



WESSEX YOUNG ATHLETES TRACK AND FIELD LEAGUE

Annual General Meeting

November 20th 2022

Team Kennett Club house (2.00pm)

CROOKHAM COMMON ATHLETICS TRACK

Thornford Park ,Crookham Common, Thatcham RG19 8ET

Present: Nick Bull(Team Kennet), Nigel Harding (Poole AC), Paul Warren (Marlborough), Andy Holme (Salisbury AC), Andy Makin (Salisbury AC), Muriel Cowx (Andover), Cheryl Angell (Team Kennet), Martin Smith (Swindon), Stuart Watton (Abingdon AC), Colin Mitchell (Abingdon AC), Paula Hine (Wimborne AC), Joe Holden (Woking AC), Craig Holder (Woking AC), Gary Sprake (Havant/SETAFA), Keith Baker (Newbury AC), Rachel Jones (NFJAC), Jo Breeds (Basingstoke), Cheryl Ragan (Basingstoke), Claire Lacey (Radley AC), Jackie Breslin (Radley AC), Hazel Gilbert (Newbury AC)

Apologies were received from: Mark Pauley (Poole AC), Nicola Canning (I.O.W), Bill Bingham (Waverley Harriers), Hazel Bates (Bournemouth), Jackie Cameron (Dorchester), Paul Cox (Winchester AC), Andy Fisher (Winchester AC), Annalise Dobson (Radley AC), Peter Bennett (AFD), Richard Hart (Oxford AC), Jacqui Sykes (Marlborough), Laura White (Camberley), Darryn Campbell, (Website), Craig Scott (Swindon), Steve Sparkes (Swindon)

1. Minutes of previous AGM, held on Sunday 5thDecember 2021:

All present agreed they were a true record of events

2. Chairman's Report:

Nick Congratulated New Forest Juniors for winning the league in 2022. There were also 3 league records broken in 2022. In previous years there have been more league records which only shows how high the standard has become. Nick thanked the league sponsors CSUSA for their support. It is looking positive for the sponsor to continue their sponsorship in 2023. Nick also thanked the committee for all of their hard work through difficult times. Nick added that this year there has been an issue with clubs unwilling to host . Hopefully with 2 new teams entering the league this can be rectified. Nick also talked about the ongoing crisis with officials and how all clubs must be pro-active in getting parents to step-up. The £500 refunds have now been processed

3. Secretary's Report:

No official report from the secretary

4. Treasurer's Report:

Cheryl stated that the league currently has ***** in their account. This is the amount after all of the refunds to hosting clubs had been processed. Cheryl also stated there was an issue with Barclays Bank regarding a loss of data resulting in the inability to pay out money using online banking. Any money received regarding Covid-19 had been paid into the league account.

5. Quad-kid's Report:

Mo stated how competitive the Quad-kids was this year especially in the Boys. The league was extremely close and one record had been broken.

6. Welfare Officer's Report:

Cheryl pointed out that most complaints were again regarding Quad-kids Parents who are getting too close to the events causing issues. Whilst the league encourages parents to support the children they cannot encroach on the track when events are on. Nick updated everyone on the recovery of one athlete at The Abingdon Match who broke his hip during the 200m. It was confirmed he was on the road to recovery. It was agreed the league would follow up on whether a report by the hosting club had been sent to EA

7. Election of Officers:

All current members were re-elected to their current positions. Jo Breeds (Basingstoke) agreed to become a league co-ordinator

Role	Name	Proposed By	Seconded By
President	vacant		
Vice-President	Nigel Harding		
Chairman	Nick Bull	Cheryl Angell	Mo Cowx
Vice-Chairman	Laura White	Nick Bull	Basingstoke
Secretary	Gary Sprake	Cheryl Angell	Salisbury
Quad Kids Coordinator	Mo Cowx	Cheryl Angell	Swindon
Treasurer	Cheryl Angell	Salisbury	Salisbury
League Records PO10 Results	Nigel Harding	New Forest	Wimborne

Welfare Officer	Cheryl Angell	Woking	Nick Bull
Website	Darryn Campbell		
League Coordinator	Nick Bull		
League Coordinator	Cheryl Angell		
League Coordinator	Laura White		
League Coordinator	Rachel Jones		
League Coordinator	Andy Holme		
League Coordinator	Jo Breeds		

8. Clubs joining / leaving:

It was reported by Nick that the league had received a letter from Portsmouth AC agreeing to step down the league for the 2023 season. Nick had accepted their resignation and informed Portsmouth AC (COPAC) that they can now apply to rejoin after TWO years with a view to readmission in the THIRD season

Dorchester had agreed to become Non Scoring for the main match. Radley AC and Abingdon AC were accepted into the league with a majority vote of hands.

