

Minutes of Meeting Amber Valley and Erewash Athletic Club

**Committee Meeting: 7:30 Monday 3rd July 2023
Community Room, Ilkeston Fire Station**

1. Apologies for Absence

Janine Bonser ("JB")

The following committee members were present: Jayesh Dave ("JD"), Julie Feeney ("JF"), Damian Banks ("DB"), Rich Woodward ("RW"), Dan Humphrey ("DH"), Sarah Turner ("ST"), Vicki Shore ("VS") and Claire Brackenbury ("CB").

2. Approval of last meeting's minutes

Minutes approved by the committee.

3. Previous Actions and Matters Arising

EA

DB said he had not been on this yet, but it was on the list.

ACTION: DB to speak to EA about the credit email.

Membership Secretary

CB now in role as membership secretary. Meeting taking place between CB and RW Tuesday 4th July to go through the role and how to add new members to the club. RW will then support inputting first few memberships.

PBs

Decision made to make these available to parents to purchase at the end of the track and field season so they can be collected at the awards ceremony in October.

Athlete assistance

JB has spoken to the athlete, and they are booked to have a chat about this in July.

ACTION: JB to report back on meeting and proposal.

Club house

Dealt with under future proofing.

Competitions travel

Dealt with under competitions update.

Issue with Officials at YDL

It was also reported that one of the judges at YDL was short-tempered and, in parts, downright rude. RW said he had asked for more details so he can report the official but hadn't had that back yet.

ACTION: RW and ST to discuss this further with Becky Moss.

Card reader and account mandate

Dealt with under finance.

Club Bags

Dealt with under kit.

Derby Conference Centre

Dealt with under social events.

4. FG development and future proofing

FG development

JD reported that discussions with Kirk Hallam School have been put to one side at present.

Contact made with Derby University who have good facilities and indoor jump pit. JD felt this had good potential as club a charity so should be considered first. It was discussed that this link could bring more older athletes to the club also.

JD stated finding gym partnerships difficult due to insurance purposes for under 15's.

JD also had discussions with RSP and feels they are more receptive now to the clubs needs even though staffing there very low at the moment. The grass in throws area has been cut by the council and there are meetings with the council at the end of July/beginning of august to discuss needs further.

Future proofing

JD has commenced talks with RSP around placing a non-permanent structure at the end of the finish line in the corner. Initial talks have gone well and RSP seem happy with this idea and stated electrics could be run to this.

JD had contacted local company re possibility of metal container structure on lease one company stated £9000 over 3 years.

Discussions were had around the funding of this it was felt it would be achievable with current finances. DB and JF mentioned looking into grants to help fund and RW also stated that sponsorship/ advertisement of local companies e.g. Derby Runner could be investigated.

It was also discussed that an office space opposite reception at RSP was currently free and it was felt this could be utilised better for storage of equipment and kit.

ACTION: JD to continue talks with RSP around this and energy costs that could be incurred.

5. Competitions update

Mini-Bus Licensing and Cost of Hire – Not done for the upcoming Heart of England fixture as costs were too high with the number of athletes wanting to take this up. It was discussed if it would be feasible for next year's fixtures due to our current athlete numbers.

The committee discussed various issues with regards to numbers attending at different competitions and athletes willing to compete in a variety of events to support the club. It was noted that some athletes are choosing to be very event specific.

Upcoming competitions over next two weeks are Lower YDL, Mini League and HofE.

RW reported numbers are ok, a lot of athletes choosing YDL and Mini League over HofE possibly due to travel.

Suggestion made by DH of next year picking a team for these competitions, but athletes do not find out their events until the day.

ACTION: Discussions by Committee over the winter period on this subject and possibility of poll out to parents on travel for HofE

6. Recreation Group & OakFest

OakFest went well it was reported a lot of families filled out forms of interest and it worked well having athletes there talking to families.

It was felt by the Committee that it would be good for the future of the club to do more of these, JF said having a plan of local events for the summer would be good.

DH currently creating a new flyer for the club, image use has been discussed with Chris Kirby. The committee agreed on the image DH had selected but also felt there should be a female athlete included too.

ACTION: DH to get image from Chris Kirby and find appropriate female image to include.

7. Finance

Card Reader

Card reader has now been purchased DB showed committee how this works.

Committee agreed £166.80 and £1 to be reimbursed to DB for the purchasing of card reader and testing.

ACTION: RW and DH to try out at training session on Wednesday 5th July

3rd Account

DB confirmed that the forms to open a 3rd account – to be used for charitable income and expenditure – had been handed into HSBC. It was hoped that the account would be available for use soon.

ACTION: DB to chase this up.

Also, parents need to be more vigilant when making payments to use correct code for what they are paying for, hopefully this will not be as much of an issue when card reader in use.

8. Kit & other equipment requirements

Kit bag for HofE/YDL so that we can turn up with a 'Club Bag' that has all the necessary equipment in it discussed and agreed this would be put together over the winter ready for next year.

9. Social Events

Agreed to hold a "summer party" in conjunction with club championships, discussed having BBQ/Bouncy castle etc.

ACTION: JD to speak to RSP around hire of the track and football pitches all day on the 23rd September. DH to investigate entertainment for the event.

Awards ceremony for October discussed DH reported that venues expensive, it was agreed to move forward with booking the Festival Inn as the club is 25 years old April 2024 and the committee felt this should be celebrated which would be more costs for the club.

ACTION: DH to speak to Festival Inn re booking.

10.A.O.B

JF reported that Derbyshire Athletics are running an officials' course in October. It was felt that it would be good to get as many parents as possible on this.

Email received from Scott Knighton regarding costs incurred by coaches travelling long distances to support athletes and would the club consider helping cover some of these costs in some circumstances. It was felt by the committee that this would need further consideration and certain criteria should be put together.

ACTION: Committee to think about criteria that could be included for next meeting and further discussion.

Geoff Lowry has asked the committee if the club would be happy to pay for the Runners Retreat course he has booked. Cost £149, committee agreed Geoff is currently putting a lot back into the club but to find out a few more details on the course.

ACTION: ST to discuss with Geoff if course is adult based.

ST reported that Chris Rigby is wanting to drum up interest for cross countries over the winter information to be put on notice board regarding this.

Agreed club gazebo to be put up at earliest opportunity so photos can be taken to sell, and new branded gazebo purchased for next summer season.

Date of Next Meeting:

Monday 7th August 2023 at 19:30pm