hardy at Dorothy Stringer. MA suggested changing the on-line entry banking details temporarily for this purpose.
- Endurance squads – PM updated the committee about how this was moving forth as no individual had stepped up to manage the squad. PM spoke about a possible collaboration with Kent. PM to speak with Peter Mullervy however, concerns were aired that the joint group could be too large to benefit all the athletes.
- **Throws Squad update** – PM updated the committee about his communications with Mike Winch and Judy Oakes.

16-201 Terms of Reference

- Bob Page is stepping down from his role leading the Road Running panel and he and Elspeth Turner have organised a meeting with a range of people involved in road running. This will take place at the end of October.
- Phil Baker was thanked for his continuing great work to produce the Winter Fixture list. It was unanimously agreed that panel leads should be encouraged to send written reports if unable to

attend meetings in person, however if nothing was happening (e.g. XC over Summer) a report was unnecessary.

- The committee discussed who would decide the budget for panels and PM and ME clarified that this would always be based on the previous year's costs and should not cause any stress to leads.

16-202 Track & Field Executive Panel Report

- ME was waiting for the financial report from the Combined Events Championships.
- PM spoke about it now being the role of the Executive panels to identify team managers, however, with most in place they would only need to know who they are and identify and fill any gaps.

16-203 Cross-Country Executive Panel Report

- No report. BP had repeatedly asked for the England Athletics affiliation of individual runners to be a requirement on the Sussex XC Relay Championships and League entries. This is a rule and thus a requirement. This needs to be in place from now onwards. MA to contact Phil Baker and clubs to remind.

16-204 Road Running Executive Panel Report

A written report from Bob Page had been circulated.

- **Sussex 10k Road Champs:** This race was hosted for the 2nd year running by Brighton Phoenix as part of their 10k race. The race management was excellent and without incident. There were 590 finishers. Sorting out winners of Sussex champs as usual makes use of photos to check club vests, runners not who they should be so medals can only be awarded post race. The results for the Brighton Phoenix 10k were instantly displayed at end of the race and on line. A very good event and hopefully they will invite us back again.
- **2018 Sussex 10k Road Champs:** Next year we return to Chichester now Goodwood starting pointing for the 10k. They have put in a lot of work solving road traffic issues to the venue and they continue with the iconic finish on the motor racing circuit.
- **2017 Sussex Half Marathon:** This takes place on the 24th Sep as part of the Barns Green Half, which is a very popular event with a good standard of runner. Medals have been ordered from Keith May who is in attendance as the timekeeper. Once again no medals until results and photos have been scrutinised.
- **2017 Harvey Curtis Sussex Road Race Challenge:** Since the last meeting the Brighton Phoenix 10k and Kings Head Canter 5k have been completed with ever improving competition and participation in both. The Kings Head Canter saw the record held by Geoff Hill from 1998 finally broken by Finn McNally (Brighton Phoenix) by 14 seconds, now stands at 15.06. Finn has targeted the HCSRRC this year, which is pleasing for the sponsors and organisers.
- **England Marathon Age Group Representation Place 2018:** It has been announced that Chester, Bournemouth and Brighton Marathons will be used to choose runners to represent England in 2018.
- **Road Running Development:** Hats off to Elspeth Turner for putting in excellent work in arranging a meeting of like-minded individuals who are interested in discussing how Sussex Road Running could be developed. The Sussex Grand Prix and Harvey Curtis are represented along with reps from 5 clubs in the county. Hopefully post meeting they will continue to engage and make this a regular meeting. It will be good to have fresh faces at the table to take the discipline forward in the coming years.

16-205 Race Walking Report

A written report from Ron Penfold had been circulated. It was noted that:

- It had been another good three months for the Sussex walkers. **In June** at the BMAF T&F Championships at Birmingham Ian Richards won the M65 3K in 14-59.02 and Ron Penfold the M75 5K in 32-32.35. Ollie Hopkins was our only representative in the CAU Inter Counties Championships at Bedford coming in 6th in a good time of 15-17.2.
- **In July** Senior Home Counties I/C at Kingsmeadow. In the Men's 3K Ollie Hopkins was 2nd in 15-43.8, and in the Women's 3K Eva Payton-White was 7th in 18-55.4 and Andrea Ingrams 9th in 19-10.5. At Aarhus, Denmark in the European T&F Championships Ian Richards came up against Patrice Brochot, a Frenchman who has just come up into the M65 age group, and after a bit of a battle Ian was second to him in both the 5K and the 20K, Ian recording 26-26.41 in the 5K to Patrice's 26-05.64 and 1-50-52 to 1-49-10 in the 20K.
- **August** In the SEAA Race Walking Championships at Crystal Palace Ollie Hopkins won the U20M 5K in 27-23.75
- **September** Sussex AA Track Walking Championships held in conjunction with Surrey AA at Carshalton. Ollie Hopkins showed a clean pair of heels to everyone in the race, winning in a good time, and lapping all but the Surrey winner, Brian Kirkdale won his first Sussex Title in the Senior race.
- This weekend we have encouragingly three Sussex walkers entered for the English Schools Race Walking Championships in Boston.

16-206 Mick Jones Throws Trophy

The committee agreed to recommend the name of a young athlete to Mick Jones, to be the first recipient of the trophy he wanted to donate.

16-207 AGM

Following Keith May's suggestion the committee unanimously agreed to the nominations of Maureen Stephens and Mandy Collison to be Vice Presidents.

JG spoke about starter Tony Roberts South East award and hoped to be able to present it at the AGM.

16-208 Any Other Business

MA announced she would be resigning from the role of Administrator. PM and RH spoke about what the role should be and whether communication needed to be part of it or separate. A meeting would be scheduled to discuss.

16-207 Any other Business

None.

The meeting closed at 21:00