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| Group name:  | North Wales Regional Athletics Council                                                                                    |
| Date/Time:   | 7.00pm on 15.2.2024 by Microsoft Teams                                                                                    |
| Attendees:   | Kay Hatton (K.H.), Paul Brooks (P.B.), John Hatton (J.H.), Amy Edwards (A.E.), Tracey Weetman (T.W.), Arwel Lewis (A.L.). |
| Apologies:   | Crispin Backshall and Richard Eccles                                                                                      |
| Secretariat: | Paul Brooks                                                                                                               |

Declarations of interest: None

**Update on Actions reviewed from previous meeting (previous items numbers in brackets):**

1. [3] P.B. had received a reply from the organiser of the Llanrug 5km race, agreeing to the conditions required to host the Regional championships this year. A.L. had the provisional date of the event as 5<sup>th</sup> June, but this is not yet confirmed.
2. [1] K.H. confirmed that Wrexham, Menai and Colwyn Bay had paid the £200 each towards the bill from Blend Telecom for the sim card, and the contributions from Deeside and Maldwyn are still outstanding. It was agreed that K.H. will contact Deeside and Maldwyn.
3. [2] Colwyn Bay are in the process of updating their constitution with regards to the agreed conditions for the grant from the Gwyn y Mor Fund. The paperwork for the remaining cost of £1,200 from the W.A. modernisation Fund for the EDM equipment has been signed by KH. The deadline for the Be Active Wales has passed with regards to the storage hub and electronic equipment for officials. CB, Kh and AE will liaise on an application to tie in with the next deadline. KH reported that Chris Moss agreed that a request for financial assistance from the WA Modernisation Fund could be made for the cost of supplying an electronic tablet for Mike Blake so that he can attend online meetings. KH has liaised with Eryri, and an application has been made by the Club.
4. [5c] The track and field sub-committee will meet on 21<sup>st</sup> February; the Regional outdoor championships will now be held at the Deeside Stadium, Coleg Cambria, on Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> May. [5e] J.H. confirmed that the invoice for the Flags has been paid and we are now awaiting delivery, hopefully in time for the 10 miles championships in Rhyl on 25<sup>th</sup> February. It has been agreed that Regional vests will now cost £18 per unit.
5. [6] K.H. reported that dates and venues of Regional championships have been added to the website.

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6. W.A. Awards: (a) P.B. had received a reply from Graham Finlayson (G.F.) regarding the nominations of Amanda and Ian Broadhurst by Bob Frost for the Award of Honour. G.F. agreed that there had been an oversight when the committee discussed this and that the nominations should have been made individually with each nominee's c.v., and that he had informed Bob Frost of that. The latter has now sent the necessary information and the committee will discuss this again at their meeting this month. (b) P.B. had received a reply from Steve Perks, stating that the committee had discussed at length our nomination for Ian Robinson as Performance Coach of the Year, however the decision was taken to make the award to Rob Denmark.
7. The minutes of the meeting held on 14<sup>th</sup> December 2023 were agreed.

#### **Key points discussed /Decisions made:**

##### **1. Competition Officer:**

A.E. reported that: (a) in relation to the Regional championships, timetables cannot be produced until after the closing date has closed for entries, and then another week is needed to produce a provisional timetable. (b) The Regional records for the indoor championships have been updated on the website (c) the Junior Development League dates are confirmed as 13<sup>th</sup> April at Menai, 13<sup>th</sup> July at Deeside and 31<sup>st</sup> August at Wrexham. Entries will be made by individual athletes through W.A. via Open Track. It is to be looked at as a Series not as a League and will be an opportunity for new volunteers to experience being officials.

##### **2. Mentoring/Track and Field Officials Secretary:**

T.W. reported that (a) Seven officials licences are outstanding and have not been renewed; 3 are for field events and 4 for endurance. Several have not agreed to the new terms and conditions. (b) details of online courses.

##### **3. Budget Update:**

K.H. and P.B. had attended an online meeting between Regional chairs and secretaries with James Williams, C.E.O. of W.A., at which he had stated that annual budgets are likely to be reduced to between £1,500 and £1,750 for 2024/5, and that the additional budget for medals is also likely to fall to £750 for that period. There is the possibility that Regions will be able to order their medals from local suppliers; J.H. felt that in this instance a quote from Running Imp might be useful. K.H. has emailed J.W. for confirmation on the actual amounts we are likely to be allocated.

##### **4. Treasurer's report**

In the absence of R.E., K.H. reported that (a) she is in correspondence with W.A. and Open Track to receive the outstanding funds from the indoor championships (b) she gave the remaining balances for individual disciplines for the year 2023/4.

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#### 5. Road Running:

(a) P.B. had circulated a written report but had further information: there will be only two Inter County matches this year for the Region. Shropshire are unable to host this year and the Staffordshire match at the Newcastle 10km is the same day as our Regional half marathon at Caernarfon (Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> September). Cheshire will host on Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> May; the North will host at the Caernarfon 10km on Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> August. (b) The Regional 10 miles championships will be held on Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> February at Rhyl.

#### 6. Endurance Officials Secretary:

P.B. had attended a meeting of the committee. The minutes are on the W.A. website, but he had asked about the Welsh Inter Region 10km championships and was told that there was currently no information if the event was to be held this year or not.

#### 7. Mountain and Fell Running:

A.L. reported that Neal Hockley is organising a combined W.A. and WFRA Mountain/Trail development day at Plas y Brenin on 21<sup>st</sup> April. The details he gave previously of events are now on our Facebook page.

#### 8. Recruitment:

Nothing further.

#### 9. A.O.B.:

(a) A.E. reported that there will be an online course for anyone interested in guide running on Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> February. (b) K.H. and J.H. reported that there had been discussion at the recent General Council meeting regarding the shortage of level four officials. (c) W.A. are looking at the exact boundary lines of the Regions. In our instance, which Region are Machynllech and Aberdovey in. (c) W.A. are to pilot Mental Health officers in Clubs later this year.

| New Actions arising | Owner       | Due Date     |
|---------------------|-------------|--------------|
| 1. Mentoring        | TW & PB     | Next Meeting |
| 2. Budget revisions | KH, RE & PB | Next Meeting |

10. Date and venue of the next meeting: Online only via Teams, Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> April, starting at 19.00 p.m.