

Minutes of the Executive Committee meeting held at Withdean Stadium

on Friday 21st Sept 2018

Present: G Jessop, K May, S May, K Matthews, R Hook, P Masters, L Tullett, R Penfold, Phil Baker, Mandy Collison, Maureen Stephens, Roland Garrad

18-37 Apologies: J Lasis, T Roberts, J Gill, M Etchells, N Sutherland,

18- 38 Minutes of the Previous Meeting

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

18-39 Matters Arising

The Bright 10 will be the last of the challenge cups supported by Harvey Curtis.

18 - 40 Correspondence and Administrator's Report

Kate M circulated the administrator's report for all to read.

Affiliations – Applications from Portslade Hedgehoppers and Vegan Runners were both approved. It was agreed that on accepting Vegan Runners application, as they are a national club, we would stipulate that only "Vegan" runners with a Sussex qualification (birth or residence) would be able to compete and score in county events. Kate M to inform the clubs.

Floodlights – Peter Masters explained the ongoing situation regarding the management and financing of the Lewes track, which in turn is having an affect on the funding and progress of sorting the floodlights. The Executive Committee unanimously voted to donate £8000 towards the floodlights fund, which had already been agreed in principle via emails. PM thanked Sussex AA for this and stipulated the project will go ahead after the issues are resolved.

18- 41 Treasurer's Report

N/A

18-42 Sussex Athletics Development Report

Development Committee Actions. PM reported:

- Dates for the Track and Field Squads are Nov 11, Dec 2, Feb 3 and Mar 17.
- Dates for the Endurance Squads are Oct 27, Nov 24, Dec 15, Mar 31.
- A meeting is due to be arranged to discuss the website.
- Peter Kennedy is very keen to introduce some kind of reward for officials who attend regularly.
- With Inter Counties Team Management, if we do not have people well in advance to manage teams, we just won't attend. The Executive Panel agreed on this.

- The current dates of the U15 and U20 inter counties cause issues with attendance and support. Mel A had asked if Sussex AA would send a letter to request a change of fixture dates etc. The Executive Panel feels this is an issue for the Track and Field panel to discuss and decide upon.

18 – 43 Track & Field Executive Panel Report

KM reported:

- Entries were low for the Combined Events.
- RG asked if Julia Machin's record stood. KM said no final decision had been made but thought it unlikely.
- RG said he was "very upset" with the standard of the track at the U15 Final at Withdean, Brighton. The state of the hurdles and lack of cones around the bends, despite having asked Withdean for them being examples. He added we need to consider not holding events there in the future if things do not improve. Examples of poor state included incorrect placing of cones around the bend.

18- 44 Cross-Country Executive Panel Report

PB reported:

- XC panel meeting was held back in July. Agreed to stick to the usual courses at Bexhill, Stanmer Park, Lancing and Goodwood. Looked into a different one at Cowdray in Midhurst but this was felt not to be appropriate.
- Discussed distances at this panel meeting and whether men's and women's should be the same. The basic outcomes were as follows: under 11's (2K), under 13's (3K), Under 15's (now 4K for both boys and girls) should be the same. As far as the league fixtures were concerned, there was a general agreement that the under 17's should continue to run with the seniors and under 20's rather than be exposed in their own much smaller race so the 2 senior league races will stay the same - senior women inc, u17, u20, vet - 5K; senior men inc u20, vet - 8K. With the championships, the under 17 men and women have their own separate races over 5K anyway. At present the senior women run 6.4K (4 miles) and the men 12K (7.5 miles) and the under 20 men 8K (5 miles) After much discussion the meeting decided the best way forward was to ask clubs to survey their members with 3 options: A to stay the same for 2019; B to keep the men the same and bring the women up to 8K; C to bring the women up to 8K and bring the men down to 10K in which case the under 20's can run with them if they wish. A final date to receive opinions wasn't set. One change that was decided, however, was have the same distances for all the masters races - 8K for everyone but still run as 3 separate races.
- Goodwood situation – feedback came in following the double booking on the 23rd Sept. General consensus was that the least problematic would be to hold the relays instead of the first league fixture on October 13th, then hold a 4th fixture later on in the season. March 2 was proposed as a possible date.

18- 45 Road Running Executive Panel Report

The Panel are meeting again on Oct 12th after Barns Green.

Brighton 10K – are entries open yet?

18- 46 Race Walking Report

RP circulated a Walking Panel report for everyone to review. PM asked is Peter Selby had contacted other clubs and whether we could get more walkers from other clubs across Sussex. KM said you had to have people interested in doing it in the first place.

18- 47 AOB

AGM

This is taking place on 19th October.

The Executive Panel agreed on inviting David Leach, Peter Standen and Kim Milnthorpe to be Vice Presidents of Sussex AA.

Treasurer support – ME needs to discuss this with Debbie Hardy from Dorothy Stringer. He needs to ascertain if he needs an assistant for support or an assistant to take over his role eventually.

18 - 48 Date of next meeting Friday 16th November

The meeting closed at 21:20

Future meeting dates 2018 (All Fridays):

19th October – AGM

16th November

15th February, 2019

12th April, 2019

19th July, 2019

20th September, 2019