

Minutes of Meeting Amber Valley and Erewash Athletic Club

**Committee Meeting: 7:30 Monday 2nd October 2023
Community Room, Ilkeston Fire Station**

1. Apologies for Absence

Damian Banks ("DB") and Julie Feeney ("JF").

The following committee members were present: Jayesh Dave ("JD"), Rich Woodward ("RW"), Dan Humphrey ("DH"), Sarah Turner ("ST"), Janine Bonser ("JB"), 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

High Jump sessions

JD is to speak to Alice regarding taking on the High Jump sessions, when she's free. DH suggested BB take a high-jump session on a Thursday evening. DH feels he is comfortable enough to take throws on his own.

Psychology student

JB confirmed an email has been sent and she is waiting on a reply.

North Mids XC

XC teams have been entered and paid for.

The rest of the actions are dealt with in the following relevant sections.

4. FG development and future proofing

FG development

From the action, RW and CB were to discuss the rota system. RW said he thought he had sent something. CB confirmed she had seen it and that they would get a copy to ST, before a final decision.

RW confirmed he has interim groups in place and JD stated, once agreed, rota will be trialled.

Ideas for coach recruitment were discussed. JD said he'd seen a good system work at a local football club, and he thought that AVEAC could do likewise. Idea is to ask athletes (20yrs+) to become coaches and help to train athletes.

On the coach side, RW stated that many parents are stopping to watch on Wednesday. We need someone to speak to them about becoming coaches / officials.

ACTION: JD or CB to speak to parents regarding helping out coaching or officiating.

Future proofing

Winter training at Derby University is to start Monday October 9th. Cost is £5 for a session, starting at 7 o'clock Mondays and Wednesdays. Athletes not able to travel will be offered Wednesday evening sessions as an alternative.

Portacabin plans on hold until next year.

Member numbers are on the rise.

5. Finance/Cash for Kids

From the action, DB was away – no update on new account.

ACTION: DB to action opening account, clarifying tax document and update mandates.

There is c£3,500 in the normal account with c£11,800 in savings.

RW stated that DB had emailed about the options for a new card reader for indoors. The current one is being used and over £600 was taken on club champs day. DB had suggested costs and the committee agreed a new Sum Up should be. It was agreed that we should buy another Sum Up Solo at £94.80.

ACTION: DB to order 2nd Sum Up Solo machine.

Cash for Kids

From the action, RW stated that we need to work out how much was taken on cake sale, entry fees, joke competition, donated kit in order to put in Cash for Kids competition. VS and ST to consider and revert.

RW also spoke of the other ideas; the Race to Paris for example. ST mentioned the lucky dip at Sportshall. RW stated that on the Race to Paris we need to up our metres. We need all members to do something akin to 14 laps and we are there.

ACTION: RW to book track for Monday 9th October for as many athletes and parents to come to the track and walk / run as many laps as they can.

6. Recruitment

JD spoke with CK about the website at Club Championships. CK keen to work with Committee on developing a new site.

ACTION: JD and JB to meet with CK regards the website.

7. EA proposal on age changes

From the action, there was no meeting to discuss but ST and DH attended webinars on the age group changes. It was felt the discussion could take place at this meeting.

ST stated that the key advantages (according to the EA) seem to be that there would be primary/secondary school split and, if it works, there would no longer be a drop off rate at U17 / U20 due to exams (as they would be at the lower end of the scale). English schools however will remain at current age groups.

However, the longer the webinar went on, the more problematic the suggestions were. In fact, some argued that coming into athletics early was the reason for dropouts later. Both ST and DH were against the idea.

Discussion took place, and the committee were all in agreement that we are against the changes. Any advantage does not outweigh any changes that would need to be put in place.

ACTION: RW to reply to EA (subject to committee approval).

8. Kit & other equipment requirements

From the action, Dan has purchased and fitted the lock safe. The committee are aware of the code.

RW mentioned that the tennis centre needs tidying and an inventory making of equipment generally. Once that has been done, orders of equipment can be made.

RW asked if AMc and SJ can take an inventory of the contents of the garage. JD felt that it was best that everywhere was tidied beforehand (including upstairs in the tennis centre) but he will speak to them.

ACTION: JD to speak to AMc and SJ.

VS will try to make a kit sale a regular event after success at the Club Championships.

9. Social Events

DH with the update.

25th Anniversary is next year 2023. Ideas were discussed to celebrate and give all members a memento when they renew membership.

ACTION: DH to investigate club badges (25 years) also Derby Runner / MC3 for anniversary t-shirts, supported by VS.

ACTION: JD to speak to Mel Morris.

Awards night – Coaches to finalise awards.

ACTION: DH to send out letters to athletes once all nominations of athletes have been received.

10. Club Championships recap

RW said that overall things went well but there was a small drop in numbers. Mainly this was U17s – we had 4 this year. RW also said there was a large gap in the middle of the day, which meant the athletes were playing football to pass the time.

It was agreed that we need to look at the timetable and discuss possible changes.

JD confirmed that we will form a sub-committee to discuss (DH / VS / CB) but we also need to include some parents. DH suggested that U20 athletes should also be included.

11.A.O.B

Kit room

CB asked where the main kit room key was. DH confirmed that one can be obtained from reception, but that he and RW had copies cut so can always help out. The key safe (containing the filing cabinet) is in kit room, in DH's lock box.

Date of Next Meeting:

Monday 6th November 2023 at 19:30pm