

Committee Meeting Minutes

15th October 2024 at Ilford Sports Club

Notes



1.	In Attendance: Committee members: Ernie Forsyth (Chair), Andy Catton, Bill Green, Carlie Qirem, Fabrizio Stefanoni, Anna Crawley	
2.	Apologies: Wes Clarke, Danny Holeyman, Diane Crisp, Neil Crisp	
3.	Previous Minutes – Previous minutes of meeting 17th Sept agreed and signed as a true record	
4.	Coaching (EF) EF – as per July meeting still a problem with kids turning up with no prior warning or agreement. Message gone to group that friends must make contact with club first to arrange trial period. Waiting list still growing. 3 parent volunteers came forward but still not yet appeared. EF to chase up. Good number of development group athletes competed well in the Chingford League and Essex xc League events. EF - Coaches meeting organised for 29th October FS – has made contact with Havering AC to see how they are faring with coach recruitment. They have a full time volunteer co-ordinator who continually seeks new recruits from parent base. Far easier to do in Havering than in Redbridge.	EF

5.	Membership and Subscriptions (CQ)	
5.1	New Members MANUEL CAEIRO-VIGO - SM SHANAJ CRANE – F40 SERGEN METASHI – U15B OLUWADURASIMI DARAMOLA – U15G OLUWADUNSIN DURAMOLA – U17B	
5.2	Resignations None	
6.	Track & Field (AC) Nothing to report on IAC competition. Dates for Essex AA indoor champs – weekend of 1 st / 2 nd March Provisionally outdoor champs 10 th / 11 th May at Chelmsford	
7.	Road & Cross Country (BG) Full report from BG submitted to committee and as reported in newsletter and press. Leading performances :- Valentines Park 5k (ELVIS race 8) Samuel Crane 3 rd SM Steve Philcox 1 st M50 Malcolm Muir 2 nd M50 Berekhet Berakhy 3 rd M50 Neil Crisp 1 st M60	

Dave Thomas 2nd M60 Steve Chissel 3rd M60 Andy Catton 2nd M70 Jordan Hinds 5th SW Bree Nordin 1st F60 Pauline Tester 2nd F60 Ipswich Half Marathon Jack Nixon 1st Berlin 5k Ryder Islam 2nd U17 Vitality Westminster Mile Steve Philcox 3rd M50 Alan Pearl 2nd M60 Vitality London 10k Amin Kokai 2nd M50 Essex XC League (Hainault Forest) 13 young athletes and 20 seniors competed Chingford League (Hainault Cycle Circuit) 13 young athletes and 15 seniors competed Barney Perkins 2nd U15 Khalif Ali 2nd U13 Ronan Edwards 3rd SM Essex XC relays champs (North Weald) 4 teams competed. 4 sets of medals. Disappointing no senior or young athlete teams entered F60 Gold Julia Galea, Diane Crisp, Pauline Tester M50 Gold Steve Philcox, Fabrizio Stefanoni, Malcolm Muir M60 Gold Terry Knightley, Steve Chissel, Neil Crisp M60 Silver Ray Dzikowski, Dave Thomas, Alan Pearl	
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8.	Race Organisation (BG/AC) Essex League XC first meeting at Chigwell Row on Sat 5th October. Went off well with positive feedback and league organisers were very happy. A couple of minor complaints only. If we hold next year then we must have more volunteer race and car park marshals. 10m XC –Sat 28 December. Organisation in hand. Request for helpers to go out soon.	BG
9.	Media & Publicity (BG) All is still going very well with great coverage in Ilford Recorder with many full back page articles recently.	
10.	Chigwell Row Portacabin : AC – painting of the mens changing rooms nearly finished EF – new flooring required for the ladies changing room C/F AC – two quotations received (one at £3,995 the other at £2,750) for complete replacement of the water and heating / showers system. Committee decided to accept quote from engineer (Laine) who undertook previous work, albeit the more expensive but more comprehensive, upon recommendation by AC & EF. Ronnie O'Sullivan has made his annual donation of £2,500 for the upkeep of the facility so together with same amount donated last year the cost is covered.	EF
11.	Social (ACr) : Awards night – Friday 8th Nov at Dagenham & Redbridge FC. DJ booked, everything else in hand. Ticket pricing agreed at £10 for adults & £5 for “juniors” – with family discounts at discretion of club. Buffet to be provided.	

	ELVIS awards night Friday 25th October also at D & R. EF 70th big birthday bash at Eva Hart on 18th Oct Annual "Xmas" curry provisionally booked at restaurant in Collier Row (opposite Colley Row Wetherspoon) on 20th or 27th Nov. Exact date to be decided upon asap. London Christmas lights run provisionally planned for 18th Dec	
12.	Finance Report (WC) Not in attendance. Written accounts / report provided. Brokers asked to cancel the insurance on track portacabin. Still no response yet C/F	WC
13.	Development (FS). Update on first priority issues:- New members welcome pack – as per last meeting content being agreed by all then to be finalised by CQ & FS. Format – Orion H "pack" seen and liked by all. Very smart and clean style. Agreed utilise same or other examples e.g. Barnet New club kit supply – new sources found by FS and cost comparisons etc being provided. Should have cost and range options for committee to consider at the next meeting – from Zeon (Havering AC suppliers), Bild Wear (Colchester H & Essex AA supplier) and Steve Wilkin (Chelmsford AC supplier). Next priority to be Coach and officials recruitment. And succession planning.	FS FS
14,	Correspondence (AC) None – other than vast amount in connection with the Ilford FC planning application for 3G football pitch at Cricklefields.	

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AC & FS – The Ilford FC 3G pitch installation application was rejected by the Council.

EF – new supply of club medals to be collected C/F

AC - Gary Floate completed Field Event Officials course and cost reimbursed by WC

EF – reported on the dire condition of the portacabin clubhouse at Cricklefields. Only the office end of the hut is usable and not leaking. Club equipment to be gradually stored elsewhere.

FS – asked if we are able to hold a T & F meeting at Cricklefields e.g. open meeting. AC – we did for many years but now have insufficient qualified officials, attendance at the open meetings we held was poor, the track certificate is not at a standard to hold an SAL match and the track has insufficient lanes to hold a Vets League match.

Annual club awards. AC provided a list of nominations from 14 committee members and coaches. These were discussed by all and agreed.

Meeting finished 21:30
Next committee meeting
Tuesday 12th November at 20.00