

Minutes of the Executive Committee meeting held at Withdean Stadium

on Friday 20th April 2018

Present: J Lasis, M Etchells, K May, S May, R Penfold, L Tullett, K Matthews,
T Roberts, J Gill,

18-14 Apologies: R Garrad ,G Jessop, R Hook, P Masters, N Sutherland,

18- 15 Minutes of the Previous Meeting

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

18-16 Matters Arising

Keith M sending Kate M what Kent is doing in relation to the new data protection rules coming in.

18 - 17 Correspondence and Administrator's Report

SEAA are looking to make changes to the Under 20 Steeplechase at the Inter County Champs. They have asked us to respond to the proposal of introducing an U20 Women's steeplechase. To not interfere with the timetable this would be run every other year with the U20 men's event on the alternate year. Keith M said it is such a long meeting anyway, why not run both each year. JL said if they do the same distance and height then it will follow. Kate M to advise SEAA on Sussex AA views that if they cannot do both each year, then do not do either.

Indoor Champs – Trevor Simcox has raised an issue regarding the starter. It is an electronic system that athletes are not used to.

TR said he felt the starting system was not fair. On the Sunday, there were 9 false starts.

Keith M does not see an issue and that in the future there would be no guns and it would all be electronic.

18- 18 Treasurer's Report

ME presented the figures for April 2017 through March 2018.

- Income from the endurance squad and masterclass (6103.66) counteracted the funds spent on Development (-9350.00)

- Road relays showed a figure of -429.01 but ME said this is not straight forward as they are held on the cusp of the year, so a lot of the income made doesn't come in until after the closure for figures. The reality is a £600 profit minus Bruce's expenses.
- The -1845.93 figure under the Under 15 League heading includes the back payments to Chichester.
- The U13 figure showed a slight loss of -295.06. The charges have gone up now. It was suggested the U15 do the same.
- Development and admin costs need to be added in the spreadsheet.
- The spreadsheet does not include Debbie's reports.

18-19 Sussex Athletics Development Report

Squads – Throws masterclass confusion is still unresolved. It was suggested that it would be great if Jake Whiteman could come along for one of next year's endurance sessions as he lives in Rudgwick.

Development Committee - SM passed on a message from Kim Milnthorpe that there would be no squads held at The Tube from now on.

Officials – .ME still looking for an official to look after the EDM.

18 - 20 Track & Field Executive Panel Report

Kate M told the committee that following John Gill's resignation, no one has come forward to chair the Track and Field Panel, so as a result the search continues.

18- 21 Cross-Country Executive Panel Report

ME said it was good to see Phil Baker at the road relays at Christ's Hospital. Keith M spoke to Phil before he went away and suggested the cross country panel should meet earlier than it previously has. Keith M said as far as XC concerned February and March has too many competitions with the nationals, inter counties, schools. Basically there are 3 big races out of 4 weeks. This is a national issue that needs looking at.

18- 22 Road Running Executive Panel Report

Nothing has been confirmed but it is looking like Barnes Green will be the venue for the half marathon.

18- 23 Race Walking Report

Weather has really affect the race walking season this year. Keith M asked if the distances for races are the same for both men and women. RP reported they are changing and will be the same.

18- 24 Any Other Business

JL has been approached by a primary school in Hurstpierpoint to assist with a Guinness World Record attempt. The school would like some volunteer timekeepers. JL has asked for more details and is to deal with the request.

JG asked if the new field event regulations will be followed at the Champs and whether we were going to have clocks to assist with this. Keith said the regs would be adhered to but doesn't feel clocks are needed.

Keith M fed back on the latest SE Regional Meeting he had attended.

Kate M brought up the issue of covering Reg's reports when he is unable to do it himself. Kate M and Melanie Anning can assist with this, but it was agreed that we could approach "community" correspondents to help voluntarily. Recently a group of youngsters from Brighton filed a fun report from the English Schools. Kate M to approach these boys to see if they would be interested in doing some reports.

ME asked if we need to be ordering more medals. Keith M to look into this.

18 - 25 Date of next meeting Friday 20th July

The meeting closed at 21:10

Future meeting dates 2018 (All Fridays):

21st September

19th October – AGM

16th November