



North Somerset Athletics Club AGM

Tuesday 10th November 2020, 7pm

Via Zoom

Present:

- Cath Boylen
- Chris Millard
- David Robertson
- Debbie Brooks
- Helen Leaney
- Penny Mannings
- Sam Allen
- Carolyn Deveraux
- Neil Lock
- Steve Parsons
- Rich Brunson
- Matthew Lucking

Apologies:

- Martin Bates



Item No	Title	Detail	Actions
1	Welcome to all attendees		
2	Approval of the Minutes of the 2019/20 Annual General Meeting	The minutes of the previous AGM were approved	
3	Chair report	See Appendix 1. Update delivered by Penny Mannings	
4	Treasurer report	<p>Update delivered by David Robertson</p> <p>2019 Accounts were not audited however David will pursue. Bank account in healthy state. Comfortable position with membership numbers held.</p> <p>Bank details nearly changed over hope to be complete by next meeting December.</p> <p>Accounts complete to September 2020 by Miriam once David has access he will bring up to date.</p> <p>Expenses low due to lack of venue hire.</p> <p>2019 outgoings 72k; hire of venues 18k, coaching 14k, kit 4k (revenue to offset).</p> <p>Clevedon – ongoing issues. Final draft of agreement doesn't £200pcm for maintenance.</p> <p>Clevedon school suggested NSAC pay 80% from September. Stopped paying min March. March to Sept no charge.</p> <p>Priory - £20 a week for the container hire and then we pay £110.00 for the Wednesday evening (£55.00 a session). A total for us of £130.00 term time only.</p> <p>Nailsea – discount given from The Link. If not used then we are not charged.</p>	
5	Election of Officers	<p>President – Richard Whitehead. All agreed he should continue until we have an alternative.</p> <p>Chair – Penny Mannings. Chris nominate and David second</p> <p>Secretary – Helen Leaney. Penny nominate and Chris second</p>	



		<p>Treasurer – David Robertson. Penny nominate and Chris second</p> <p>Membership Secretary; for EA purposes one person per site (role split internally) Debbie @ Priory. Sam @ Nailsea. Carolyn @ Clevedon - Chris nominate and David second</p> <p>Head coach – Chris Millard. David nominate and Penny second</p> <p>Welfare Officer – Rich Brunsdon and Penny Mannings. Helen nominate and Chris second.</p> <p>Sam Allen – responsible for Nailsea</p> <p>Debbie Brooks – responsible for Priory/Club Buzz</p> <p>Steve Parsons – endurance expert</p> <p>Cath Boylens – Officials co-ordinator</p> <p>Jo Campbell – EA registration</p>	
6	Head Coach report	see appendix 2	
7	Club Buzz report	<p>Debbie has documented all policies and shared with committee for comments. Majority agreed with the changes and agreed they can be added to the website</p> <p>Club Buzz – transferred all data. Changing slightly how we do the renewal process to ensure for annual payments are taken by 15th January</p> <p>Ethnicity – was a tick box on membership form, which isn't on Club Buzz. This data doesn't have to be collected but can help with grants etc. All agreed optional free text field to be kept</p>	<p>Penny to ask Neil Lock if he will help with website</p> <p>Debbie to email updated policies to add to the website</p>
8	Website	<p>Neil has concerns the website is too focused on track and field</p> <p>Steve happy to contribute content – needs access to be granted again</p>	Penny to speak to Neil to see if he is willing to assist with the website
9	AOB	Discussion via email regarding financial issues relating to Chris salary and subs to be voted on (may not require next meeting in December)	



10	Date of next meeting	TBC potentially Tuesday 8 December at Clevedon Sailing Club/zoom 7.30pm start	
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Meeting closed at 9.15 pm

Appendix 1

Chair's Report

AGM – 10 Nov 2020

The Chair does not usually submit a report but there has been nothing usual about this year. As a club we have had to adapt to the challenges that have faced the country, and significant changes in the personnel within the club committee.

There is no need to go into the Covid and Coronavirus issues, as we are all painfully aware of how these have impacted on our club. Through it all we have faced restrictions, and worked through the changes to keep the club going and provide a meaningful experience for members. Chris has been brilliant in communicating with the athletes to keep them engaged, safe and fit.

