** Committee Meeting Minutes**

**13th August 2024 at Ilford Sports Club**

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|  | **Notes** | **Action** |
| 1. | **In Attendance:**  Committee members**:** Ernie Forsyth (Chair), Andy Catton, Bill Green, Anna Crawley, Danny Holeyman, Carlie Qirem, Wes Clarke, Fabrizio Stefanoni |  |
| 2. | **Apologies:** Diane Crisp & Neil Crisp |  |
| 3. | **Previous Minutes** – Previous minutes of meeting 16th July agreed and signed as a true record |  |
| 4. | **Coaching (EF)**  EF – as per July meeting numbers in the Development Group continues to grow, total in group now well over 60. Needs 6 coaches and helpers to look after the various groups (sprinters, endurance, throwers and under 12’s) on a Tuesday. We have a waiting list for new members.  EF – 2 parent volunteers to help once returned from holiday  FS to take on board volunteer recruitment as part of the development plan and pathway between the young athletes groups needs far more coaching resources especially for the sprinters. C/F  AC – as per July meeting Craig Burrow is getting coaching license reinstated (subject to completing a couple of online courses). His “enthusiasm” still requires managing.  AC – Wayne Hick bot been able to renew coaches licence as courses are all at times he cannot attend. AC written to London EA Club Support Officer for help. No solution as yet.  EF - Coaches meeting to be organised asap – in September | FS  EF/AC  EF |
| 5. | **Membership and Subscriptions (CQ)**  EF – thanks to CQ for registering group of young athletes very quickly in time for league competition |  |
| 5.1 | **New Members**  PHIL BARNARD (SM walker) – subject to confirmation of payment |  |
| 5.2 | **Resignations**  None |  |
| 6. | **Track & Field (AC)**  EYAL Sun 21 July at Barnet. Highest points score yet with a record 48 athletes.  SAL – Next (and last) match at Woodford on Sat 17 August. First three matches 3rd, 4th & 6th. Need a good turnout at final match to avoid relegation.  Vets league – Inter league winners final on Sat 31 August at Abingdon.  Boys 4 x 100 team competed well at the Diamond League meeting at Olympic Stadium on Sat 20 July. Invited to compete at the new National Relays champs meeting at Birmingham on 25/8. Due to injuries, early start needed for venue and entry system difficulties unlikely invite will be accepted. |  |
| 7. | **Road & Cross Country (BG)**  Full report from BG attached below  Essex Half Marathon at Pleshey on 15/9 |  |
| 8. | **Race Organisation (BG/AC)**  Essex League XC first meeting at Chigwell Row on Sat 5 October.  Woodland Trust notified and first aid booked. Usual timetable and distances. U13 (non league) race to be held first at 10.00.  Volunteer marshals needed.  10m XC –Sat 28 December |  |
| 9. | **Media & Publicity (BG)**  All is still going very well with great coverage in Ilford Recorder, especially of the young athletes races and performances.  EF and club young members appeared on BBC TV London News item on 7/8. Excellent publicity |  |
| 10. | **Chigwell Row Portacabin** :  Cleaning, tidying up plus painting long overdue. To arrange date asap.  DH kindly volunteered to get started on 23/8 or 3/9  EF – to check thermostat/system as showers very hot again.  EF – new flooring required for the ladies changing room  DH – battle with British Gas over unrealistic overpaid electric bill still ongoing. Complaint to BG now answered but very unsatisfactory with many false statements. Complaint history went to energy ombudsman. Both now responded but awaiting ombudsman final decision. Huge thanks to DH for undertaking this task. Agreed to take smart meter reading then turn off all electricity for 5 to 7 days to check no power being used elsewhere.  EF – to install new smart meter cable | AC/EF/  DH  EF  EF  EF |
| 11. | **Social (ACr)**  Newman Hilly 5 cake sale raised £340. Hoping AC’s employer will match and £680 be sent to Breast Cancer UK in remembrance of Nicola.  Planning team for Spitfire Scramble 24 hour relay race next year – 5/6 July  Planning race and social for the Cambridge half marathon next March (25th)  Awards night –Date of either 18/10 or 8/11 available to book at Dagenham & Redbridge FC. Discussed and agreed that awards night will be for all members young and old. EF to book (subsequently agreed and booked for Friday 8 November)  List of awards to be reviewed and reduced. EF to look at and report back to committee. | EF/ACr  EF |
| 12. | **Finance Report (WC)**  Full income and expenditure report and updated balance sheet provided by WC. Same as last month finances still in a healthy state despite some considerable expenses on transport for both seniors and young athletes to league matches. Year to date surplus of £1,609 despite all the travel costs.  Brokers asked to cancel the insurance on track portacabin. Still no response yet.  Hilly 5 account submitted by CQ and WC. Overall profit of £801.47 | WC |
| 13. | **Development (FS)**.  Update on first priority issues:-  New members welcome pack – content being agreed by all then to be finalised by CQ & FS. Agreed doc to have links to various UKA codes of conduct, safeguarding rules. Competition rules etc. Club rules/constitution to be attached. List of club coaches and officials to be checked. AC to provide FS with all relevant club docs.  New club kit supply – new sources found by FS and cost comparisons to be provided  Next priority to be decided upon. Coach and officials recruitment ? | FS/CQ/  AC |
| 14.  15. | **Correspondence (AC)**  None  **AOB**  AC/EF – Ilford Sports Club AGM on 30/7 attended by EF & AC. A poor excuse for an AGM – EF & AC only persons other than ISC committee in attendance. No accounts produced. Chairman given club a personal loan to keep it afloat following misappropriation of around £14,000 of ISC money by former finance officer (of Ilford FC). Defibrillator still missing: believed taken by IFC. IFC ban continues plus taking private court action to recover funds. All IFC property to be removed from their rat infested storeroom. Professional vermin removal contractors are being employed.  AC – AC & EF had meeting with Iain Varah (CEO of Vision RCL) on 13/8. Advice was that we and our members must fight our own battle with the Council over potential for all weather pitch installation and IFC being awarded any management contract. AC & EF to pursue.  EF – new supply of club medals in hand C/F  NC – members request for competition T shirts. Supplier needs min order of 3 for each size. Agreed as long as those wanting them find 3 buyers. C/F  EF – young athletes club pentathlon to be arranged in September. Volunteers will be needed | AC/EF  NC  EF/AC |
|  | **Meeting finished 21:40**  **Next committee meeting**  **Tuesday 17th September at 20.00** |  |
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**Road and Cross Country**

All as fully reported in club newsletter and press reports.

Leading performances extracted from full BG report :-

**Essex 5k Road Champs – Colchester**

7 Ilford Men, no ladies.

4 county medals:

Tom Gardner Silver M40

Steve Philcox Gold M55

Alan Pearl Bronze M65

Andy Catton Silver M70

**Orion 5 – Epping Forest (Elvis)**

13 Ilford Men, 4 ladies

Stephen Philcox 2nd M50.

Paul Holloway 3rd M50

Andy Catton 1st M70

Men 2nd Ladies 8th

**Harold Wood 5k (Elvis)**

Steve Philcox 1st M50

Steve Chissel 1st M60

Danny Holeyman 2nd M50

Andy Catton 2nd M70

Pauline Tester 2nd F60

Men 4th and Women 4th