Welsh Athletics FSG Minutes

16th August 2021

Meeting to be held via remote video conference (TEAMS)

Present:

Nick Everitt (NE), Adrian Palmer (AP), Andrew Thomas (AT), James Williams (JW), Jessica Hardy (JH), Chris Gough (CG)

Papers circulated in advance:

- A. WA July 2021 FSG Pack
- B. Draft Accounts
- C. June Minutes
- **1** Apologies for Absence
- 2 Declaration of Interests
- 3 Discussion items
- 3.1 **2021/22** Financial position

(Q1 Summary to June 31st)

Group discussed the current financial position for the first quarter. Membership continues to grow but not aligned to the budget. With Competitions and road events returning membership is slowly increasing.

ACTION - JW - send NE & CG list of different activity plans going on within Welsh athletics to boost membership including next year.

ACTION – update on starting blocs

4 Updates / Reports / Information for circulation

4.1 Commercial Update

JW update the group on the meetings had with the home countries regarding a joint commercial approach. A consultant was brought in and made recommendations. A recommendation made is that UKA is the lead body for any commercial discussions. The home countries will discuss how the commercial deal is apportioned. Another recommendation was a joint offering for youth development and social running. The home countries will come together to discuss the challenges with this recommendation. The strategy will help identify a clear commercial strategy for all home countries and WA rights of worth if WA decided to go out to market on their own.

ACTION - JW to keep FSG updated. Any formal decisions will be made on a case-by-case basis.

4.2 Financial Audit & Year End Accounts update

Auditors have been on site and provided recommendations. Recommendations have no impact on P+L or balance sheet. Draft accounts due end of August.

4.3 Outstanding Actions

The group discussed any outstanding actions.

5 Correspondence

6 AOB

AT applied for VAT exemption – HRMC requested WA to complete an application form.

DECISION – group happy to proceed with application

This year saw the first merchandise shop and pre-event ticket purchasing at the junior and senior Welsh Champs. Both were very successful. The team worked hard to ensure that the shop did well in both events.

ACTION - Send info out 15th sept

Date of Next Meeting – 20th September 4pm