Following the resignation of our Membership Secretary, General Secretary and Treasurer, for very different reasons, we have had to seek replacements and look at how the club can be best managed. Debbie Brooks has been invaluable in her work to set up our new systems, and has been short-listed for Volunteer of the Year by England Athletics South West. We hope that she wins it, but we can only congratulate and thank her for all her continuing work.

We are hoping to streamline our membership and payment systems by using Clubbuzz. Once this is set up – this has been hampered by lack of access to help due to Covid – the new treasurer should have a lightened load, and the previously-onerous membership job will be spread out.

In terms of competition, this has been necessarily reduced, and only the Cross-country and Endurance athletes have been active. They have been a flagship for our club. This has given us pause for thought as to how we can integrate that part of the club more successfully with the Track and Field athletes.

We have long been struggling to communicate with Clevedon School regarding the facilities on site, and the financial agreement. Our new Treasurer David has been very helpful in forging a new relationship with the head which will enable us to make progress on this. We were fortunate to fit in the Pier Relay before the lockdown and raised funds which we hope will go towards improvements in facilities. Chris has been working on getting lighting installed for the dark evenings using some of this money.

The review of Club processes and activities, promised by England Athletics, has been postponed but we hope this will happen when all is back to normal. Unfortunately, staff numbers at EA have been reduced so there are more demands on the time of our personal link.

There are so many people to thank in addition to those mentioned above. This is the 15th anniversary of the club and Chris was planning great things for the Awards evening. This has been forestalled but we would love to mount a virtual event to recognise those athletes who have achieved, and to thank everyone for their help. We

have been able to keep going largely due to those existing Committee members who have put in so much work – Sam at Nailsea, Debbie at Steve on the Endurance side, Rich as Welfare and previously Sophie on the Website, Social and Communication. We have been joined by David, as Secretary, Cath as Officials Coordinator, and Jo as Registration – part of the Membership Role. We still need more to help with strands of the Membership role in particular.



Priory,
Helen

Also, a huge thank you to all the Coaches, Ambassadors, Parents, Carers and Athletes who have stuck with it and made it all worthwhile. Our sponsors, Brackenwood Nurseries, were generous as always, and we hope that they are keeping well.

Appendix 2

HEAD COACH REPORT 2020

Started in 2004. Goes without saying, it's been a tough year... Amazing results, and a frustration that we couldn't have a summer Track & Field season to add to this.

CROSS-COUNTRY

Most of the season played out, with excellent results for NSAC in Gwent League.

Gwent League

U13 boys 1st

U15 boys 3rd

U17 boys 1st

U20 boys 3rd

South West – Senior men winners (5 from NSAC)

Junior women winner (2 from NSAC)

Intermediate girls winner (1 from NSAC)

Minor boys 2nd (3 from NSAC)

Tri-counties – U13 boys team winners

10 selected for **English Schools**

National XC Champs

U13 boys 10th team



South

INDOOR TRACK & FIELD

West Indoors – Record 31 medals for NSAC

National Champion & CBP

English Champs – 1 attended

PIER RELAY

200+ runners (including parents) – Successful, weather awful overnight

Amount raised £10,500 ish (minus approx. £2000 for trophies & t-shirts)

Donation to CHSW of £1500 - £7000 profit

LOCKDOWN – 1

Support of athletes via videos and training advice

Personal programs for 'senior' athletes

Regular updates and 'motivation'

Video of athletes training

Clevedon to Tokyo

FACILITY – LIGHT

Update

NUMBERS & APPROACH

All sessions full, and waiting lists

Attitude on return to training brilliant, as good as I can remember.

Tough environment – sanitise, spacing – Removal of so many activities

Lost several coaches, plus committee members

Priory stopped on Saturdays

No endurance on Wednesdays

SCHOOL LINKS

Almost non-existent during 2020, apart from a handful.

No major events (Cross-Country, T&F, Sportshall, Quadkids)

Fundays only in February

CONGRATULATIONS

Debbie for nomination for South West volunteer of the Year

2021...

to competition...success where possible

coaches, and general support around the club

Hopefully return to normality with training etc

Better working relationship with school to solve our issues around facility

Continue with ethos, and tighten up 'whole club' togetherness

THANK YOU

Coaches, Ambassadors, Committee, Parents, Sponsors, and especially Athletes. All who help to make NSAC what it is...



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