**Committee Meeting Minutes (virtual on Teams)**

**9th April 2021**

**In Attendance:** Ernie Forsyth (Chair), Nicola Hopkinson, Gary Floate, Andy Catton, Wes Clarke, Sharon Honey, Bill Green

**Apologies**:none

**Previous Minutes of full committee meeting:** 18.2.20 minutes agreed and signed as a true record

**Coaching:** GF advised shot putt coach (Abdul Buhari) wishing to train an athlete at track. Will try to seek his help with

IAC athletes. Currently stop board on circle is broken and rotted. Has written to Vision to seek urgent replacement.

EF advised that Foundation Group (ages 9 to 14) coaching to start on 4th May. GF queried coaching progression for any good sprinters in the group. Would probably need separate coaching to Nat Senior’s adult group.

NH to email out to former U11 rascals group to advise back in action.

GF Nat Senior would like club to purchase competition starting blocks. All agreed subject to cost and number. Also to check with Vision what blocks are on site for training.

**Membership and Subscription**

NH Subs renewals for 2020/21 and UKA registration well in hand. NH to chase up those not yet paid.

**New Members**

Elected -

Dylan Harrod (transfer from Thurrock) U17

Warren Ibrahim M50 2nd claim

Mazen Aboelnour (transfer from Cambridge & C) U15

Steve Crane M40 2nd claim

Fabrizio Stefanoni M40 2nd claim

NH queried election process and are club rules out of date in this age of electronic transfer and communication. AC advised any rule change has to be notified to next AGM for voting on. In the meantime we can be pragmatic. Any member can be instantly signed up with agreement of any 3 exec committee members.

**Resignations**

None

**Track & Field:**

AC SAL dates and venues:-

20 June Hornchurch

11 July Woodford

14 August Woodford

11 Sept Thurrock

EYAL (combined team with Orion H):-

4 July Chelmsford

15 August Thurrock

12 Sept Basildon

SVL :-

5 July Stevenage

26 July Harrow

23 August Hemel or Lea Valley

Essex champs :-

5,000m 7 July Chelmsford

Main Champs 31 July/ 1 Aug Chelmsford

Needless to say all aware we will struggle to fulfil our quota of officials and helpers

**Road & Cross Country**

BG Great turnout in Chingford League 5k race.

Next Chingford league event is a relay (4 x 2miles) at Central Park, Dagenham on 25/4. BG to liaise with coaches to select best possible teams.

Thanks to GF for organising another successful 5k handicap run. ELVIS series AGM via Zoom on 12/4. BG to attend.

**Race Organisation.**

AC/BG Newman Hilly 5 – Wed 14th July.

TRA race permit obtained, Hainault Country Park booked with Vision, revised course start and finish in park (main through road) agreed.

New ambulance company (Primary Ambulance Services) approached (as Euromedical packed up) - they have reserved the date for us. Cost quoted £120.

Usual volunteers will be needed urgently for recording and timekeeping and marshalling

NH to set up entries via Entry Central on 1 May.

To date this is the only ELVIS event with a firm date

**Media & Publicity**

BG Great coverage continues in Ilford Recorder

Events and results are on Facebook and Email. Also new completion WhatsApp group created to communicate priority

IAC races and assist team managers. So far proving very successful.

**Chigwell Row Portacabin**

BG Spring clean probably needed - plus painting ?

Alan Pearl and AC have been keeping clean (sanitising) and tidy during the pandemic. Showers and boiler working fine.

AC reported on several occasions recently lights left on in changing rooms or even worse doors left unlocked. EF to prepare notices to go up to remind users this must not happen.

**Social**

SH Open air cinema event in August (date tba)

Summer picnics to be arranged. Maybe one at Frinton for Pam Jones 85th birthday ? “Bluebell” run proposed

Following request from Paul Grange for young athletes events SH to liaise to establish what they want and confirm to

PG that we need a YA representative to communicate on this.

**Finance Report**

WC Balance Sheet / I & E Account & Chigwell Row I & E report provided by WC. No issues as hardly any income or expenditure during pandemic period. Balance sheet looking very healthy.

WC confirmed that IAC hold £169 of ELVIS money

**Correspondence**

AC - everything possible been circulated during pandemic

**AOB**

GF Gary Coombes volunteered to help on committee or other capacity. GF suggested Road & XC team captain.

BG VLM requested our usual feed station expertise but only one extra running place available in addition to those provided for cancelled

2020 race. This was previously allocated to John Crawley. BG to check that he requires.

EF SAL have money to sponsor officials courses - but only track judging currently available. AC advised checked with Essex AA and all existing field event courses full.

AC Advised still communicating with Vision to have track surface repaired. Replacement seems unlikely for a while due to lack of funds. AC/EF Still in touch with Vision / Council re upgrading of Cricklefields and building of new clubhouse. Will continue to pursue once

pandemic ended.

AC Ideas needed for club centenary in 2023. BG to communicate out. So far planning for :-

100 x 1mile relay

Centenary T - shirts

Party &/or reunion dinner dance

Update 75th anniversary book

**Meeting finished 8.57**

**Next committee meeting date, time and venue tba**