

Minutes of the Executive Committee meeting held at Withdean Stadium

on Friday 20th July 2018

Present: G Jessop, M Etchells, K May, S May, K Matthews, T Roberts, J Gill, R Hook, P Masters, N Sutherland, Peter Selby

18-26 Apologies: J Lasis, L Tullett, R Penfold,

18- 27 Minutes of the Previous Meeting

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

18-28 Matters Arising

Nothing has been heard from the SEAA regarding changes to the Steeplechase.

The XC Panel meeting is set for 30 July in the Training Room at Withdean, Brighton.

Keith M was an official timekeeper for the “most people in the shape of a pencil” record.

18 - 29 Correspondence and Administrator’s Report

RH asked if there was anything we could do to keep people better informed and help “newbys”.

Kate M circulated the administrator’s report. Nothing arising.

18- 30 Treasurer’s Report

ME presented the current figures.

- In U15s there is a bit of catching up from previous years.
- KM reported that the vests figure will be out as we have just put in a big order.
- KM checked medals – we have 570 gold, 850 silver and 840 bronze. This is enough for remainder of this year and then all of next year. No money needed to be spent at current time. After this we are going to change the logo on them so will need to go to someone else for supply.
- PS asked how much longer clubs and counties are going to continue to award medals. A number of people have moved away from this. Is this something that we need to do. RG said it might be something in the future we decide to do.
- RG on referring to the sheet provided by ME said it is not good practice to have a negative budget.

- ME – has been approached by Sussex Schools for some financial support. They have a £900 due to increased costs with English Schools. JL raised the issue of the additional cost of the inter counties. They used the EDM but the second one was £1100. The bill of photo finish is not in yet for £250. RH said other county councils support their schools events – ours do not. The other cost that JL was going to mention was that 1 athlete would not have been able to go to the English Schools without financial aid. His school paid £50 but the rest was covered by Sussex Schools. KM proposed to give the schools £1000. PM seconded this and everyone voted in favour.
- ME reported he is in discussion with the Withdean manager regarding the stewards at the U13 Champs. It was due to be reduced but came in bigger than last year at £470. The debate is over 4 stewards when there was supposed to be 2. RG was not pleased with the equipment and ground staff. It was difficult to find a full set of hurdles. JG said getting the long jump ready took a good half an hour.

18-31A Sussex Athletics Development Report

PM referred to the document he circulated. The volunteer set up appears to no longer be working as effectively. Times are changing. At the last Development Meeting this was looked at. This is one of the reasons we are looking into sponsorship etc. PM feels we need to be looking at how we are doing things moving forward to get things done. PK put in a proposal at the Development meeting for officials kit. PK feels if we provide officials with gear, this could hook them in. SM has asked people before about whether this would make a difference and each time she was told no. PM said PK wants to test it out to see how it works. Something needs to be done to increase official numbers. We need new people coming through. SM said people are not officiating because of the equipment and gear they can get. 20 people took the course the previous year. How many of these have gone through to actually become level 1 qualified? Why are they not going to the next step. KM said we need to ask people why? RG said PK should be praised for trying to find a solution. GJ said there has to be some way of encouragement. Sometimes it is just too long to give up the time for.

KM asked if we came up with any figures for running the Championship or team managing? PM said £1000 to cover the main champs, the U13 champs and the Vets event.

Squads – Kim Milnthorpe has agreed to run the U13 squads again. Provisional dates are 11th Nov, 2 Dec, 10 Feb, 17 March. Same as last year. They will be held at Lewes. The endurance squads will carry on as before.

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

18 – 31B Track & Field Executive Panel Report

KM said we need a Track and Field Panel Meeting at the end of September.

18- 32 Cross-Country Executive Panel Report

There is an XC panel meeting at Withdean on 30th July. Draft fixtures are out.

18- 33 Road Running Executive Panel Report

GJ said it is really good that the Road Running panel is up and running. ET had a meeting with David Kelly from Run Gatwick which could be a really good avenue of development. The Christ Hospital Road Relays will be April 6th. Looking like there will be between 8-10

counties at the Brighton 10K Intercounties. The panel is looking to hold a workshop in mental health and running. They are hoping to put one on for Endurance courses. KM asked how it is being funded. £300 has been agreed towards it.

ME said he was surprised at getting a contact from Harvey Curtis as thought this had finished. The actual case is it runs until 18/19 and will cease in 19/20.

RG asked if we are continuing the relays within the school grounds, can we not go back to the old route. KM said from what Bruce Warren said people felt the new route was better.

18- 34 Race Walking Report

PS reported it is going well. RG announced that the president elect for the next 2 years will be Ron Penfold.

18- 35 Any Other Business

Track Nights (supplied by Sarah Gardner) information needs to be circulated to clubs.

KM brought up GDPR – we will need signs on the tables at the XC matches with a disclaimer.

Kate M will get the Under 17 Inter Counties Trophy from Lee Fulham and then we will decide where it should be kept.

18 - 25 Date of next meeting Friday 21st September

The meeting closed at 21:30

Future meeting dates 2018 (All Fridays):

19th October – AGM

16th November