



Phoenix Flyers AC
Committee Meeting – 9th Dec 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

- 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 by end of Jan 20 (ME)
- Contacting lapsed members remains outstanding (LF & GK)
- Approaches to Asda & Sainsburys to be made before end of Feb 20 (SK)
- T-shirts for Athletics Leaders (GK)

3 Financial Update

Current Surplus Members Contributions is £3,376.40 however we do have some major outgoings to come with £1,150 as our contribution for the long jump pit and £600 for this year and next years NEYDL fees.

We are now ahead on our track fees and have also paid for an outstanding period from earlier in the year.

However, we are still awaiting refunds for coaching courses from County Durham Sport and from County Durham Athletics Network.

Action: Gillian to pay the NEYDL fee by the end of January 2020

4 Website Update

The event pages continue to have been updated, along with the Committee pages which now have the up to date bio's.

We do need to update the coaching pages and bio's and photos are required for Kamila & Natasha.

The webstats are now live and we've had 271 website views & 77 unique visitors. Of the 77 website views, 76 of these have been from the UK and 1 from the USA.

Actions: Training for Louise McLellan to sort out Bio's required for Kamila & Natasha

5 Social Media Update

We now have 111 followers on Facebook (up 3), 54 on Twitter (up 7) and 47 on Instagram (up 5).

Action:



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6 Funding Update

The long jump bid is on hold due to a period of Purdah as a result of the general election, but we are expecting the funding to be approved after the 12th December.

It was agreed that we'd discuss at the next meeting, funding for Sportshall equipment and that should be our next priority, followed by a high jump bed.

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

Mark to remember to bring the Sportshall catalogue to the next meeting

7 Gamechangers & County Durham Athletics Network

Gamechangers has been completed with Lesley Foster and Gwen Gill completing their athletics official courses.

Mark missed the last CDAN meeting and the notes have now been distributed. We need to enquire on how many additional places we can get for the U11 Sportshall competition on the 26th January.

Actions: Enquiry to Marie at Sedgefield Harriers re U11 Sportshall (ME)

8 Club Admin Items

Christmas Party – The venue at Bede Lodge is booked for Saturday 25th January and Steve has provisionally sorted out the Disco & Mark is to sort out the buffet with Perrymans Picnics. It was agreed that we would charge £5 per person to attend and that would cover most of the buffet and disco costs, with the club raising money via raffle ticket sales. We would promote the event in the last couple of weeks before Christmas and have a cut off date of Thursday 16th January for ticket sales.

Young Sparks – The number of athletes is to be monitored and we'll review progress again in the new year. Mark & Steve are to continue to take turns at coaching the group.

St Cuthberts Hospice – Following on from the last meeting, more information has been gleaned and we agreed that the club would invite athletes to donate with a fancy dress event at the last training session before Christmas. We would also encourage athletes competing in the Junior Great North Run to run for St Cuthberts Hospice as their chosen charity for sponsorship.

Competitions – A discussion took place on which events the club should encourage athletes to compete in. It was agreed that for Cross Country it would be the NE Harrier League and the Boys & Girls Club events, for U11's it will be Sportshall & NOTAN Quadkids, for Track & Field it will be NEYDL and Boys & Girls Club events. We will push other events, but the priority will be those mentioned above.

Action: Food to sort for Christmas Party (ME)

Monitor Young Sparks numbers (ME/SF)

Promote St Cuthbert's Hospice Christmas fundraising event



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9 Any Other Business

- A reminder is required on track etiquette, especially for new athletes who may not be used to running on a track.
- A discussion on behaviour of athletes also took place and it was agreed that athlete's will be encouraged to go to the toilet before the warm up and that coaches will use a whistle if it gets too noisy. It was also agreed that the older athletes should be setting an example, but this wasn't always the case and they would be reminded of their responsibilities. It was also agreed that the split sessions have worked very well and we'll build on that for outdoor sessions over the winter.

10 Date & Time of Next Meeting

The next meeting will be on Monday 13th January 2020 at 6.30pm at Framwellgate School.

Notes completed – 10th December 2019