

## **Ayr Seaforth Athletics Club**

### **Minutes of Committee Meeting, Zoom Call, 7.45pm Monday 19<sup>th</sup> July 2021**

1. Present – Alan Dunlop, Caron Shanks, David Phee, Gillian Hannah, Jan Burnside, Kenny Neill, Laurence Baker

Apologies – Conor Rennie

2. Approval of minutes dated 5.7.21

Approved: LB Secoded : JB

3. Funding for Positions. DP gave an update about the position on the funding for the club post to have a paid person from the club assist with recruitment of members from deprived areas. He has been in contact with Francis Smith from Scottish Athletics who have agreed to help out with £8000 of funding over the next 4 years (£2000 a year). There is also the possibility of funding from Sport Scotland through a DCI (direct Club Investment). If awarded this could start with funding of £7000 for the first year and then this funding will diminish for the next 3 years.

Scottish Athletics are happy to take up the employment status of the new post and this can be changed to ourselves a year or two down the line once the post is established.

The total cost of the post is £12300.00 a year but this will not include extra costs such as mobile phones, laptop and training for volunteers, etc that will be needed. Ayr Seaforth to cover the extra funding that cannot be made up through grant funding.

Tescos have agreed to have a token collection point at the 4 stores in Ayr and Prestwick that people can place tokens into to vote for us. This runs from 12<sup>th</sup> July to 30<sup>th</sup> September, the charity with the most votes gets £1500, second £1000 and third £500.

There are also grants available from The Bank of Scotland. DP will look into this.

It was agreed by all in attendance to continue with creating this post. Scottish Athletics figures show that throughout the country there is a low membership take up from people who live in deprived areas, out of 284 members in Ayr Seaforth only 10 came from deprived areas and so it was agreed that it is important to try to increase the membership from these areas.

For the second post linked to the Ayr Academy School of Athletics post DP has not had a candidate yet to fill this post. DP is going to ask a person that it was suggested in the meeting may be interested and able to do the hours.

4. Covid Changes. GH gave an update of what Covid Changes have taken place from today (19<sup>th</sup> July 2021) This included the opportunity to allow use of changing rooms, the side room, the stand and to allow parents into the stand or grounds to spectate. The changes were discussed and at this time the need for most of the changes are not required. To allow parents to come into the stadium they would need to complete a track and trace form which would result in coaches having to deal with this as well as the group or having to have extra volunteers at the gate. It was noted there were only a few parents who waited and watched from the gate and with the summer weather there is no real requirement to allow parents to access stadium at this time. The stand is now open and it was agreed groups can use this for training and sheltering.

The next Covid changes are due in August so we will review again at that time.

The above was agreed by all in attendance.

5. AOCB

Zeon Vests – KN advised supply of crop tops has been ordered and will arrive late August and so we can look at orders of vests and crop tops at that time

Joma Kit- The online shop is now open and has been advertised on Facebook and email. Club webpage being updated by the Secretary to advertise Joma store also.

Caron Shanks is going to have a look at what supplies we have of old training kit and vests, etc.

Coaches licence and PVGS. GH has talked to Scottish Athletics today and is preparing to start assisting with the submitting of PVG forms.

President – KN advised email has gone out today by the secretary to all members to advertise post and so we can monitor to see if there is any interest from this before deciding what to do next. When DP had spoken to Scottish Athletics they said that there are a couple of other clubs who do not have a President in place and the chairing of meeting is just delegated between the board members. Agreed this is an option to have a look at as long as this meets the OSCR requirements.

New Athletics Stadium – GH passed the new site today and work has started on site.

Secretary – KN advised that Will Marshall Watt now has the laptop and has already sent a few emails out to membership and is getting settled into the role. He has changed the design of the email communication to a more modern feel and is also updating the club webpage with latest news, new online store, etc. There is an issue where the latest news does not show on the home page but he has just started work on webpage and so this will be looked at in near future. He is also updating Twitter feed for the club.

6. DONM – Monday 16<sup>th</sup> August 7.45pm. We will not be having a meeting on 5<sup>th</sup> August 2021 as this meeting was basically pulled forward from that date.

Signed: Kenneth Neill. 16.8.21