**LUTON ATHLETICS CLUB – General Meeting 25th July 2024**

Attendees:

Paul Brooks, Nicola Abubacker, Linda Bassill, Patrick Davis, Geoff Grinsted, Steve Bassill

Apologies: Dawn Williams, Alan Daglish

# Minutes of Previous Meeting

* Minutes were agreed, with the exception that David Burrell had attended the previous meeting, but his name was missing from the list of attendees, apologises from the secretary to Dave.

**Correspondence**

**Chairmans Report**

The chairman reported that there had been a meeting with Active Luton which he attended on his own. The meeting focused on the Sal match held at Luton. It was agreed that generally the match was well handled. It was agreed that the handling of refreshments was again not correct. It was agreed that before the next match to be held Elevenses would be invited to the meeting so that we can agree on what is required with them.

* Luton AC are still to pass the Save-Guarding document to Active Luton before the next meeting, **Steve agreed to do this**.
* Paul passed the insurance documentation on to Active Luton for them to keep record off.
* It was pointed out by Geoff that the current net around the hammer cage was probably the wrong net, and hence it would not be possible for Chris to get the “hard wired” section changed so that it could be raised or lowered. This statement needs to be checked.
* There was an instance when 2 young youths were trying to throw in the area. These youths were not club members and in no way were associated with the club. They were from a local school and had come to try out the activity. These youths should have been accompanied by a coach but were not. A coach from Luton gave help where he could.

**Treasurers Report**

Membership money is still slowly coming into the club, leaving the club with around £21,000:00 in the bank. We have or are handling for the following items since our last meeting:

* 5 refunds for county event entry have been made.
* The sum of nearly £1000 has been paid to Active Luton for the hire of the facility for the SAL match. The meeting agreed that although this event cost the club 20% of its finance, we should do the same again next year, and if possible, get another match.
* The Lottery fund has the facility for a community grant. **Steve will investigate this before the next meeting.**
* We are investigating further the purchase of an EDM machine. **Paul to continue his investigation.**
* We will start to investigate how electronic timing could be obtained for our next matches. **Steve to investigate.**

**Membership**

We are currently getting a lot of requests for young persons to join the club; this includes a lot from the 5- or 6-year-old group. These requests we are passing on to Active Luton. Alan would like to thank Pat and the group of coaches that are working with him for the way they have handled his absence and have improved issues quite considerably during this period.

**Road Races**

Not going to run any road races in. the 2024 year.

**Cross Country**

Regarding the cross-country match at Stopsley, we have now sorted out alternative car parking, and feel that we could offer to run the event this year again. We will go ahead and use Luton High School car park. We will need to be careful with parking instructions to different clubs, telling some to park at the top of the hill and some at the school, ensuring that they know where they are going, we will also need to put up some signs from the High school directing those using the car park to the cross-country course.

**Southern Athletic League**

After 3 matches Luton are top of the league, with one match left at Oxford. We must try to get a strong squad out for this match and hopefully win promotion to a higher league.

**EAL**

Senior ladies have made it through to the finals, a good achievement. We wish them well I n the finals

 **EYAL**

Dawn will check on the names of those wishing to participate. So far we have seen a good turnout for these matches.

**WEB Site**

The club records have now been added to the website. Some records need updating, information will be passed on so that these updates can be made. Revee Walcott-Nolan should also appear on the achievements section of the website as a double Olympian.

**Any Other Business**

There have been requests for coaching course to try and get more official coaching licenses. Geoff will investigate his son’s requirement and will book the correct course, Any more names should be put forward and further courses will be booked, The club will reimburse the cost of these courses to those attending, as long as there is an affiliation to Luton Athletic Club by the coach.

We should try to get more information about the club, and it’s results into the local papers. This would include getting reports into the papers early after the events take place. Need a publicity officer to do this?

The following members have appeared for the county or have taken part in the schools’ events, all have subsequently been selected to compete at the end of season SEAA, and all deserve recognition of their achievements. A big well done from your club.

Under 15 :- Jake Davis :- 1500metres

 Olivia Breach :- 300 Metres

Under 17:- Benjamin Ohwariovbe :- Shot Putt

 Jayden Wood :- 400 metres

 Grace Smith :- Javelin

 Shot Putt

Hardship Fund, Nicola will try to define some boundaries for the hardship fund we are proposing for next season. These can be discussed at the next meeting.

There is a shortage of officials at all matches. Even though on membership forms there are a few ticks on the willing to help boxes there are very few who turn up at matches. We must try to ask earlier when we need officials and should ask directly to those ticking boxes. We will try this for the next SAL match.

**Meeting closed at 20:30**

**Next meeting: 10th October 19:30. Nicola’s house**

Steve Bassill

4 August 2024