



## **SUSSEX COUNTY ATHLETICS ASSOCIATION**

**President: Martin Etchells**

**Minutes of the Executive meeting held on Friday 20th November 2015 at Withdean Leisure Centre, Brighton.**

**Members Present:** Reg Hook, Maureen Stephens, Sue May, Keith May, Neil Sutherland, Tony Roberts, Bob Page, Jenny Hughes, Keith Donno, Peter Masters, Martin Etchells, Judy Lasis, Ron Penfold, Graham Jessop, John Gill.

**15-61 Apologies for absence** - Melanie Anning, Linda Tullett, Peter Selby, Roland Garrad, John Linfield, Graham Ashdown, Peter Standen, John Luxford.

**15-62 Website Presentation** - The meeting was preceded by a presentation by Chris Minn of the development of the new Sussex AA website. There was discussion of some aspects but there was general approval of the procedure to date and a launch date of 1st December or as soon as possible thereafter was greeted with enthusiasm.

**15-63 - The Minutes** of the previous meeting were agreed and signed.

**15-64 Matters Arising** - A new director for the Road Relays had been found, Paula Wirth. JG is in touch re handover.

The T & Field Officials course on 1 November had been well attended, and well received, by almost 50, 44 of whom are Sussex based.

There was some discussion about official's travel expenses for county events. General feeling was not to offer this within the county unless there was a genuine hardship situation. For Sussex champs held outside the county travel expenses would be paid if necessary. The events to which this applied would be specified and 20p per mile would be offered for lone travel or 25p per mile if passengers shared the same vehicle.

### **15-65 - Correspondence & Administrators report**

As circulated prior to the meeting.

It was reported that a complaint had been raised about a defamatory Facebook posting by someone part of the Sussex AA administration team. The administrator was trying to sort this out without having to resort to dismissal.

It was decided to be wary of offers of sponsorship from “Find a Watch” and some others.

The Lewes track was due to re-open on Tuesday 24 November.

### **15-66 Treasurer’s report**

As presented and attached.

Accounts for Exec and Network will be merged shortly.

M Stevens asked if County would contribute to some new/extra equipment for the Worthing based Sports Hall League. Definite costs to be reported to M Etchells. Financial help would be available, final amount to be confirmed by the county Trustees.

It was reported that in future K2 would almost certainly charge for the use of the facility for the various county championships held there. Attempts would be made to obtain a discount in view of the several events involved.

### **15-67 Election of Executive Panels**

Cross Country: leave as is under the direction of P Baker.

Road Running: B Page happy to continue on his own.

Track & Field: leave as is under direction of K May.

**15-68** Network: K May dropping out of this team but otherwise leave as is. May have to be re-defined as merger comes into place.

### **15-69 - Network report**

P Masters reported the squads and master classes were proceeding well and wheelchair development also going well.

Recent Track & Field officials course had almost 50 attendees and the separate Endurance officials course 15: an excellent turnout in each case.

### **15-70 - Track & Field report**

Indoor champs would again be at Sutton, 20/21 February 2016. On line entry will be available and encouraged. More Sussex entrants and officials needed.

Main champs at K2 on 14/15 May 2016.

Combined events champs will be at Sutton in September. Will probably not offer steeplechase and relays to Sussex athletics.

### **15-71- Cross Country report**

Championships entry form will be on website within a few days.

### **15-72 Road Running report**

Harvey Curtis will continue to sponsor the awards.

### **15-73 Race Walking report**

Little coming in near future.

### **15-74 Constitution**

Updating continues. Comments were invited up to 18 December at which point sub-committee would meet to produce a “final draft” document to circulate prior to the next meeting.

Main question asked at this point concerned the number of club representatives allowed to be elected.

It was reported that Tunbridge Wells Triathlon Club had asked whether they can affiliate to Sussex AA. John Linfield has confirmed that they cannot as they are at present not affiliated to England Athletics.

### **15-75 Any other business**

None

### **15-76 Date of Next Meeting**

19th February 2016

The meeting closed at 9.30 pm

**J. Gill**