

PERTH STRATHTAY HARRIERS
Virtual Committee Meeting
16 June 2021
19:00 hrs

Committee:

JH – President
ND – Vice President / 5pm Coach Representative
BM – Treasurer
JW – Secretary
SR – Membership Secretary
DW – 6pm Coach Representative
CR – 7pm Coach Representative
AH – Parents Representative
GG – Competition Manager
LW – Athlete Representative
IL – Facility Officer
EW – Fundraising Representative
AS – Covid19 Representative

Apologies: DW, AS, LW, CR, AH, IL

AGENDA

1. **Welcome**
2. **Committee Updates**
3. **London Marathon Place 2021**
4. **Track Safety**
5. **New Safeguarding Procedures Notification Scottish Athletics**
6. **AOCB**

Minutes

1. Welcome

JH welcomed and thanked all for attending PSH committee meeting.

2. Committee Updates

a. President Update

It is great to be slowly returning to normal group training activity and wonderful to see some athletes getting the chance to take part in competitive athletics. A strong 'new athlete' interest in attending

many of our core sessions is evident since we have started restricted group training. I can report slow progress regarding our indoor vision. Some very positive engagement with local authority despite the efforts of Ian and me. I have been aware of some safety issues regarding non-club users – all cases continue to be reported to Ian (club facility officer) who escalates to appropriate area of authority. Observing governing body safety guidelines and session risk assessment protocols will help keep volunteers and our members safe.

Our para-athletics groups have emerged in good spirits, and we have had some new interest in participation. Three events are planned:

- A frame running challenge with Pitreavie in June.
- A come and try day in July.
- Our Perth Open Event in September.

Events of course subject to approval. I must pay tribute to the excellent volunteer team who make it happen at each session.

b. 5pm Group Rep

Our 5 o'clock group remains strong with about 30 athletes attending regularly despite the atrocious weather we have had. We are still restricted with the activities they are able to do, no throwing or jumping but they all go home exhausted and smiling. Again, I would like to thank the amazing volunteers we have who also come along in all weathers and manage a smile.

c. 6pm Group Rep

Numbers have increased over the past month with lots of enquiries regarding new athletes. We try to vary what we do each week as we are restricted with what we can do, and the athletes are enjoying this. The Primary 7 athletes moved on to the 7pm group last week, hopefully this will encourage them to come back during and after summer holidays. Thanks again to all our volunteers including our older athletes who continue to help every week. A summer programme of run based events is planned.

d. Secretary

Regular communications have been received from Scottish Athletics with

- Covid-19 guidance updates advising on on-going changes following government announcements.
- Training sessions available

e. 7pm Group Rep

Athlete numbers remain stable with a few new enquiries. A few athletes have moved groups within the 7pm time which allows capacity for new member to attend. We are looking to encourage more athletes to attend on a Thursday evening when the RJT group numbers are low. In the last couple of weeks, we have welcomed several P7 athletes who have moved up from the 6pm group. They have enjoyed their first couple sessions and we hope that this will continue.

The activities which the athletes in the RJT group can take part in are limited at the moment due to the restrictions and access to facilities and equipment.

The groups are managing to function well despite the various restrictions. We are looking forward to the time when we can get full access to the facilities and equipment which will make life a bit easier, but we appreciate the need for patience and all the work which Ian is doing in the background!

The athletes are beginning to get back involved in some competition and we continue to encourage them to do so. It was great to see our track used for the Together Apart event in May. We saw a good number of athletes take part and those who attended enjoyed a good day of athletics!

f. Fund Raising Update

We have been successful in obtaining a number of funding awards (both financial and in-kind) for specific Covid recovery and summer activity work. Many thanks to all our partners who make these things happen including Foundation Scotland, The Perth Harbour Community Fund, SAMH and various Scottish Government linked initiatives.

3. London Marathon Place 2021

EW will let coaches and eligible athletes know that there is a club place available for London Marathon 2021. The person taking the club place will have the opportunity to run the marathon representing the club and if they wish it would be a great opportunity to use this as a fund-raising event for the club. In previous years, this event has been a successful fund-raising project.

Note – following the above Carol Rose will be taking the club place for the London Marathon. We will all wish her success in the Marathon and another successful funding raising outcome.

4. Track Safety

Concerns have been raised regarding track/field safety in particular with throws. All coaches and helpers should ensure that track safety should be observed. Specific times are allocated for 'caged' throws and should be observed by all groups.

5. New Safeguarding Procedures Notification Scottish Athletics

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6. AOCB

a. GDAA Indoor Vision

Committee agreed we should explore and support this opportunity. This ambitious (£million) project to create a community led indoor facility at the GDAA was discussed at meeting. Although at a very early stage, some funding has been provided by a local sports charity to create a vision presentation and commence architectural input. In order to move to feasibility stage an anticipated five figure sum (figures provided by architect engaged by charity) would need to be reserved for this phase.

Charity has stated they would match any club contribution to get us to the starting line.

It is anticipated our club would be a part of any community group that would emerge from this feasibility phase.

Local Authority, community groups and Scottish athletics have been engaged.

Risk - this may not get approval at any stage, and we lose any financial contribution to date.

Mitigation - our facility reserve can meet initial estimate without direct impact on club.

Reporting - detail on spend provided and any unspent monies returned to Perth SH. Our Facility subcommittee will oversee club input.

b.

Following the success of the May track competition event. GG would like to arrange a similar event using the funds raised from the last event for expenses. This was agreed with the understanding that events are run at no net cost to club.

c.

Nightly fee will return to £3.00 per night from 01/08/2021. Athletes choosing to pay in advance should follow the procedures in place. JW will send out reminder email.

Next Committee Meeting

Proposed date: 25/08/2021.

