

Minutes of Meeting Amber Valley and Erewash Athletic Club

Committee Meeting: 7:30 Monday 11th September 2023
Community Room, Ilkeston Fire Station

1. Apologies for Absence

Julie Feeney (“JF”).

The following committee members were present: Jayesh Dave (“JD”), Rich Woodward (“RW”), Dan Humphrey (“DH”), Sarah Turner (“ST”), Janine Bonser (“JB”), Damian Banks (“DB”), Vicki Shore (“VS”), Claire Brackenbury (“CB”) and Chris Aikman (“CA”).

2. Approval of last meeting’s minutes

Minutes approved by the committee.

3. Previous Actions and Matters Arising

Athlete assistance

Dealt with under Psychology student.

FG Development

RPW confirmed he has sent over the list of year 8’s over.

Coaches’ payment

JD has spoken to SK and JMc. They are going to send over an email of their thoughts for further consideration.

Derbyshire Athletics

JD has spoken to a couple of unnamed possible applicants. The proposal is for us to wait until their AGM comes up and then seek to get these applicants to apply.

Cupboard & Garage

The posts for help went out and this was successful. Both the garage and the cupboard are looking very neat and tidy. Thanks go out to all those that helped. There is an expectation that both remain organised.

4. FG development and future proofing

FG development

JD explained that JF is going to take a leave of absence from coaching meaning we need to consider what we do about High Jump. JD to speak to BB to see if he can help.

ACTION: JD to speak to BB about High Jump.

JD also thinks it's time that we introduce groupings for athletes on a Saturday. Initial idea is that we establish groups of 6 or 7 and their group rotates. We have a plan, and it is followed. JD feels at the moment that there are too many athletes sitting on certain events and not buying in to the ethos.

DH suggested that the groups change maybe once a month so that certain athletes are not left in a group they do not like.

ACTION: RW and CB to try and group the year 8's and above. JD would be in charge on the rota.

RW explained the plan for indoor season. From the last week in Sept, the U11s and lower TGers will move up to the tennis centre. The rest (Y8s and above) will stay at the track, but coaches can bring them up for practice.

JD has spoken to the Uni of Derby, and he believes this is a goer. UoD were aligned with DIS but that's ended. They have a 4 lane 60m track, throws quarter, weights/gym and long jump pit. We'd also have access to the astroturf outside. JD to shore this up ahead of the Winter session.

Future proofing

JD provided an update on the Portacabin idea. Although we have the go-ahead from many, RSP plan to work on the track and other areas. Football pitches to be relaid and bigger nets put up. The D's will be worked on as well.

Once all this is done, we will revisit the Portacabin, probably next Spring.

5. Finance

DB stated that we have £3.5k in the normal account; £11.8k in the savings account so club has circa £15k. RW provided DB with a bag of money to pay in so that sum will increase.

DB has spoken to Neil at Mabe Allen for how to deal with SumUp. He also provided advice previous accounts; should keep for 10 years so DB will securely dispose of older records.

DB has meeting wit HSBC to discuss 3rd account, tax and mandate. DB also sought signatures from RW and JD ahead of meeting.

ACTION: DB to provide update on HSBC meeting.

6. Recruitment

JD said he and JB were seeking to speak to CK about the website. DH explained that we had had another issue with inductions as the website continues to be wrong. JD hopes to remedy soon.

RW stated that younger athlete numbers slowly increasing, which is good.

ACTION: JD to provide update on website.

7. Psychology student

JB has met with Corey, and she explained that she has a degree in Sports Psychology and is seeking a Masters in Communication and Psychology in Sport. As part of her degree, she needs to do some hours of work and has offered to do a talk.

Apparently, the cost would be £5 a session or a donation. The committee stated that it would be unlikely that parents would come to a charged session so maybe a free taster would be better. It was suggested that Corey may attend one of our meetings so we can all discuss with her.

ACTION: JB to speak to Corey and arrange for her to attend meeting.

8. EA proposal on age changes

RW explained that we have a short time to put forward our views on the proposed age changes. DH explained that there were seminars going ahead and it was decided we should try and get more information and then discuss. JD believes that a separate meeting on this should happen.

ACTION: JD to arrange a meeting to discuss after seminars.

9. Cash for Kids

Very quick update from RW. We need evidence to show what we spent the charity monies on. DB provided RW with a number of invoices. He would upload that evening.

ACTION: RW to provide update.

10. Kit & other equipment requirements

VS stated that she was ordering more crop tops, but they may not be there for Club Champs. JD explained to DB that JMc had been asked to fill in a form for the boards he requires, and we'd order. Awaiting.

There was a discussion about the use of the new filing cabinet in the cupboard and who should have access. DH suggested we buy a lock box for the key. Agreed. Committee to have code.

ACTION: DH to order lock box.

11. Social Events

DH stated that the awards' night will be on Friday 20 October. He had booked the Saturday but then the venue realised it had double booked so he went for the Friday. 7pm start, until late. DH is going to email coaches about awards and will sort out the trophies. DH and ST also discussed the PB Awards and agreed to send something out about that.

ACTION: DH to provide update on presentation evening and arrange sending out emails for awards and PBs.

DH confirmed that the Xmas night was booked, and we had 18. He has mostly paid it all, so he needs those going to recompense him.

12. Club Championships

RW reiterated the numbers booked in and stated that from U15 up, it was poor and needs to be pushed. JD asked that an email of names of those not yet confirmed to be sent around. RW confirmed he'd send that.

DH confirmed that medals were done and then made a suggestion re the trophies. Photos with them on the day but they do not take them home. VS said that Jasmine had enjoyed having the trophy so thought it should be retained.

JD suggested halfway house; DH will arrange the inscribing of the trophies; they'll then be given to the athletes until Christmas and then returned in the New Year.

ACTION: RW to email athletes' names to committee.

13. A.O.B

CA asked about cross country and how that will work. ST said she will amend the picture on the board to state this is being done by CA and Chris Rigby.

RW mentioned the North Mids XC and whether we enter all or some categories. It was agreed RW would liaise with CA, Chris and Geoff and they'll come up with a plan for what we enter and how athletes will be corralled for the XC season.

ACTION: RW to cooperate with the XC team for the North Mids and Mini League XC.

Date of Next Meeting:

Monday 2nd October 2023 at 19:30pm