

**TRACK & FIELD COMMITTEE MEETING**  
**Monday 5<sup>th</sup> August 2024**  
**@ MPT**

**In attendance** Joy Alexander, Barbara Scott, Jim Alexander, Kurtis Scott, Gerry Carson, Paul Lawther,  
Robin Mack, David Abrahams, Elaine Grant,

**Apologies** Tom Reynolds, Pauline Thoms, Amanda Morton

**Welcome**

The Chair welcomed all to the meeting.

**Conflicts of Interest**

There were no declarations of interest at this point.

**Minutes of meeting 3<sup>rd</sup> June / June summary for web / Adoption**

All agreed these were a true record of the meeting.

Adoption – Minutes - proposed by RM, seconded by JoA

Summary – proposed by KS, seconded by GC

At this point the chair asked again for the summaries to be put on the website and also noted the list of committee members on the website was out of date.

**Matters Arising**

**Club League**

A meeting is still to be had with CP to discuss next year's format.

**Age Group Indoors**

Awaiting the review on the event.

**UUJ Facilities**

There had been a meeting with UUJ but as yet there has been no further progress. A member of the committee who is at the venue on a regular basis reported there is no evidence of any progress. Issues need to be sorted so that dates can be considered for Indoors and this is also linked to dates for Age Groups.

**Antrim Track**

Although progress had been made it is not likely to be completed for any competitions this season.

EG and PT had meeting in July and it was hoped to have something by end September – however as there are no lines and several other issues needed it may just be a family event. It is felt it will be 3-6 months before completion.

EG will get back to Conor McCallion, who is lead on the work and will advise committee on the response.

At this point the chair asked for an update on staff and their roles.

EG listed staff members and their roles – will send a table of staffing to committee members.

DA asked that it is ensured staff structure published on website is updated if/when required.

JoA – asked can a photograph also be published alongside each staff member.

### **Meeting Updates**

- (i) Board  
There was no report from Board. Next meeting is 4<sup>th</sup> September.  
EG noted some roles will need to be advertised before AGM.  
PL noted that at a Board meeting, approximately 2019, it was agreed/approved that the vice-chair would succeed the chair in that role.  
EG said she was unaware of that approval, would need to check.  
DA – persons need to be recruited before AGM.
- (ii) UKA  
Updates from UKA had been circulated to committee prior to the meeting.
- (iii) UAC  
No meetings scheduled at present.
- (iv) Other Meetings  
No other meeting updates

### **Fixtures**

Senior Championships

JoA had circulated email chain regarding late entries.

In the past we have worked hard to stick to deadlines and the rule of no late entries – however one late entry request had had difficulty getting their entry on the system and had notified the office before closing date/time. It was agreed by all that this entry would be allowed.

All other late requests that had been made up to this point (5/8/24) but after closing date for competition would be advised they can only enter as a guest – performances would count but not eligible for a medal place or selections.

All agreed this arrangement/exception was not setting a precedent. This is a one off arrangement.

JoA – it would seem the women's steeplechase wasn't opened as an entry. Two athletes had contacted the office to check and have been entered into the race. The event cannot be reopened but information will be made available to ask for interested athletes to contact the office by midnight 7/8/24.

There is only one entry for men's walk race.

EG - to check had women's walk race been on the system for entry.

Amendments to timetable were discussed.

Where there are events with only one entrant we will try to be accommodate those athletes.

Entry numbers seem ok.

EG - to clarify with Belfast City council on permission/risk assessment for big screen on Friday evening.

DA questioned our rights to show Olympic events.

EG stated we have a TV licence.

There was a brief discussion on broadcasting rights.

JoA – has advised AM we are low on officials and will need additional volunteers and staff help.

Multi Events

Entries to open as soon as possible.

Meadowbank Event

All arrangements are well in hand.

Review of Fixtures

Need to look at events - e.g. Age Groups – officials struggle with two day event – other options need to be considered.

**A.O.B.**

No other business for discussion.

**There being no further business the meeting ended.**

**Date of next meeting – Monday 7<sup>th</sup> October @7pm**

**Venue – Les Jones Room @ MPT**

**Barbara Scott**

**Secretary**