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Minutes of the 9th Committee Meeting 2023

Present: Keith Bindoff, Mark Jackson, Michelle Holdsworth, Mike Cotton, Mike Good, Jamie Wilkinson, Steven McDougall,

Apologies: Mike McGuinness, Adam Poole, Andrea Ansell

Chairs Welcome: Mark welcomed everyone to the 9th Committee Meeting of the year.

Minutes of Last Meeting : Mark signed the minutes of the last meeting as a true record.

Matters Arising:

Carolyn Dodds, update from Mike Cotton that he has now made contact and has asked Carolyn if she would accept the offer of honorary membership. Carolyn was delighted and honoured to be asked. Proposed that the secretary writes formally to Carolyn.

Stephen reflected on NYMAC Relays. We only had 2 teams which is disappointing, 9 men put their names forward, no woman. Mens A team came 5th place on the night. Mark added it was filled with younger lads, 5th place was good result overall. The event was well supported as usual.

Mike Cotton referenced the points made about England Athletics and the licensed coaches we have declared.

Mike just wanted to say that he has been a highly qualified coach since 1964 when he gained the highest qualification of Senior Coach. Mark assured Mike that we as a club recognise the level of coach and experience Mike has, but unfortunately England Athletics do categorise him as a designated coach under their current format. There was discussion around insurance at this point, but Mike and others are covered under our ARC insurance as competent leaders.

Greg mentioned the club standards still need to get Jamie registered as welfare officer. Jamie to contact England Athletics to try and resolve this

Correspondence:

From Dave Pavor, England Athletics and UKA want to change age groups in the junior ages. This does not effect us as a club, but it may in the future. As a club Mark thinks we should appose/support a NO vote, All members agreed to vote against age group changes.

Financial Report:

statement of account

£2621.08

£27 cash

Total £2648.08

Money in: NYMAC 9x£4=£36 -£4 as Mark never ran

New members subs from Jo Stewart of £40

Donation from RFA £40 for Dave Marr volunteering

Vests 7x£21.40 1x£21.80

Total £287.60

Money out:

£52 Connect My Club Annual Fee

£32 NYMAC

Total £84

Close balance for month

£2824.08 and £27 in cash

Bills still to pay - Trophies, Cakes and Vests.

Membership Report:

Jo Stewart £40 accepted

Laura Harrison £30 accepted

Luke Elliott £30 accepted

Rebecca Doak £30 accepted

Jonny Evans 2nd claim provisionally accepted

Gavin Robinson asked for a form, sent 5/9

No Resignations

NYSD XC Hosting 1/10/23

Marshalls

Caroline +3

Mark Evans +1
Trevor
Michelle
Possible Christine's John
Mark before the race
(Work to do on getting more)

Course Markers
Trevor to do one half Chris Ramsey to do other half

Forms to send back to Acorn Centre Mark to action. Mark emailed Acorn Centre about toilets. Toilets are ok but need to be placed on path at the side of MUGA.

3 toilets @£85 each payment up front was approved by committee. To reclaim cost from league.
Coffee van to be placed near garages. We must make sure litter is picked up before we leave.

Rules from Acorn Centre: No Parking On The Grass verges within the centre car park. No dogs on school field.
Mark has requested that the gates to the meadow are opened early by Acorn Centre staff.

New Training Group (beginners)

Plan going forward
Mark has had a good talk with Lisa Poole. Real scope to set up intermediate group and have a scaled down version of the main session which could work well as injury/rehab for existing members too. We have had 4 or 5 people come forward to run the group. New members welcome to compete for us too in Cross Country etc.... Mike Cotton stated that he could also cater for any abilities at his sessions too and everyone is welcome.

Mark proposed to invite beginners to the Club Handicap race. Not to do 5k but 3k with no awards but to help integration into club.

Mark stated that the success of this year's beginners group justifies doing a beginners group again and it could work well doing it annually spring/summer.

A.O.B.

Jamie reported that vests still to be paid for Paul Young, Sally, Craig Allen
Jamie to compile a list of kit available to purchase.
Discussion around room about hoodies, hats etc...

Stephen queried when Thursday training will be moving away from foxes wood.
Agreement to continue or to reinstate Track session once a month.

Discussion around the use of the Rugby club as it has not been very well attended especially last year. Greg stated that often he was there solo and sometimes one other. Mike C to contact the club to check on availability. Mike was keen to point out the venue does offer a lot and that we would struggle to get anything that rivals the facilities. Committee agreed to continue with the Rugby club pending approval for usage from the Club and review after a few weeks.

Mark reported that Lisa Poole is considering not taking up her club place in the 2024 London Marathon. Committee agreed with Mark's proposal to draw a reserve at the club handicap. Mark to action

Greg had received correspondence that the London Marathon are changing how clubs are allocated places. It does not really affect us as we have over 50 members but moving forward the below applies.

50 members = 1 free place

Below 50 no guarantees

Mark informed the committee of the proposed XC championship venues as below.

North East Counties XC to be held at South Shields

Northern Counties held at Sedgefield

Nationals held at Shropshire

Mark reported that there had been a proposal from North East Counties Association to begin a North East Senior Track & Field League from 2024. No other details yet as these are to follow after a meeting on 22/9/23. Mark suggested that this is something we could look at and may offer an alternative to the NYSD especially as there was only 1 meeting this year.

Meeting closed 8pm and next meeting 4th October 2023