

WESSEX YOUNG ATHLETES TRACK AND FIELD LEAGUE

Annual General Meeting Sunday 18th December 2005 at
Basingstoke Rugby Club

AGENDA

Attendees and Apologies

Attendees: Camberley (Ali Hunt, Laura White), Woking (Vanessa Wright), Bournemouth (Jemma Bates, Hazel Bates), Basingstoke (Trevor Bates), Marlborough Juniors (Richard Cooper), Team Kennet (Nick Bull, Huw Gage, Dennis Tucker), New Forest Juniors (Tim Wilding), Portsmouth (Pat Butcher)

Apologies - Poole, IOW, Andover and Reading.

Minutes of 2004 agm

Adopted and signed off. No matters arising

Co-ordinators reports – Tim Wilding and Nick Bull.

The 2005 events had been scheduled as 8 teams per match in an attempt to increase the number of available officials. The result was actually fewer officials and more athletes, which made it very difficult to manage the matches. However, there had been no complaints from any of the Clubs and it had been a very successful season. Thanks to all Clubs for their support during the 2005 season.

For the first time, a final was scheduled for the end of the season as a trial. There had been an unbelievable response, with 17 Clubs over 1,000 athletes and spectators attending. The event was very successful with a good number of grade 1 standards being achieved. However, it had been very difficult to administer. There were also some concerns that the Plate final had been somewhat overshadowed by the Cup final.

Treasurer's report - Report submitted by Ray and presented by Tim in Ray's absence. Thanks to Ray for looking after the accounts.

Financial position for 2005 as at 17th December 2005

Total income	£1,110	
Expenditure	£156	
Closing balance	£1,347.58	(That represents a very healthy position).

Big thanks to Nick Bull for sponsoring the trophies, a significant contribution to keeping the costs down.

Under 11's report – Pat Butcher

2005 had been a good season, enjoyed by all young athletes

The meeting agreed to investigate ideas (Marlborough spreadsheet) to improve the ability to provide personal feedback to U11 athletes, including non-scoring participants, and the team managers,

The aim would be to produce results on the day, in line with older age groups. The results of the match not attended by Pat should be forwarded to her by the Wednesday following the event.

League Constitution

Requirement for 3 Officers in addition to the main committee posts to act as League Co-ordinators.

Amendments discussed and agreed were:

- i) UKA to be replaced with the National governing body of Athletics
- ii) Any balance of funds would be distributed to the existing League Clubs if the League were dissolved

The Constitution was adopted, incorporating the above changes

Election of Clubs: Three Clubs, Reading, Slough Juniors and Chichester have applied/indicated they would like to join the League.

This would take the league to 18 Clubs for the 2006 season as Newbury and Stubbington Green have resigned from the league.

The meeting accepted the applications for the three new Clubs and Tim will contact them to confirm this.

Election of Officials

Chairman - Vacant

Treasurer – Ray to continue

Secretary – Vacant

U11 Secretary – Pat to continue

Official's secretary – Vacant

League Co-ordinators – Nick Bull, Tim Wilding.

Ideally, three further co-ordinators are required.

A proposal that clubs participating would nominate a representative as club co-ordinator for that meeting on the day – This proposal was accepted.

Other items for discussion

Affiliation Fees

A recommendation proposed by the Treasurer that:

- new clubs to the league should pay £60 if holding a fixture and £75 if not
- remaining teams pay £25 if holding a fixture and £35 if not was accepted unanimously by the meeting

League Structure

Options discussed

- i) 4 matches no final
- ii) 3 matches no final
- iii) 3 matches and special "festival" medal meeting.

Clubs offering to host events are:

Woking (2), Reading, Poole, Bournemouth (3), Marlborough, Andover, New Forest and IOW

Option 3 was accepted by, significant, majority vote.

Timetable

Proposed changes to the events schedule and timetable were:

- U11's - Introduce an additional 150m event – Approved
- U15's – Introduce a 300m girls event – Approved
- U17's – Introduce a B string with the same events as 2005 but with no Non-scoring athletes – Approved
- Events to start earlier at 11.30am and target to finish at 4.30pm. A review of the timetable to accommodate these changes will be undertaken and circulated in January for further discussion and approval.

2006 Fixture Dates

Sunday 23rd April - Round 1

Sunday 18th June - Round 2

Sunday 9th July - Round 3

Sunday 6th August - Festival medal meeting to be held in Bournemouth.

League rules

The following changes were proposed:

- U13 and U15 boys and girls may only compete in one of the middle distance events - Approved
- All Field events must have a minimum of one qualified official - Approved
- All matches to be scored from 6 points for first - Approved
- Finals day rules to be deleted - Approved
- Declaration sheets to be signed by team managers and handed in before the start of the event – Approved

Tim to circulate a draft revision of rules for final approval

AOB

A proposal to transfer responsibility for the ongoing management of the League web site from Newbury was discussed and approved – Tim to contact Newbury to confirm.

It was proposed that Vanessa Emmauel, who has redeveloped and managed the Team Kennet web site for the last 9 months, would take on this responsibility for the League and approved unanimously - Nick to contact Vanessa to confirm.

A date, late January/early February, and venue is to be scheduled to agree a revised timetable for League matches and the events schedule for the "Festival" medal meeting.

Meeting closed at 4.35pm