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EVENTS sub group Officials meeting

23rd February 2017

Meadowbank Sports Centre
Edinburgh.





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Summary :

Attendees: Moira Nisbet; Brian Nisbet; Janeth Hall; Steven Waterston; Moira Maguire; Xavier Despinoy; Elsie Morris; Jim Oliver; Hugh Keith; Pat Sinclair; Marjory Cook; Lyn Henderson

Apologies: Alistair Aitchison; Marc Ritchie; Garry McQueenie; Willie Grieve; Kirsty Forrest; Marion Donachie; Neil Donachie.

Actions:

- Agreed twice a year meetings. MN to arrange a meeting for September.
- Agreed to hold training sessions during the summer months – MN will arrange some dates and a training schedule for field, and will liaise with Track, Timekeeping, Starter and Photofinish to see what can be done.
- Agreed to start to attend new Parents evenings on a rota basis – first one on 7th March
- Agreed to consider mission statement or as an official what is the aim in the club as an official
- MN to send out link for the web site
- MN to send out the dates where we are very short for away league matches.
- MN to send out kit pictures and ask who would like to purchase and sizes

MN thanked everyone for their attendance and input at this meeting.



Moira Nisbet
23/02/2017



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MARJORIE COOK





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Events

Our objectives:

- Plan, Organise and liaise for any home matches
- Ensure all EAC officials are kept up to date with match information – by email and through the club website
- Ensure all EAC officials are given opportunity to grow in their discipline by providing the right level of support
- Allocation of duties for home matches, ensuring opportunity for development of our officials is used at these matches
- League Matches – Liaising with the Team Managers to ensure each match has the correct number of officials to ensure club receives the officials points for having the right number
- Officials meeting twice a year (starting 2017)
- Officials meet and greet at induction (starting 2017)

Our Achievements 2016:

- Successful indoor match in February and Lothian Trials outdoors in April having sufficient officials helping.
- E mail sent to all officials on the mailing list to advise of all events for outdoor and indoor and ask for availability
- Supported several officials to move forward in their grade this year.
- The two matches at Meadowbank used to help with training for clerk of course duties and setting up
- League Matches – full officials points for all league matches this year. Encouraging to see more officials travelling to away matches.
- Officials meeting this has been slow to get off the ground but will be organised in 2017
- Officials meet and greet at induction this was discussed at the first officials meeting as an essential part of encouraging parents to become officials, but a rota will be in place for 2017.





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Agenda

- Communication
- How to attract New officials
- Training and education for existing officials – what do you want. We are very lucky at EAC to have an abundance of experienced officials that can share their knowledge, but need to know what it is you wish from us.
- Event specific training – field, track, timekeeping, photo finish etc
- Events – organise home matches, allocate officials
- Officials Kit – EAC Polo Shirt
- Update on Leagues and how they work, what help is needed
- Home matches – what is involved.
- Challenges ahead – Meadowbank closure





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Communication:

- How do you wish to receive communication?

Agreed:

- As is through e mails
- Set up a new Officials page on web site
- Face to face meetings: this type of meeting twice a year, MN to arrange one for the end of the outdoor season.

- How much communication?

Agreed: happy with the amount of communication

- Newsletter?

Considered a newsletter but agreed we could look at what Scottish Athletics send out.





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How to attract new officials?

- Through attendance at Parents nights?
 - Who would do that?
Agreed that as a group we will work on a rota basis and attend the parents night organised by Yvonne Jones. Next parents night is Tuesday 7th March – Brian Nisbet and Lyn Henderson have offered to attend.
- Target parents who have children attending league matches?
 - Who would do that?
Agreed that we should try and target parents travelling to watch and encourage participation. MN will obtain names from Moira Maguire.

All agreed if we try these 2 first and feedback at the end of season meeting.





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Training and Education

- Scottish Athletics offer training and education at set courses
- What training could we as a club offer?

Agreed to:

- Set up event specific training sessions once a month during the summer months on a Thursday training night – MN will put a programme together
- Discussed we need to understand what each official wishes to achieve through their officiating experiences and ensure they are supported in what they wish to achieve
- New officials to be given an EAC mentor
- Discussed the wealth of experience around the room Elsie having attended 3 Commonwealth Games.

Action: MN to put in the diary some dates for training





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Event Specific Training

- Timekeeping – MN will contact Mike Forrest and see what he can provide
- Photo finish – MN will contact Bill Walker and see what he can provide
- Starter – MN will contact our starter and see what he can provide
- Track – Existing track officials will share their experiences
- Field – Existing field officials will share their experiences

In all training we will also include The Rule Book – MN highlighted that there are some Field Training specific books that they purchased that will be of help with the field training.





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- **Officials Kit**

MN highlighted that the senior ladies team are presently working on a kit to travel to matches.

Action: MN to share the kit document with the officials and ask who would like what and then take back to Executive to see what contribution by EAC can be offered to their officials.





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LEAGUE MATCHES:

Forth Valley League: 4 officials

YDL Lower Age Group League: 1 Timekeeper, 1 Track Judge, 5 Field Judges

YDL Upper Age Group League: 1 Timekeeper, 1 Track Judge, 5 Field Judges – in this league we are allocated events to cover and when we are on long throws more field judges are helpful

Scottish Womens League: SIX OFFICIALS there must be at least one track official, one field judge and one timekeeper. The SIX OFFICIALS provided must remain on duty for the entire match.

Scottish Athletics Mens League: 3 officials, one of which is to be graded

UK Womens Athletics League: Edinburgh are in the Premier Division and require to provide 1 track judge, 1 timekeeper and 2 field judges.

Action: MN to share again the League matches and confirm which matches where the club are short of officials.





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CHALLENGES AHEAD?

1. Meadowbank Stadium Closure – MN outlined that an alternate training ground has already been put in place
2. Not attracting new officials – all agreed that putting in the new additional way of encouraging new parents to take part will help.
3. Not retaining existing officials – MN highlighted the need to have these types of meetings to understand any issues, and hopefully with the additional training etc this will help.
4. Communication – existing communication from MN is good by e mail, but the additional Officials page on the website will also be good.
5. Meetings – date of next meeting to be agreed, next meeting will be in September and MN to send out a save the day for the diaries.





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EAC Officials Mission Statement

- Should we have one?
- What do we want to achieve?

One to take away and discuss at our next meeting.

