WEST WALES REGIONAL ATHLETICS COUNCIL

Hon Sec: Nathan Jones

Chairman Dr DH Davies, MBE Treasurer: Louisa Davies

Meeting of the West Wales Regional Athletics Council Held at Carmarthen Leisure Centre, Wednesday 13 March 2019

PRESENT: Hedydd Davies (Chairman/Carmarthen Harriers, Louisa Davies (Treasurer/Pembrokeshire Harriers), Jake Morgan (WA Track and Field rep/Carmarthen Harriers, Andrew Jenkins (Network Officer), Tony Clements (WA General Council rep/Swansea Harriers), Dic Evans (WA Trail rep/Aberystwyth)

01 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received on behalf of Rob Campion, Sue Alvey, Liz Rowland, Nathan Jones and Andrew Phillips

The Chairman had sent a personal letter to the secretaries of all the clubs in West Wales inviting a representative from the club to attend the meeting.

02 MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

The minutes of the meeting of 21 January 2019 were checked for accuracy. The minutes were accepted as a true record.

03 MATTERS ARISING FROM MEETING ON 21 JANUARY 2019

- 3.1 No further information available on the planned work at Haverfordwest High School (WJL West/Gerald Codd event there on 4th May 2019)
- 3.2 West Wales Project Grants

Three applications had been received. It was decided to give the grants to the following projects

Pole Vault Group £1430 Pembrokeshire Harriers sportshall athletics £923 West Wales Regional Endurance Training Programme £200

Grants to be paid on receipt of invoices/receipts

- 3.3 UK inter county cross country championships
- 35 West Wales athletes had competed on 9 March 2019 in the UK inter county cross country championships in Loughborough. Adam Beer finished 11th in the U15 boys race and 5 age groups had scoring teams. Many thanks to Rob Campion for his excellent work as the West Wales team manager

Louisa Davies circulated her latest Treasurer's report up to 11 March 2019. The balance in the accounts was £19376.36

05 REPORTS

6.1 a) General Council

Tony Clements at the last minute was unable to attend. However, he had sent to Welsh Athletics a copy of the West Wales Development plan template

6.2 b) Track and Field Committee

No report

6.3 c) Officials Committee

No report

6.4 d) Endurance and Road Running Committee

No report but Kevin Tobin sent the latest minutes from the recent Endurance and Road Running Committee in Swansea.

6.6 e) Fell and Mountain Running Committee

Dic Evans is now chair of the Committee. He gave a full account on the events to be held in 2019

6.7 f) Welfare Officer

Sue Alvey reported that a Swansea official who had initially had their licence suspended by UKA for three years has been reduced to 18 months, upon appeal.

O7 CLUB NETWORK OFFICER

Andrew Jenkins gave a short account on recent activities and future plans.

08 TELEPHONE LINK WITH JAMES WILLIAMS WELSH ATHLETICS HEAD OF OPERATIONS

James Williams – Welsh Athletics Operations Manager – through a conference call gave an overview on the latest funding cycle via Sport Wales to Welsh Athletics for the 2019/20 financial year and the changes this will have. He confirmed that the Dyfed Network Officer role would not be advertised and that this work programme would now come under the remit of Andrew Jenkins for the next financial year.

Feedbach was given on the content of the West Wales funding/development plan submitted to Welsh Athletics, a grant of £4,000 would be made to West Wales from the £9,000 requested to be ring fenced for three of the plan objectives (4 Organise educational/development opportunities for athletes and coaches £700, 6 Organise grassroots secondary school coaching days encouraging participation of all abilities £2500 & 7 To ensure an active Regional Council that provides excellent communication with clubs and athletes £800). It was requested that the region need to continue to make every effort to be proactive in engaging and attract more representatives from the twenty registered clubs in the West Region to attend meetings. Welsh Athletics would assist in advertising all vacant regional athletics council positions prior to June's AGM to help ensure we have a full quota of officers and Welsh Athletics sub group meeting representatives to represent the views of the region.

09 DATE OF AGM

The AGM would be held at 7pm at the Carmarthen Leisure Centre on Monday 24 June 2019

Both the Chairman and Treasurer would not be seeking re election