

Minutes of the meeting of the General Council (GC) Held on Thursday 5th May 202

Microsoft Teams Meeting

<i>Present:</i>	Sue Alvey	(SA)	Chair of General Council
	Joyce Tomala	(JT)	Regional Representative – East Wales.
	Lynette Harries	(LH)	President – Welsh Athletics.
	Rob Sage	(RS)	Head of Corporate Services – Welsh Athletics
	Rhiannon L-P	(RLP)	Head of Competition – Welsh Athletics
	Adrian Palmer	(AP)	Performance Programme Manager – Welsh Athletics
	Arwel Lewis	(AL)	Mountain and Trail Committee
	Dic Evans	(DE)	Regional Representative – West Wales
	Sharon Leech	(SL)	Road and Cross-Country Committee
	John Hatton	(JH)	Regional Representative – North Wales
	Chris Jones	(CJ)	National Coach – Welsh Athletics
	Dai Williams	(DW)	Regional Representative - South Wales
	Liz Davies	(LD)	Guest
	Carl Williams	(CW)	Guest

Papers circulated in advance:

Board pack of slides

1. Apologies for Absence **6:30pm**

Sue Hooper, Jamie Clode, Hannah Pretty, Arwel Lewis, Steve Paskell, Gerald Davies

2. Declarations of Interest **6:32pm**

None declared.

3. Regional Development Programme

Liz Davies presented an update on the RDP programme including highlights from last year's activity and how the programme will run this year – **see attached slides.**

4. Commonwealth Games update

Chris Jones updated the Council on the position regarding nomination of Welsh athletes to Team Wales for selection for the Birmingham 2022 Commonwealth Games.

It was highlighted by CJ that two supported programme athletes – Josh Griffiths and Rosie Edwards – had had to make difficult decisions to withdraw themselves from nomination following selection for the Great Britain World & European Championship Marathon teams.

The window for achieving nomination standards closed on 8th May. Nomination will now be made with Team Wales announcing the full team on 8th or 9th June 2022. Activity is ongoing to gain media

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coverage for the team, which we anticipate being between 18-20 athletes with 22 potentially being nominated.

5. Safeguarding update

Carl Williams gave a presentation on his work to date since starting the role, progress against the Quinlan review recommendations, and the priorities for the sport going forward – please see slides.

6. Regional matters

East Wales [JT] – concerns over athletes ‘missing’ on Trinity and age group errors for juniors – RS to follow up with Hannah Pretty and development team – likely to be linked to transition from old to new membership system.

North Wales [KH] – query regarding Masters age group inclusion in regional championships – JT confirmed that this is for regions to decide and due to length of the competition day, masters age groups were not being included in East Region Championships. DW confirmed the same for the South Region.

7. Committee matters

None raised

8. Any other business

Board pack Statistics – as per a previous request the pack of slides presented to the Board was circulated to members in advance. JT raised a query regarding the accuracy of the statistics relating to Officials, particularly active officials. This was acknowledged and further work is ongoing to improve the data extraction process from the Trinity database and to record current status of officials [and also coaches].

Development update – Hannah Pretty had prepared a written update in her absence [attached].

“This new process has seen the registration of 7790 member (as of 1st May) this is the most athletes that we have had register by the 1st May to date! “

9. Date of next Meetings:, 6pm 20th July Joint with board (TBC), Tuesday 6th September