

Hi all

Following our second meeting with the Trustees on Thursday evening I thought another brief update would be helpful. It was another positive meeting attended again for Harriers by myself, Paul Gair, Phil Shaw and Barry Holmes with Ian Gill (Trustee) joining Jeff Wood, Ray Jackson-Smith and Stewart Rickersey. Key points were:

1. A form was produced as a draft of a check sheet to be completed by our "Duty Manager" after each session. We agreed a few amendments to this and will agree the final version next week. At the centre of this are duty of care concerns and the Trustees are keen that all qualified coaches and first aiders are easy to spot. High visibility jackets for designated first aiders on club nights are a possible route forward. Discussion on the UKA requirements for coaches and the CRB procedures for all coaches/officials went a long way towards building confidence. It was agreed that whilst a duty manager will be expected to be in the changing room building at all times it will be acceptable for first aiders to be dotted around and to be coaching when/where necessary.
2. We touched on the CARP agreement again and agreed to build into the user agreement that our next payment of £1000 would be paid over upon signing of the agreement – and subsequently on the anniversary of this each year. We agreed that there were four key items requiring attention through the CARP monies and plans are in place to progress quotes etc prior to next week's meeting. The four areas are (1) Repairs to the track adjacent to the 300m start (2) Cleaning of the track – agreed to hold off until the spring (3) Replenishment of sand in long jump pits (4) Replacement of hammer/discus cage netting
3. Following Paul Gair's site meeting last Monday it was agreed that we would be able to sell light refreshments (drinks, pre prepared sandwiches, confectionery etc) from the downstairs track office in the changing room building. Some re-configuration will take place to allow this with a mid term aim of the buffer zones (between the two changing rooms) providing a shelter spot for parents etc over the winter. Refreshments will be served through the window and the Club have agreed to replace the grass/mud area in front of the window with paving slabs.
4. Due to the worsening state of the old clubhouse buildings Trustees are keen that we seek alternative options. We have agreed to look into the possibility of an additional container and to also assess the possibility of replacing one of the existing containers due to its poor state of maintenance.
5. Detailed discussion took place around the user agreement and scale of charges and a draft agreement will now be developed based on a monthly fee of £720 (increased from Feb 1st AGM due to VAT increase that came into force from 1st April). This will cover exclusive use on Monday, Tuesday and Thursday evenings along with 12 fixtures (track, road, cross country) per annum and will allow club members to use the facility at other times when accompanied by a qualified coach.
6. A discussion was had about outstanding arrears for March, April and May. Both parties have taken away figures and it is hoped that this will be resolved amicably at next week's meeting. It was also agreed that some invoices would be re-issued to ensure that they are VAT compliant.
7. The Trustees noted that there are still several things in the changing rooms that need to be put right urgently – including problems with the shower electrics, water heating, fluorescent light covers and toilets – they are getting quotes on all of these and it is hoped that they will be resolved quickly.