

BEDFORD & COUNTY ATHLETIC CLUB

MINUTES OF COMMITTEE MEETING

Monday 14th October 2024

Present: Paul Gooding [PG], Martyn Blackwell [MB], Allen Adamson [AA], Craig Emmerson [CE], Penny Butcher [PB], Courtney Gunn [CG], , Bob Thompson [BT], Pete Carpenter [PC], Ewan Wilson

Apologies

	➤	Action
1	Minutes of Previous Meeting ● Agree accuracy - Agreed ● Matters arising – We have successfully recruited three volunteers to look after refreshments on club nights. Next we will look for volunteers to become track and field officials. Look to arrange our own course at Bedford in February. Look for volunteers to look after kit sales and travel bookings.	PG
2	Reports ● Finance - Reports held. Our account generating £100 of interest per month. £62,000 in the account but after subtraction of accruals and Wheelchair Club account we have £42,996. EW had looked at the 24-25 budget and it looks as if we will make a small profit at the end of the year. PC to complete budget to be sent to Company's House. PC forward a copy to PG. Chiltern Lg subs increased to £750. PG to ask that we not pay the extra £100 for Keysoe as we already bear part of the cost of staging the event. Expenses for staging the Southern Lg and EYAL have been claimed back. A club tent is on order. ● Membership – Report held. 452 members of which 384 paying members. 13 new members this month. 44 enquiries in September. We have a waiting list for new members. It is now a case of coaching capacity. EW and PG have streamlined the membership process but it still is a lot of work. ● Volunteers – Dealt with in any other business. ● Safety, Welfare & Grievances- No reports. ● Club Standards & Governance - Reviews. Health and Safety Policy will be accepted after confirmation from James Danobrega. PB to look at the Anti Bullying policy. Club Standards. We still require some coaches to complete the First Aid or/and Safe Guarding courses. PG had looked in to adult distance groups affiliating with ARC, which we give access to insurance. Three criteria that coaches; have a DBS certificate 9through ARC0; agree to ARC welfare policies; are deemed commitment coaches. Committee agreed to start the process. Coaches with ARC will be taken off the EA coaches register. ● Performance/Event Management – Affiliation to T&F Leagues 2025.	JD/PB/AA PG

	EYAL. We will enter the league. Tina Blackwell has submitted the following recommendations to the EYAL; increase the number of non scorers in the fields event; in 2026 have 3 age groups not 4. CG supported the use of Open Track. SAL – Yes we will enter the league with the caveat that the competition is regionally based. CE hoped that we we will look to be promoted and eventually compete in Division 1. NAL. Agreed that we do not affiliate. We accept that some of our members will look to compete as HCAs with other clubs. LYDL. After much discussion a vote was taken to either defer the decision on entry to the LYDL until the December executive, 2/12, or not enter the league. It was decided to defer the decision. The LYDL AGM is on 30/11, PG to attend. If we do enter we will not offer to stage a home fixture. If we do not enter the league we will support, entry fees and transport for athletes entering local championships and Open Meetings eg MK Opens, County Open and Championships, Eastern Championships. Awards Evening. PB presented details of expenses. Some difficulties with the booking, catering and pricing with GLL. The numbers replying to invitations has been disappointing. EW to send out another email. It was pointed out that numbers maybe low because the winners of the awards are known. GLL. PG met with GLL. Last week. The purchase order for relaying the track should be made. Work to be carried out in August/September 2025. There is some discussion on reconfiguring the facility, moving the gym upstairs and catering into the weights room. GLL looking at the feasibility. GLL asking for a list of equipment required for next T&F season. The plan for storage at the track is being led by the Borough. Use of the indoors for this winter has been agreed and the club is offering teas and coffees on club nights.	
3	Discussion Items • None	
4	AOB • CG talked about the consequences of changing the age groups on recording and saving club records, there will be a considerable amount of work. EA are offering grants for the affect of the changes. • EA support officers, Emma Hurst and Kirsty Fardell attending club night on Tuesday 12th November. • Soar running vests. Some club athletes looking into purchasing vests. No problem as design is acceptable for competitions. The club will not subsidise the purchase. Indoor facilities not available on two occasions 19-20/10 and 30/11. • Darren Kerr to be supported in attending a course. • The club is in contact with the UoB regarding research. • CG has purchased ink cartridges and paper for PF and recording. • MB drew our attention to a document from Clive Poynter regarding the changes to the age groups. Athletes to be offered a choice of weights in the throws and heights and distances in the hurdles in Open Meetings.	
	Date & time of Next meeting Monday 2nd December 1900	

Meeting closed 2100 hours

Signed as a true record