

## WESSEX YOUNG ATHLETES TRACK AND FIELD LEAGUE

Annual General Meeting  
Sunday November 25<sup>th</sup>, 2018: Andover (2pm)

**Present:** Nick Bull (Team Kennet), Cheryl Angell (Team Kennet), Darryn Campbell, Laura White (Camberley), Rachel Jones (NFJAC), Andrew Holme (Salisbury), Muriel Cowx (Andover), Steve Torrance (Winchester & District), David Haines (Fleet & Crookham), Keith Baker (Newbury), Guy Smith (Dorchester), Bryan Murray (Poole AC), Nigel Harding (Poole AC), Steve Sparkes (Swindon Harriers), Tim Wilding (NFJ), Mick Gair (Basingstoke), Jacqui Sykes (MADJA), Paul Warren(?) (MADJA)

**Apologies:** *Steve Mills (Andover), Ray Bell (Swindon), Conrad Rowland (Slough Juniors), Hazel Bates (Bournemouth), Nicola Canning (Isle of Wight), Ian Deaves (Woking), Peter Impett (Wimborne AC), Tracy Moore (Weymouth)*

### **1. Minutes of previous AGM, held on Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> November 2017**

All present agreed they were a true record of events

### **2. Chairman's Report**

See attached report.

Unanimous agreement to change the established practice in joint age group races where U17s currently have a cross through their numbers - to change this to a circle around the number. I incorrectly spoke at the AGM as I thought this was a rule, but it is not; it is however stated on the bottom of the timetable. Darryn to update the timetable.

### **3. Secretary's Report**

See attached report. Several questions were raised around the scoring system – please submit bugs / feature requests to Darryn as soon as possible so they can be addressed before the new season.

### **4. Treasurer's Report**

See attached report

Committee agreed that it is best practice to audit the account about every 5 years and therefore an audit is currently due. Nick will liaise with Cheryl to get this done.

### **5. Quadkid's Report**

No Quad Kids report was submitted.

### **6. Welfare Officer's Report**

See attached report. Discussion around how to best identify club officials on the day to avoid over-zealous parents on the track / infield. Many clubs use best practice of identifiable T-shirts or clothing but no rule amendments for Wessex league were proposed.

Nick said he would put together a reminder of expected behaviour for QK parents / athletes / officials (maybe best done by the QK coordinator?)

### **7. Election of Officers:**

The following were elected

President	Tim Wilding (New Forest Juniors)
Vice President	Nigel Harding (Poole AC)
Chairman	Nick Bull (Team Kennet)
Vice Chair	Laura White (Camberley)
Secretary	Darryn Campbell
Quad Kids Co-ordinator	<b>Mo Cowx (Andover)</b>
Treasurer	Cheryl Angell (Team Kennet)
League Records/Athletics Weekly	Nigel Harding (Poole AC)
Welfare Officer	Cheryl Angell (Team Kennet)
League Co-ordinator	Nick Bull (Team Kennet)
League Co-ordinator	Cheryl Angell (Team Kennet)
League Co-ordinator	Laura White (Camberley)
League Co-ordinator	Tim Wilding (New Forest Juniors)

Thanks to Mo for stepping into the QK coordinator role. Throughout the year please email Darryn with new QK records broken, any change in the season's top 3 finishers following each match & prepare a report for end of year :)

The league needs more co-ordinators. Nick to email clubs asking for volunteers

## 8. Clubs joining / leaving

There will be no change to the league structure in 2019

## 9. 2019 dates and venues. Nick will try to create a fixture matrix with the following dates:

- a. Match 1: April 7<sup>th</sup>, 28<sup>th</sup>
- b. Match 2: May 19<sup>th</sup>, June 2<sup>nd</sup>
- c. Match 3: June 9<sup>th</sup>, 30<sup>th</sup>
- d. Match 4: July 7<sup>th</sup>, 14<sup>th</sup>

## 10. League fees

AGM were happy with proposed league fees as a one-off for 2019:

- All hosting club's get free league affiliation
- Club's that don't host pay required £250
- Club's hosting 2nd match get normal £200
- New club's in league extra £50
- Weymouth non scoring club to pay £150

## 11. League affiliation

New Wessex League rule proposed and accepted regarding composite teams to accommodate UKA rule (Composite Team Rule 21 S4(4)).

“Composite teams planning on competing in the Wessex league must submit their application to the Wessex league by July 31<sup>st</sup> of the preceding year”

## **12. Matrix**

Discussed and agreed that Weymouth and Poole Runners to compete in the same league matches and work together as a field team

## **13. Timetable and team structure**

No changes to the timetable or league structure were proposed

## **14. Validity of video evidence submitted by spectators or athletes when contesting race results**

Conclusion: Video evidence may be accepted to query an official result at the discretion of the committee.

Agreed new rule in draft. We may re-evaluate this next year based on practical experience and application:

“Video evidence submitted to question an official result must first be submitted to the team manager of the club who will raise that evidence to the league coordinator or appropriate channels to the chief match official. The chief match official may choose to view the evidence and then take subsequent action based on that evidence, at their discretion, which may include postponing any decision until after the match, amending or overruling the result or allowing the original result to stand. Once a decision is made there can be no further appeal. Evidence must be submitted within a reasonable period of time, subject to the discretion of the committee”

Something else to fall out of this is the need for officials to print their name when signing in. Darryn to ensure the league are providing appropriate signing in sheets.

## **15. Rules**

The following rules were agreed

- Competition: “If 2 or more clubs are unable to attend a scheduled match then that match may be postponed at the discretion of the league chairman”
- (With respect to QK) “A 3<sup>rd</sup> jump will be allowed if the first 2 are NO jumps, failing that 3<sup>rd</sup> jump will result in 3 NO jumps” (new text underlined)
- Athletes must not mark their run up with any item apart from tape, ~~chalk~~ or marker provided by Host Team (~~For 2018 some leeway must be given on this rule~~) (old text struck through)
  - This rule applies to both senior athletes and Quad Kids

It was decided that quad kids athletes failing all 3 field attempts or obtaining a DNF in their track races would be awarded 1 point. Action Darryn to update the scoring system.

## **16. Proposal to include photos of committee members & coordinators on the website**

Agreed. Action for committee members to provide photos to Darryn for the website. Note I do not offer a photoshopping service :)

## **17. New UKA cage specification**

Following cages need to be fixed before the start of next season to comply with new UKA cage specification rules:

- Basingstoke
- Bournemouth (Note: Per Nigel, it doesn't appear in the UKA lists at all, but as well as the internal cage at Bournemouth which needs a remedy before end April 2019, there is also an external one. There is a question of whether we can use that one this coming season.)
- Horspath (Oxford) external cage doesn't need fix until 2020
- Southampton
- (Tidworth)
- Winchester

Action: Darryn to email the clubs in the above list to confirm understanding.

Following cages do NOT need updating in the 2019 season but will require an update for the 2020 season

- Aldershot (Military Stadium)
- Andover
- Guildford (Spectrum)
- Poole
- Swindon

Note: All cages are included here for completeness... I know not all venues will be hosting a Wessex League match.

### **18. Presentation of awards and league records**

Trophies were distributed and congratulations were offered to this year's league winners, Basingstoke

### **19. Any other business**

Tim proposed thanks to Nick and all the officers & Team managers

Cheryl requested that the league adopt EA GDPR and Photography policy. Cheryl to provide Darryn with the appropriate links to put on the website

Tim: Any clubs who do NOT need letters, let Tim know, otherwise you will be getting letters at the start of the year.

Nick: Thanks to Swindon for providing a venue for our final match in 2018

Meeting was closed at 1605