

WESSEX YOUNG ATHLETES TRACK AND FIELD LEAGUE

Annual General Meeting
Sunday November 17th, 2019: Andover (2pm)

Present: Nick Bull (Team Kennet), Cheryl Angell (Team Kennet), Darryn Campbell (Unaffiliated), Tim Wilding (New Forest), Toni Read (Basingstoke), Mo Cowx (Andover), Nigel Harding (Poole AC), Andy Holme (Salisbury), Guy Smith (Dorchester), Peter Impett (Wimborne), Steve Sparkes (Swindon), Keith Baker (Newbury), David Haines (Fleet), Rachel Jones (New Forest), Tracy Moore (Weymouth)

Apologies: Jacqui Sykes (MADJA), Richard Hart (Oxford), Laura White (Camberley), Nicola Canning & Ray Scovell (IOW), Sarah Swift (Poole Runners), Mike Furse (Dorchester), Peter Bennet (Aldershot), Hazel Bates (Bournemouth), Francesca Rowland (Slough Juniors), Steve Torrance (Winchester)

1. Minutes of previous AGM, held on Sunday 25th November 2018

All present agreed they were a true record of events

2. Chairman's Report

No formal report was submitted by the chairman but Nick gave an overview of the past year and thanked everybody for their continued support & hard work.

3. Secretary's Report

See attached report. No major issues – please continue to keep Darryn updated where there are changes to contact details throughout the year.

4. Treasurer's Report

See attached report. Accounts are healthy. No issues raised

5. Quadkid's Report

No formal report was submitted. Mo will continue in the role and was keen to take over the Quad Kids duties that Nick did in 2019, notably maintaining the top 3 scorers and records.

6. Welfare Officer's Report

See attached report. Although no issues were formally reported we did have a discussion around several minor, isolated issues that happened during the year and it was stressed that **anybody** taking photos or videos at the event (including with smartphones) must sign-in with the host club.

7. Election of Officers:

Officers were elected with the following notes:

- Tim Wilding will no longer maintain the league tables and will step down from his league coordinator role but will continue to sort letters for clubs and get letters to everybody for round one.
- The league table will be compiled by Darryn Campbell for both the main match and Quad Kids.

- The President / Vice President are not committee *roles*.
- The Chairman proposed that Nigel Harding be raised to a **Life** Vice President rather than just a Vice President. Proposal was seconded by Darryn and unanimously agreed by all present. Following the AGM Nigel graciously acknowledged the sentiment but felt **Life** Vice President was more suited for a non-active contributor and would prefer to continue acting as a Vice President.
- The club continues to struggle with league coordinators. There was a proposal for all teams to have a league coordinator (1 per club) & on the day one present coordinator could be appointed – this was agreed to be a good idea but not mandated
- Rachel, Andy & Mo agreed to help as league coordinators if their clubs are competing at the match. Nick will try to organize the fixtures accordingly.
- Darryn to email clubs asking for League Coordinator volunteers.

Role	Name	Proposed by	Seconded by
President	Tim Wilding		
Vice President	Nigel Harding		
Chairman	Nick Bull	<i>Tim Wilding</i>	<i>Cheryl Angell</i>
Vice Chair	Laura White	<i>Nick Bull</i>	<i>Rachel Jones</i>
Secretary	Darryn Campbell	<i>Cheryl Angell</i>	<i>Steve Sparkes</i>
Quad Kids Coordinator	Mo Cowx	<i>Nick Bull</i>	<i>Darryn Campbell</i>
Treasurer	Cheryl Angell	<i>Guy Smith</i>	<i>Mo Cowx</i>
League Records / Athletics Weekly / Results	Nigel Harding	<i>Nick Bull</i>	<i>Mo Cowx</i>
Welfare Officer	Cheryl Angell	<i>Guy Smith</i>	<i>Mo Cowx</i>
League Coordinator	Nick Bull		
League Coordinator	Cheryl Angell		
League Coordinator	Laura White		
League Coordinator	Richard Beck		
League Coordinator	Rachel Jones		
League Coordinator	Andy Holme		
League Coordinator	Mo Cowx		

8. Clubs joining / leaving

There is no change to the league structure in 2020

9. 2020 dates and venues

Nick is still working on the fixture matrix. It was stressed that the Isle of Wight's track's lack of Trackmark accreditation means we can not host a match on IOW in 2020

10. League fees

The fee structure was agreed:

- £200 per club who hosts a fixture
- £250 for clubs who do not host a fixture

Cheryl had several requests:

- Clubs are OK to pay by BACS but must pay the amount in full rather than take any deductions prior to payment – Cheryl will reimburse any money owed back separately.
- Clubs paying by BACS MUST make it clear who the payment is from in the reference
- Clubs should return the registration form to Cheryl with payment. The form will be provided separately.

11. Officials proposals

It was agreed that the following would be adopted as a **TRIAL for 2020**. We will review this at the 2020 AGM:

Clubs will earn additional league points per match for providing the following:

- 1 field official at level 2 or above (0.5 league points)
- 2 field officials at level 1 or above (0.5 league points per field official)
- 1 track judge at level 1 or above (0.5 league points)
- 1 timekeeper at level 1 or above (0.5 league points)

For a total of 2.5 additional league points per match meaning a potential total of 10 additional league points over the course of the league.

This structure is unique, other leagues award points during the match e.g. 25 match points for providing a track judge). The league decided against this more common approach as we are a development league and awarding points during the match could leave athletes disappointed that their performances on the day were let down by a lack of officials provided by their club.

These additional league points are only applicable to the league table and only affect a club's position in the league, i.e. a club can still win a match without providing enough officials but doing so will negatively impact their position in the league table. Of course, the league is keen for all clubs to provide their full complement of officials, at a minimum.

Host clubs MUST contact the person compiling the league table (Darryn in 2020) and state the number of additional league points to be awarded to each competing club at their match.

12. Timetable

There was a discussion of the difficulties we had during the 2019 season regarding matches over-running. The following suggestions were unanimously agreed as good ideas:

- Hosting clubs should be encouraged to use a second starters' assistant to help line up athletes prior to their events, particularly the 100m and 200m. This second starters' assistant does not need to be graded.
- The league coordinator on the day could potentially help as that second starters' assistant
- Track officials should consider running 16 starters in each QuadKids 600m race.

The proposal from Nigel to increase the time allocated for 300m U15G and U17W from five to ten minutes was unanimously agreed. Darryn took the action to update the timetable and website. This means all events after the 300m U15G and U17W will shift 5 minutes later.

13. Rules

No changes to the rules resulted from any discussions during the AGM.

14. Scoring system

It was agreed that the league should investigate whether we should either use or “be inspired by” the results model used by the Southern Athletics League. Darryn to undertake the investigation. Concerns were raised that the SAL system requires athletes have EA numbers and that the system is reset after each match – both non-issues with the SAL but would be potentially problematic for the Wessex league.

No change will take place for 2020 and any potential changes would happen by 2021 at the earliest.

15. Non-scoring field athletes

After discussion the AGM agreed to make no change to the current rule of having a maximum of 1 non-scorer per field event per team. This was a unanimous decision based on the availability of alternative competition opportunities, the extra burden it would place on officials and the potential impact it could have on the timetable.

16. Presentation of awards and league records

There were 8 league records achieved this year. Records were set by Ben East, Brooke Ironside, Phoebe Hoaen, Bournemouth AC U17W 4x100m, Slough Juniors U15B 4x100m, Hannah Lewington, Oscar Webb, Billy Dickinson.

17. Any other business

There was no other business.

Meeting was closed at 1615