

WESSEX YOUNG ATHLETES TRACK AND FIELD LEAGUE
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 13 NOVEMBER 2011

PRESENT: Laura White (Camberley), Dave McManus & Tim Wilding (NFJ), Peter Impett (Wimborne), Martin Phillips (Salisbury), Emma Carter (Newbury), Andy Fisher & Geoff Davies (Southampton), Lynne Anthony (AFD), Liz Flitcroft, Terry Wegg & Sue Scouler-Davison (BMHAC), Jacqui Sykes & Richard Cooper (MADJA), Nick Bull (Team Kennet), Nick Woodford & Helen Dobinson (Andover), Ian Warland (Oxford), apologies for late arrival Nigel Harding (Poole).

APOLOGIES: Scott Nicholls, Dave and Liz Kitching (Poole Runners) and Woking AC.

MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS AGM:

All present agreed they were a true record of events.

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT:

Nick Bull welcomed everyone to the meeting and welcomed Wimborne and Salisbury. Nick summed up the year – he felt there was not enough clubs willing to host matches making it difficult to plan the matches. In the future he would like to see more clubs linking together to split the costs and organising of hosting. This will also facilitate the aspiration to reduce the number of instances where clubs compete against the same clubs at each match making the league a fairer one. By Christmas Nick would like to see the final version of dates and venues published. He advised the standard of the league remains high with lots of new league records being set. In total he has had enquiries from 5 new clubs considering joining the league illustrating how popular the league remains. Havant and Swindon are considering the league for the 2013 season.

SECRETARY'S REPORT:

No report as position was vacant last year.

TREASURER'S REPORT;

A set of accounts was circulated. The bank balance currently stands at £953 with about £320 still to be received from affiliation and approx. £200 from Medal sales; this will mean the accounts will breakeven.

Scott Nicholls has offered his resignation from this position once he has finalised the books, 4 clubs are still to pay their annual fees for 2011. Dorchester still need to pay but have now resigned from the league.

A reminder that Wessex League medals are available at £2 each this includes the ribbon.

Outgoings each year depend on the amount of financial help needed by hosting clubs.

This year's large expenses included Quadkids medals and Website costs.

QUADKIDS REPORT:

Liz Flitcroft reported whilst the event was successful there were some pitfalls.

Large numbers on the field events continue to be a problem. She proposed that the teams are split into two pools, this will have official and timetable implications.

Nick Bull also proposed that the long jump was limited to 2 long jumps. The majority accepted these proposals.

Following a lengthy discussion the following rules need to be adhered to: Teams to ensure that warm ups are completed before the event so that the event starts on time. Practise jumps can be completed with Team Managers present. Athletes getting two no jumps will be allowed a third. A maximum of 10 athletes per club must be abided to.

Lynne Anthony suggested some written rules be made available to help the officials. Ian Warland agreed to ensure these would be available with the 2012 paperwork.

Scoring was problematic this year with two matches being cancelled due to the weather. It was agreed to score accumulatively as normal Quadkids scoring.

Richard Cooper thanked the Wessex League from their experiences and support of a Quadkids format in excess of 20+ other leagues across the country have now taken up this format. He advised that there are now National League Tables but the league would need to convert their results into the League Table format. Ian Warland agreed that this could be done and then fed to Richard.

Richard Cooper suggested to the meeting that for the 2013 season the league should consider a quad competition for Under 13s.

ELECTION OF OFFICIALS:

Tim Wilding expressed his thanks to Nick Bull for his efforts

Chairman – Nick Bull – re-elected

Vice Chairman – Ian Warland – re-elected

Secretary – Geoff Daives – elected

Treasurer – vacant – has now been taken by Emma Carter after the AGM

Quadkids Coordinator – Liz Flitcroft – re-elected

League Records/Power of 10 – Nigel Harding – re-elected

Website – Darren Campbell – re-elected

League Tables – Tim Wilding – re-elected

League Coordinators

Nick Bull, Laura White, Terry Wegg, Ian Warland, Mark Pauley, Tim Wilding, Liz Flitcroft all re-elected

Rachel Sykes and Geoff Davies – elected

Lynne Anthony will also ask AFD to offer up a coordinator

LEAGUE COMPOSITION:

Dorchester have resigned. A vote was taken to allow Wimborne and Salisbury to join the league. The league now has 21 clubs:

Proposals to be discussed with Weymouth who have very few athletes and seem unable to provide their allocation of officials.

- 1) To have four, five club matches and place Weymouth as a floater in matches where they can be supported and developed by another club
Scoring at this match would be 5,4,3,2,1,1
- 2) To become a composite club
- 3) Consider leaving the league

Nick Bull to approach the club.

Ian Warland and Laura White to sort out the timetable taking into account the

Quadkids proposals and to allow a break for each teams field officials.

OFFICIALS:

A long discussion took place about the lack of trained officials at each match. Each club should take steps to train club members to ensure they bring the necessary officials to each match as per the League Rules. It was felt that the rules be changed to include should Clubs fail to meet this requirement they will be impeded the following year. It was also felt that team declarations made before a match must include an officials declaration.

It was agreed if issues continued during the 2012 season a serious discussion would need to take place before the 2013 season.

2012 DATES:

Nick Bull will send out an email to Clubs they must reply promptly indicating which dates they are available and when they would prefer to host.

Match 1 – 15th and 22nd April

Match 2 – 10th, 17th and 24th June

Match 3 – 1st, 8th and 15th July

Match 4 – 22nd July

Peter Impett had to leave at this point.

FEES:

Proposal made for each club to pay £200 (i.e. £50 per match) and £125 will go to a hosting club for each match they host, paid out after the event. This proposal was accepted.

A reminder was made for fees to be paid before Match 1.

RESULTS:

The process of getting provisional results to a final version needs to be speeded up to ensure greater accuracy when they are sent to the Power of 10. The process of scoring is made much easier when teams email names ahead of the match. This allows the host to pin results up on the day with names on; more queries are raised immediately and can be sorted out on the day. It is easier to correct them at the match than later. A hosting club should ensure the results are emailed that night. Clubs can then check them that night or early Monday, amendments then made Monday evening for the final version to be issued by the Athletics Weekly deadline of Tuesday morning.

It was suggested that a guide of protocol for Team Managers together with rules would be useful for all teams.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS:

Richard Cooper advised that MADJA has been part of a successful mid week Super 8 competition. It is a three hour program, any club interested in joining should let him know.

Meeting closed 17:30