

NMAC Committee meeting 24 June 2023

Minutes

Present:

Phillip Lee - Chair
Caroline Marler
Jason Newell
Carol Holt
Graham White
Kevin Dillon
Bethan Lishman

Apologies:

Sue Cordingley
Alex Rowe
Lisa Meadows

1. Minutes of meeting 21 May 2023 approved.

2. Matters arising not covered in meeting:

- **Joe Moran memorial meeting** - CH said there was a good turnout from NMAC members and Masters and it was a good evening for those there.
- **10k championship** - JN was trying to catch up with his contact at Holmfirth Harriers. PS. JN confirmed later that it had been agreed and will take place on 15 October.
- **Jon Clarke nomination for BMAF Council** - PL confirmed that our nomination had been submitted but he had not heard back from the Council yet.

3. Membership/Finances - CH reported that membership was now 318, with 67 first claim and 235 second claim members plus 10 committee members, 5 honorary members and 1 lifetime member. Balances in accounts are £14,000 in current account and £8,500 in reserve account. Sue Richardson has agreed to do the audit and CH will pass on the accounts at the inter area match in August.

4. Website - GW said that quotes had been received from four potential providers - Atom Creative Media, Geekpoint, WebOrchard and Bamboo Web Design. A fifth provider - runningfool had not responded. Atom Creative Media were too expensive at over double other quotes and there were concerns for ongoing support as a one person business. Geekpoint were competitive but the issue of ongoing support and financial stability were a concern for this one person business. The best options were WebOrchard and Bamboo Web Design who both provided similar prices and had relevant experience. Bamboo Web Design use the Wix platform which is good but developed more for users who can undertake their own updates and maintenance. Weborchard use the Wordpress CMS platform which is widely used by nearly 50% of websites worldwide and relies more on developers for maintenance and updates. We have not had any confirmation from Bamboo Web Design that they could provide ongoing support and they appear to be a one person business with freelance contributions from two others. On balance WebOrchard is preferred and after some renegotiation on the price of ongoing support they will provide this at around £400 p.a.

which can be paid monthly by DD. **JN** did say that both platforms are good and generally secure but Wordpress CMS has been more vulnerable to hackers due to it's higher profile. It was agreed that we should go forward with WebOrchard and **GW** will be their point of contact but will need support from other committee members when necessary.

5. **Track and Field Championships** - **CM** advised that this is on track but we need to be seen to provide helpers for the event. **CM** is not sure if she will be there but will pass medals and the NMAC banner onto a committee member for the day. **CM** is arranging labels for the medals with the event title and year. **PL** will hand out medals on the day (to bring a trestle table and chairs), **AR** will hopefully be there to help, **JN** is announcing, Dave Gough has also offered help on the day. **JC** might also be there on the day to help. **CH** will check if Masters entrants are fully paid up members of NMAC for the medal presentations. **JN** said that Amanda might also be there on the day to help, he will check.

6. **AOB**

- the committee agreed that future meetings will be held on Mondays at 7.30pm unless otherwise arranged.
- The committee agreed to continue to use **JN**'s Zoom account but **CH** to refund the cost and **JN** will ensure that all can log in.
- Date of next AGM following audit of the accounts will be 23 or 24 September
- agreed to follow UKA rules on transgender athletes.
- **JN** to check with Andrew Hutchinson regarding Track and Field support.
- **JN** to chase Rang Smith on Facebook regarding Social Media position on committee.
- **Inter Area match** - **CH** said that there will be no throwing events for over 60s and no relays for over 70s. **CH** is contacting female masters athletes for participation on the team.
- **5k event** - **PL** still waiting on officials for the race as a certain level of qualification is required, potentially could delay the event.

7. **Date of next meeting** - Monday 10 July at 7.30pm by Zoom, **JN** to send out Zoom link after this meeting.