

Minutes of Meeting Amber Valley and Erewash Athletic Club

**Committee Meeting: 7:30pm Monday 4th March 2024
Community Room, Ilkeston Fire Station**

1. Apologies for Absence

Becky Moss ("BM").

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

2. Approval of last meeting's minutes

Minutes approved by the committee.

3. Previous Actions and Matters Arising

Attendance updates

JB has set up a spreadsheet, using DH's template, and will update regularly. This allows the club to keep an up-to-date attendance register and should help with the accounting side as well. Different tabs put on for specialist sessions too.

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

4. Website presentation

PM was unable to attend the meeting, but JD confirmed that the "architecture" was done and that she is waiting for photos to upload. JD also discussed some more technical information which suggests the website could be up and running next time.

ACTION: JD to provide further update at next meeting

5. Mental Health Support presentation

The Committee were given a thirty-minute presentation from Sonya at Erewash Voluntary Action – CVS on mental health and what courses we could undertake to learn more. The welfare officers will further investigate and report back in time.

6. FG development and future proofing

FG development

Potential new venue

JD provided a further update on Charles Hill and the potential for expansion. However, it will be a few months before any decision is made. JD said the committee need to have a good discussion about the way forward and whether a move is sensible or whether we try and work for a better life at RSP. Also need to explore the idea of lottery/other funding to assist if we do decide to expand.

JD also said he will look again into the Portacabin at RSP in the spring.

ACTION: JD to provide further update at next meeting and the committee to decide on how we progress this (sub committee for example)

Future proofing

Sub-committee for funding

ST has booked the bus for the first Heart of England and explained that we await the response on the funding application. We have provided a fair bit of further information requested by the fund organisers.

ACTION: Committee agreed for ST to book the first bus (Sunday, 2nd June) and proceed with charge suggested above if the bid is not successful. ST to book bus.

ST stated that sub-committee would meet and decide on ways to drive forward this initiative.

7. Finance update

DB only has a short update on the finance section. The current account has c£2,000. We spent c£3,500 on kit and other items, hence the drop. Sufficient funds for the moment though.

In respect of the accountants, further details have been sent to Mabe Allen and we should have the draft accounts soon. JB and JD have provided ID to RW as per the last action.

High Jump Bed

ST and JD had looked into the purchase of an indoor high jump bed in preparation for the indoor/winter training later in the year. It is very expensive. DH suggested that we try and repair the old one especially as its difficult to store (and protect) any new item in the tennis centre.

8. Membership renewals

With the fees agreed at the last meeting, RW asked whether his proposed letter was okay to send out. It was agreed it was so RW stated he would get the ball rolling on renewal asap.

ACTION: RW to provide update on membership renewals.

9. Recruitment

Park Runs

CA stated that he had not been to a park run recently to hand out leaflets, but he would be going soon and he spoke to DH about getting some flyers from him for that.

ACTION: CA to promote at junior park runs.

Season Starter Specials

ST had drawn up plans for the SSSs and had contacted coaches that can help. She has arranged someone to help sell teas and coffees and arrange the book sale. Copies of the proposed schedule were passed around with a start date of 16 March.

ACTION: Update to be provided on SSSs.

VS confirmed that the YDL letters had gone out to athletes.

10. Competition update

RW spoke to BB and Nisha about a hurdles development day but nothing in the book yet. It was agreed that, if we can, these types of day can only really help the club.

ACTION: Discuss at next meeting, the idea to make competitions more compulsory. RW to add to next agenda.

RW stated that the competition survey had been interesting. A couple of minorly negative responses but, all in all, the membership seemed to agree with the committee's sentiments on competing.

RW also mentioned that he had proposed to Julie for Derbyshire Athletics (after speaking to Shane and Liz at Chesterfield) that medals should be given to those selected. DA yet to respond.

ACTION: RW to provide update on medal situation.

11. Kit & other equipment requirements

VS had ordered kit with M3C, and we await delivery.

12. Social Events

DH had a meeting with Derbyshire CC planned and should have an update at the next meeting. He believes there is a deal to be done.

ACTION: DH to provide update.

DH said uptake for dogs had not been great and he pushed others on the committee to push to their athletes/other parents. Good chance to make more money for the club.

ACTION: DH to provide update on 'Dogs' event.

13. A.O.B

Saturday Sessions

JD confirmed that he had spoken to the coaches about the return of normal Saturday general sessions and that was now in force.

Marathon

RW explained that he had found a runner for the London Marathon. Her name is Lauren Meades, and she believes she can raise c£1,000. She is to come down the track at some point to loan a vest for competing.

Date of Next Meeting:

Monday 8th April 2024 at 19:30pm