9. 2023 dates and venues

- a. Round 1 April 16th or 23rd
- b. Round 2 June 4th or 11th
- c. Round 3 June 18th or 25th
- d. Round 4 July 9th or 16th

Extreme weather – Weather Above Amber warning will see matches postponed until September

All of the above league dates were accepted and it was accepted that if there is an amber or red weather warning matches would be postponed to either the 10th or 18th September

10. League fees

League Fees will remain the same as 2022 for the 2023 season £300 and £350 for new clubs

11. Proposal to amend Timetable and Switch the Hurdles

- Proposal by Nick Bull to Reverse the hurdles programme at the start of the track events.
- Proposal by Nigel Harding to extend the timings for Quad kids Field Events

The Proposal to switch the Hurdles at the start of the track events Proposed by Nick was

discussed in detail with many views being expressed. After a very detailed discussion gathering views from all clubs the following was decided upon and voted for with a majority show of hands in the room:

- The 1500m races will be run after each set of hurdles races allowing the smooth change of heights and weights whilst the 1500ms take place on the inside lanes.
- To allow the starters to only have to walk to the 1500m start and not all the way to the 1200m start the U13G 1200m race will be replaced by a 1500m race.
- A new timetable will be produced to show the new running order for the hurdles and 1500m events.

The Proposal by Nigel Harding to extend the timetable for the Quad Kids Fields events was discussed and all the clubs were unanimous in their approval for this to go ahead.

12. Nigel Harding to Brief Clubs on New Anti-Doping Policies and Rules for 2023

Nigel Harding briefed the room on the new rules that require athletes to agree to the anti-doping rules. Apart from U11s all other age groups with Parents agreeing on behalf of minors must conform to this new rule.

It was decided after much discussion that it would be up to clubs to ensure their athletes agree to the new rules at the time they sign up to become a club member. However it was decided it should be put on the website that:

- By competing in the league you are agreeing to abide by the rules of the league and UKA

13. Laura White Proposal to have an Open Discussion on Officials Points/awards/deductions.

- The following Resolution was Proposed by Paul Cox and Nigel Harding
- Resolution: The decision in the last AGM dated 5 December 2021 on deducting league points from those clubs not providing sufficient officials in accordance with the resolution (see part 11 of the minutes) be rescinded retrospectively for last season and in the future.

After a show of hands it was unanimously decided to agree the resolution proposed by Paul Cox (Winchester). From immediate affect the deduction of league points from those clubs not providing sufficient officials will be scrapped. The league format showing the deductions will still be produced for the benefit of overseeing the situation moving forward.

Other ideas were discussed in depth and the idea of setting up an official's Pool was widely agreed as a way forward in the future. For the upcoming season the league will work on pooling together a list of qualified officials that will be available to fill in the gaps on clubs officials declarations. All officials declarations must be sent to the hosting club 2 weeks before the fixture and the declaration must be a true reflection of the situation.

Whilst hosting clubs will be exempt from any monetary payment all attending clubs not following league rules with regards to not providing officials would be expected to pay an outside official their expenses unless they refuse the payment. Of course this is only as a last resort and if the attending club wish to source outside officials to cover the gaps then that would also be greatly appreciated.

The expenses payment would be an agreed payment between the attending club and the official. Any issues that arise once the declarations have been received will need to be emailed to the club secretary as soon as possible so that the officials pool can be contacted.

Clubs are reminded that bringing their allocation of officials is built into the league rules and any club constantly breaking the rules will have to be sanctioned accordingly. The officials pool will be setup to help clubs stay within the league rules whilst allowing a match to take place. All matches must follow the protocols of the Power of 10 in order for the match to count and be added to the UK ranking system.

14. Presentation of awards and league records:

The 1st Tim Wilding Cup presentation was made to Nigel Harding for his dedication as a league official. Congratulations to Nigel.

The League trophy was also presented to the representative from New Forest Juniors

15. Any Other Business:

It was confirmed that in 2023 non-scoring places will stay at 4 for track events and 1 for field events