

WESSEX YOUNG ATHLETES TRACK AND FIELD LEAGUE

Annual General Meeting Sunday 9th November 2008 at Andover Athletic Club at 2:30pm

Attendees: Tim Wilding NFJ, Nick Bull Team Kennet, Ian Warland Oxford City, Margaret Thompson MADJA, Les Calder Woking, Gill Piper Basingstoke, Elizabeth Flitcroft Basingstoke, Sara Rudd Newbury, Kerry Scudder Newbury, Di Ingham Camberley, Laura White Camberley, Mark Pauley Poole AC, Nigel Harding Poole AC, Pat Butcher CPAC, Nick Woodford Andover, Helen Dobinson Andover & Richard Cooper MADJA.

Apologies received: Scott Nicholls Team Kennet, Martin Long Bournemouth, Dave McManus NFJ, Les Turner Poole Runners, Gail Chappell Bournemouth & Andrew Percy IOW.

Minutes from 2007 AGM: All present accepted the minutes as a true record of the meeting. The continuation of the Wessex Cross Country League has negated the only matter arising regarding Under 11s X-C competitions.

Chairman's Report: Tim rounded up another year - passing on his sincere felt thanks to many individuals as well as asking for further thanks to be passed on to all the officials, team managers and parents who helped make it such a successful season.

Secretaries Report: Nothing further to report

Treasurers Report: The bank account has been changed to Barclays and currently has a balance around £672.00 very similar to the balance at last years AGM. Operating costs were about £700.00 – final accounts are to follow.

Election of Officials:

The positions were filled as follows:

Chairman – Nick Bull

Treasurer – Scott Nicholls

League Secretary – Vanessa Wright

Quadkids Co-ordinator – Richard Cooper

Officials Secretary – Pat Butcher

League Co-ordinators – Tim Wilding, Nick Woodford, Nick Bull, Laura White, Nigel Harding and Vanessa Wright

League Composition: Newbury AC were voted back into the league and there were no known resignations.

Approval of 2009 Dates and Fixtures: The following dates were provisionally agreed subject to track availability – 19 April, 7 June, 5 July and

26 July. Offers to host were received from Oxford, Marlborough, Poole, Woking, Andover, Team Kennet/ Newbury. To be confirmed Isle of Wight, Bournemouth, NFJ (in conjunction with Winchester), Slough and Salisbury. Volunteers to attend an Isle of Wight fixture came from Andover and NFJ – it was felt this venue should also be acceptable to teams with easy access to the ferries i.e. Team Southampton and Portsmouth.

Nick Bull noted that there are now 19 teams in the league so some matches will need to have 7 teams, instructions will be issued for scoring these matches.

Timetable and Age Groups: It was agreed that the long throws will remain at the same times as it is impossible to improve the timings. If two long throws clash it is only for the younger age groups. The timetable does work if the event is kept on time – the only suggestion for improvement to help officials would be to move the 600m to between the 200m and 800m – Laura will look at this to see if this is possible.

A proposal was made to allow non-scoring field events if an event is on time and there are less than 12 competitors. A majority vote rejected this proposal.

The following points were also made:

- To ensure that an event is run on time please can all teams ensure they bring the appropriate officials or let the host club know of any problems ahead of the event.
- If a League Coordinator or Official feels that a child cannot do the event safely they will be asked to stop. Point scoring athletes must be competitive and perform in the spirit of the competition.
- Any parents must take issues to the Team Managers not the Officials.

Quadkids Report: Richard reported that numbers of Under 11s taking part were up about 25%. It was agreed to remove the over complicated non scoring system and instead extend the maximum number taking part to 14 per team. It was also agreed to make awards at the end of the season to first, second and third overall teams, each individual discipline and combined individual scores.

Affiliation Fee: With increasing costs in mind it was agreed to raise the fees as follows:

Existing Clubs £60

New Clubs £85

Discount for hosting £20

Results and website review: Ian Warland will send out his matrix that should allow all teams to easily prepare electronic results. Richard reported that bugs in the Quadkids sheets have already been resolved. Teams will be encourage to can get their provisional declarations out to the hosts the Friday night before the event therefore reducing the time spent typing numerous names on the day.

If teams still need to hand write results you are welcome to fax them "For The Attention of Helen Dobinson" on 0870 4055335 this automatically produce a PDF file which Helen can then pass on to the website contact.

All results need to be sent to Vanessa Emanuel for the website, Tim Wilding for overall scores and Nigel Harding for the Athletics Weekly – Nigel also needs the names of Athlete of the Match Winners.

Any other business:

- Richard Cooper is keen to host an Under 11s Cup Final, this would be a 5th meeting, possible date is Saturday 29th August, at Basingstoke with a charge of £1 payable per athlete.
- Host clubs need to ensure they provide officials and co-ordinators with a packed lunch.
- Host clubs need to make sure Starters and Marksmen are available.
- Tidworth Cup – for U11/13/15s was proposed for April 5th.
- It was agreed to affiliate to England Athletics.