



**NORTH WALES REGIONAL ATHLETICS COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
HELD ON THURSDAY 15th JUNE 2023**

This meeting was held as a video conference via Microsoft Teams.

Present: P. Brooks (P.B.), K. Hatton (K.H.), J. Hatton (J.H.), C. Backshall (C.B.), R. Eccles (R.E.), T. Weetman (T.W.), B.J. Smith (B.J.), J. Rogers (J.R.) and A. Edwards (A.E.)

Apologies for absence: N. Parr, M. Blake, P. Povey, A. Lewis, B. Edwards and D. Peters.

Declaration Of Interest: none.

1.0: K.H., in her capacity as current Vice Chair, agreed to act as Chair for this meeting.

2.0: Election of Officers: P.B reported that three ballot papers had been returned. It was therefore agreed by unanimous decision of those present that the following be elected: Paul Brooks (Secretary); Kay Hatton (Vice-Chair); Officials' Secretary (endurance) Paul Brooks; R. Eccles (Treasurer). Tracy Weetman was elected as Track and Field Officials' secretary. The post of Chair remains unfilled but K.H. agreed to continue as Chair until a volunteer can be found to accept the role. The following were also re-elected unopposed as representatives to W.A.: Track and field: Crispin Backshall; Road running/cross country: Martin Green; Fell/Mountain: Mike Blake; Trail and Ultra: Arwel Lewis. John Hatton and Kay Hatton will be the Region's representatives on the W.A. General Council; Safeguarding Officer: Paul Povey.

3.0: Chair's Address: K.H. welcomed T.W. to the meeting and thanked her for taking on the post of t&f officials' secretary and A. Edwards as the W.A. Competitions manager for the Region. In the last year we had sent teams to 4 Inter County road matches and held Regional road running championships at all but the marathon distance, held successful indoor and outdoor t&f championships, and Regional and I.C. fell championships. B. Jones had sent a report on Regional and I.R. cross country championships and included dates for the forthcoming season, which will be added to our website. All disciplines' budgets had been adhered to. We now have BACS which facilitates faster payment of invoices and receiving income. Planning is essential for W.A. grants both received and applied for. We have continued to concentrate on recruitment and retention of volunteers, and progress has been made P.B. has agreed to stay on a secretary for another year. It was agreed that her document on the Roles of Regional officers, which has been adopted by W.A., will be an addendum to our Constitution.

Decisions:

4.0: Proposals and Nominations to the W.A. A.G.M.: Our proposal to the 2022 W.A. A.G.M. that race adjudicators should be paid a fee on a sliding scale, as a part of the Licence fee, was unsuccessful. There are no proposals to the annual meeting this year.

4.0 Discussion:

4.1: Recruitment and retention of volunteers: C.B. spoke on the pilot session at the Regional indoor t&f championships, which had 10 new potential officials in attendance; a lesser number were also involved with the outdoor championships. The Island Games will see several experienced officials unavailable for the Inter Region championships in that period.

4.2: Recruitment and retention of volunteers (ctd.): A.E. reported that we have 5 new level 1 field judges, but urgently need more track officials; she is planning to apply for a grant for 10 Tablets for t&f officials. T.W. is looking to validate the list of officials in the Region. R.E. felt that there was a lack of communication from regional reps and W.A. after taking a t&f officials course this year. Setting up a WhatsApp group for officials was discussed. TW and CB spoke at length about a mentoring scheme for new officials and it was agreed to list this as a main topic for discussion at the next meeting.

4.3: Minutes of the last A.G.M.: agreed with no matters arising.

5.0: Treasurer's report:

R.E. had sent an annual report showing income and expenditure and the balance at the end of the financial year. It should be noted that the £2,094 WA grant received at the end of the last financial year was only spent this financial year giving the difference in income and expenditure figures. Expenditure was approximately what was budgeted for. DVT Club had folded and donated their funds to NWRAC, with the stipulation that 50% should be allocated to road running. Profits from both t&f championships were ring-fenced for YDL transport costs. Expenditure on new vests exceeded £1k, but income is continually being received as more are sold. P.B. reported that the Sherion a/c is running out and the sponsorship looks to be at an end. KH will approach Helen Blair to audit the accounts.

7.0: Secretary's Report: P.B. had nothing to report.

8.0 Officials Secretaries' Reports:

8.1 Endurance: P.B. reported that he had attended 5 meetings in the last year and that the next meeting is set for 7th August.

8.2 Track and Field: Nothing further.

9.0: Welsh Athletics Reps and Regional Reports:

9.1 Road running: Nothing further.

9.2 Trail: Arwel Lewis had sent a report which has been circulated.

9.3 Fell/Mountain: This discipline was also included in Arwel Lewis' report.

9.4: Cross Country: Bernie Jones had sent a copy of the NWCCA AGM minutes to KH.

9.5: Schools: No report.

9.6 W.A. Budget: K.H. reported that she and R.E. had proposed to use £1.2k of our funds to make up for the shortfall in income for the current financial year, as W.A. had reduced our annual grant to £2k. This was agreed. The annual allowance for the secretary and chair was reduced to £200 for 2023/24; K.H. did not want to accept hers.

10.0: Development Officers:

Eva Brewer has now left W.A. Amy Edwards is now Regional Competitions Manager for the Region. Barry Edwards also plans to leave W.A. this year.

11.0: Safeguarding:

No further report.

12.0 Information:

Details of shoes that are not permitted to be worn at t&f meetings have been received and will be circulated to all Clubs.

13.0 General Council: J.H. and K.H. had attended meetings during the year. It was agreed that K.H. should now be officially recognised as one of our 2 representatives to this committee.

13.0: Date and Venue of the next A.G.M.: June 2024. date and venue t.b.c.

