



**NORTH WALES REGIONAL ATHLETICS COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON FRIDAY 9th APRIL 2021
BY VIDEO CONFERENCE**

Present: P. Brooks (P.B.), K. Hatton (K.H.), J. Hatton (J.H.), E. Brewer (E.B.), B. Edwards (B.E.), P. Povey, E. Geal (E.G.) and L. Davitt (L.D.).

Apologies for Absence: D. Davies

1.0 Minutes of the last meeting and Matters Arising: (previous minutes in italics): Accepted as a true record. Nothing further.

2.0 Chair's address: K.H. reported (a) 2 (*h*) she had heard nothing further regarding Regional medals (b) 3 (*b*) £1,000 had been received from Welsh Athletics (W.A.) as our budget for the current financial year (c) 2 (*d*) she and B.E. reported that Wrexham and Deeside had received financial support for replacement high jump equipment and Colwyn Bay have had similar assistance for a replacement track (d) 8 (*a*) she had received a reply from our current vest supplier to say that while they would supply such for individual orders, there would be a significant additional cost involved; a link for this purpose will be added to the new website (e) she welcomed Paul Pavey to the meeting as our new Safeguarding Officer (S.O.) and thanked him for accepting the position. He will keep us updated on any new regulations or problems and the R.A.C. will give him any support required. E.B. commented that all Clubs are required to appoint a S.O. and must attend a course held by Steve Jones (f) our application for a grant from the W.A. Modernisation Fund was successful, a payment of £2,000 has been received which will cover one year's cost of the new website and B.E.'s planned events with Menai (g) our photo finish equipment is now covered by W.A.'s insurance policy (h) she and J.H. had attended the General Council meeting last month. (i) the virtual Regional 10 miles championships were won by Daniel Weston (Wrexham) and Lucie Goddard (Buckley). P.B. commented that technical problems had again been an issue with the Open Track website (j) she and J.H. had attended the webinar on return to athletics. (k) a WA General Council meeting was held on 4th March which commenced with a presentation from Steve Jones, WA Safeguarding Lead Officer, on the latest review. Other matters discussed were Return to Training (since confirmed as 26th April for up to 30 adults for organised outdoor activities), a summary of virtual conferences and a competition update. I asked about event licences and was advised there is no roadmap at present, but to get applications in on the Run Britain site and liaise with Jacqueline Brace. James Williams will be writing to all clubs on UKA Membership Consultation. Next meeting is 4th May.



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3.0 Treasurer's Report: D.D. had sent a written report confirming receipt of the two amounts from W.A. as reported by K.H. He also gave details of the current balances.

4.0 North Wales Hall of Fame: P.B. gave an update and it was agreed that (a) each inductee should receive a framed certificate with the wording: "N.W.R.A.C. This is to certify that (name) has been inducted to the North Wales Hall of Fame, in recognition of services to athletics. Date.." (b) it was agreed that each item would cost between £20 to £25 (c) it was also agreed that the following names be inducted: Denise and Bernard Harris (Deeside); Robin (Bob) Frost (Wrexham) and Gareth Hughes (Prestatyn). It was also agreed that posthumous induction would be given to Neil Dunn (Deestridders) and David A. Williams (Wrexham). (c) if Covid regulations allow, those named would be invited to attend our meeting on 13th August at 6.00 p.m., an hour before the meeting commences.

5.0 N.W.R.A.C. website:

K.H. reported that she had signed a contract on our behalf with the website company and paid half the annual charge up front. The logo will be that as shown our Regional medals. Access will be available to each discipline and to B.E., E.B., P.P. and E.G. It was agreed that there should be a menu listing each discipline individually and ones for officials and development, plus a list of contact details; this will allow for a greater distribution area for reports.

