

WELSH ATHLETICS ROAD/CROSS COUNTRY COMMITTEE	<u>ACTION</u>
<p>MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY 28th FEBRUARY 2018 AT J43 HOLIDAY INN EXPRESS SWANSEA</p>	
<p>PRESENT: - Graham Finlayson, Steve Jones, Sharon Leech, Kevin Tobin</p>	
<p>APOLOGIES :- Alex Donald, Nikki Haines, Chris Jones</p>	
<p>MATTERS ARISING FROM LAST MEETING (ref. 24th January 2018)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Kay Hatton (North Wales Chair) contacted SL but as yet no NW road/cross country representative confirmed • CJ decided to offer the Reading Half Marathon 18th March (men 67.30, women 78.30) and the Manchester 10K 20th May (men 31.30, women 35.30), with the aim of offering a foreign road race in the autumn. A team of four women has been selected for the Reading race. The committee had hoped that the 10K event would not clash with a domestic fixture, which it now does, this is hoped to be avoided next season. Athletes to express interest by 23rd March, selection at next meeting • The Nick Beer 10K incorporated the IR road Championships, Andy Davies and Bronwen Jenkinson were the winners. Race report received, few athletes travelled to the event from the South, partly as it clashed with the Gwent League. When choosing Championship races, significant clashes need to be avoided • The Armagh race was successful, two of the Welsh men were in the top 10 and the Welsh men's team won the team event, there were many pbs and the women also had quick times in the 3K • The Welsh XC Championships were successful, many positive comments have been received by WA. The course and weather proved to be good. Numbers were up in general. Winners of the senior races were James Hunt and Bronwen Owen. 	
<p>CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SS wants to set competitions budget for next season, the committee will discuss the competition plan for April 2018-2019 in the summer • The committee will review the selection process, so that a minimum of three are on the selection panel for each event and a more rigorous selection policy in place. The committee agree to review this when CJ is present • Neil Thomas of Carms CC (Pembrey) has formerly applied for the National XC Champs to be held at Pembrey from next year 	<p>ALL</p> <p>ALL</p>

- Emma Wiltshire has produced an athlete agreement which is to be sent out to all athletes competing for WA in future. The agreement provides guidelines for conduct expected whilst representing Wales
- JW informed the Committee members of the expressions of interest procedure for Welsh Championship race applications for the seasons 2019 and 2020. This will be advertised on the website with a month given for race organisers to submit their bid. The committee agree that this is a fair way for races to be selected.
- The Welsh Road Relay Championships have now been confirmed as the 22nd September at Pembrey Country Park. It's hoped that the start/finish will move to the new cycle path venue within the park. If this is found not to be suitable, the route will be as in 2017

2017/18 ROAD & CROSS COUNTRY COMPETITIONS PROGRAMME

- Welsh Schools March 7th at Brecon
 - Welsh Marathon Championships 22nd April at London
 - Welsh 5K Championships 6th May at Cardiff
- Representative fixtures:
- Reading Half Marthon 18th March
 - SIAB/HCI 24th March at Nottingham
 - WSAA Mini Marathon 22nd April, London
 - Manchester 10K 20th May

TEAM SELECTION & MANAGEMENT

HCI: team agreed

Team Managers: tbc

Team Leader: GF

SL to contact seniors now, the U20s after the Welsh Schools

Coach may be shared with Welsh Schools, GF may drive a minibus if needed. Team Managers to be confirmed after Schools event

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- GF updated on Home Countries Competition for Masters – JW wants it to be held within the Barry 10K
- Welsh Cross Country Relays to be decided soon, likewise the Welsh XC Champs
- Some Clubs have commented that the WA online entry system is difficult to use

SL

DATE & TIME OF NEXT MEETING

- March 28th, 7pm, Holiday Inn Express Swansea East SA10 6GZ