



Phoenix Flyers AC  
Committee Meeting – 11<sup>th</sup> Nov 2019  
Minutes

## 1 In Attendance

Frank Stephenson, Mark Ellis, Gillian Kemp, Samantha Keogh, Steve Foster & Lesley Foster

## 2 Apologies for Absence

None

### Actions from Last Meeting

- Athletics Leaders funding claim forms to sort (ME)
- Mark to arrange website training for Louise McLellan (ME)
- Mark to contact local schools to promote main group – starting with Fram School and St Leonard's (ME)
- Updated bio needed from Lesley for committee role – now supplied (ME)
- Contacting lapsed members remains outstanding (LF & GK)
- Event guide has been produced and circulated (ME)

## 3 Financial Update

Current Surplus Members Contributions is £4,235.11 however the NEYDL fees of £300 are still due and a plan is in action with Jarrow & Hebburn. Nightly subs are still the biggest income and we've also had a kit order this month.

Our biggest expenditure has been the Wix subscription for the website. A track charge invoice is also expected soon.

We will see a dent in our finances once the long jump pit bid is approved as we will contribute £1,150, plus we will also need to pay £600 for our 2020 NEYDL fees.

**Action:** Mark to report on NEYDL payment after NEYDL AGM on 29<sup>th</sup> November

## 4 Website Update

The event pages have been updated and now that we've got updated bio's for Sam and Lesley, these will be added to the website in due course.

The webstats are now live and we've had 209 website views & 55 unique visitors. Of the 55 website views, 22 of these have been from the UK, 2 from the USA and 1 from Ireland.

**Actions:** Training for Louise McLellan to sort out

## 5 Social Media Update

We now have 108 followers on Facebook (up 1), 47 on Twitter (up 7) and 42 on Instagram (up 4).

**Action:**



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## 6 Funding Update

All the information has now been provided to the AAP and the final decision is expected soon (since received).

The County Durham Sport list is to be explored to pursue a bid for a high jump bed and equipment – this will be done once the long jump pit is completed.

**Actions:** Approaches to Asda & Sainsburys to be made (SK).

## 7 Gamechangers & County Durham Athletics Network

The Gamechangers project has come to an end with the booking of our officials courses for Lesley Foster (field) and Gwen Gill (track).

The CDAN Sportshall events are on the 17<sup>th</sup> November for U13/U15 athletes and 26<sup>th</sup> January 2020 for the U11 athletes. The next CDAN meeting is on the 25<sup>th</sup> November and the minutes from the last meeting haven't been circulated yet.

**Actions:** Committee members to talk to Athletics Leaders after they've completed the course.

## 8 Club Admin Items

**Christmas Party** – It was agreed that Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> January was the best date for the Christmas Party and Sam was tasked with looking at Bede Club and Durham Bowls Club. The final decision was that Bede Club was the best value and Lesley has subsequently visited and booked the venue. The food and disco are to sort.

**Young Sparks** – It was agreed that the session on 14<sup>th</sup> November would be cancelled due to lack of available coaches. Sam isn't available until after Christmas, but the sessions will continue as we do have coaching cover from Steve & Mark.

**Officials** – Courses now sorted for Lesley & Gwen, with the courses on the 24<sup>th</sup> November.

**Athletics Leaders** – It was agreed that Committee members would speak to those attending the course to gauge their commitment to the club before we look at any further course bookings. Katie Gill has shown interest in becoming a coaching assistant. It was agreed that the club would provide a t-shirt for the Athletics Leaders as a thank you for their efforts. A discussion on the coaching structure of the club also took place and it was agreed to trial splitting the group up to deliver different sessions to cater for athletes needs and the CA's and Athletics Leaders would be part of the support of these sessions.

**Action:** Disco to sort for Christmas Party (SF)

Food to sort for Christmas Party (ME)

T-shirts for Athletics Leaders (GK)



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**9 Any Other Business**

- A discussion took place on why we're struggling to get athletes to compete and it was agreed that we would speak to some of the parents to push competitions further to get more athletes involved. We would also push competitions more at the end of training sessions. This will be a discussion topic on the main agenda for the next committee meeting.
- The last session for Christmas will be on Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> December and sessions will resume on Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> January.
- The NEYDL will take place on the 29<sup>th</sup> November and its expected that one of the topics to be discussed is growing the Division 2 leagues to have 8 clubs and it was agreed that the club would support this (ME).
- Gillian had spoken to Emma Gregory's mum about us supporting the St Cuthbert's Hospice Santa Run – it was agreed that more information was required as we didn't think that athletes would get sponsorship for an event that we run on a training night.
- Sportshall equipment was also discussed and it was agreed that we would order an additional two speedbounce mats (ME).

**10 Date & Time of Next Meeting**

The next meeting will be on Monday 9<sup>th</sup> December at 6pm at the Newton Grange.

Notes completed – 25<sup>th</sup> November 2019