6.0. Regional reports:

6.1 Track and Field: B.E. reported (a) details of the planned events for this year, for which W.A. funding had been received: (i) May: Run with the wind for U/17 U/20 and seniors (ii) June: Endurance eliminator for U15 to seniors (iii) July: Relays for U/15, U/17 and seniors (iv) August: Summer meeting celebrating the Olympics. (v) Osian Perrin had set a new Welsh U/20's record for 5k road of 4:02 at the Podium race on 3rd April.

6.2 Trail and Mountain/Fell: no report.

6.3 Cross Country: No report.

6.4 Road Running: P.B. (a) reported that he had accepted an invitation to send teams to the Stone 10km in Staffordshire on 27th June; this was on the understanding that Covid-19 regulations permitted the race to go ahead; the race would not be held virtually if otherwise (b) he had still not been able to gather any information on the Llanrug 5km, this year's championship event. It was agreed to wait for confirmation either way and that in the instance that the race will not be held, to ask Abergele Harriers if their race in November would accommodate us.



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6.5 Development Officers: Nothing further.

7.0 Officials Secretaries:

7.1 Endurance: P.B. had attended a meeting on 7th April. Lynette Harries had given a presentation on mentoring across all disciplines and a consultation paper is being considered for publication; Zoe gave report back on conference feedback; there will be a virtual training course for disability officials; at his suggestion, there will be a specific section at the next conference for fell/mountain; Mrs. Brace has not issued an Event License since March last year. Next meeting on 16th June.

7.2 Track and field: E.G. reported that: (a) a Spreadsheet/Database for the Region with all who have attended/qualified in a T&F discipline and registered to a club in North Wales or live in North Wales: (i) Active Officials - who have a DBS in date, completed H&S course in person or the online module, either a Trainee, Level 1 or higher qualified within a discipline or a verity of disciplines (ii) Inactive Officials – who have completed their qualification or in training and they do not hold a DBS, not completed the H&S module or their DBS has expired (iii) Linked to Clubs – these officials are either regularly involved with a club or use there as a hub to officiate. This will allow me to know where they would like to officiate in the future and will be easier to contact. From this, all clubs have been asked to contact their officials and come back to the meeting on Tuesday 20th April. Menai T&F spreadsheet is completed and up to date (iv) Gap Analysis – this spreadsheet shows the areas where we have enough officials, where we could have more in this discipline and where there is the need to gain more officials. The main aspect was that photo finish officials are required, from this one or possibly two virtual courses will be for North Wales in May. One representative from each club will attend a meeting on Wednesday 14th of April at 10:00 to discuss how to move forward from this. (v) A questionnaire provided by Welsh Athletics is set out to be distributed to officials across Wales. Had an input with Sue Hooper and Zoe Holloway, to ensure we gather information regarding returning to Officiating. Future actions: (i) Club Officials Coordinator – shows who, and their contact details on how to contact for competitions etc. Some clubs have these in place, other clubs have been contacted to recruit an official's coordinator. Each club has been sent an e-mail to fill in this role, and this will be a major step here in North Wales (ii) Attending the 2nd Track & Field Club Representatives meeting to provide them with further development and start filling in officials for the competitions, once the dates have been confirmed.



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7.2 (ctd.): (iii) Meeting on Wednesday 14th with club representatives and Zoe Holloway to look and introduce the mentor scheme here at North Wales for the officials (iv) Further recruitment of officials at North Wales, by using parents/guardians, develop the current officials up the ladder of current parents/guardians who 'help out' get them on a course to gain them their level 1.

8.0: A.O.B.: (a) The meeting had no objections to an application for affiliation to W.A. from a new Club, Welshpool A.C. Their details will be listed on the W.A. website once formally approved by the National Body.

(b): J.H. reminded the meeting that K.H. had only agreed to act as Chair to help us through the pandemic. He urged Clubs to seek a candidate for vacant post. K.H. will stay on as vice chair.

9.0: Date and Venue of the next meeting: The next meeting is the A.G.M. It is not yet known if it will be held in Eirias Park L.C. or virtually, but either way on Friday 18th June, and will commence at 7.00 p.m.