



NORTH WALES REGIONAL ATHLETICS COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
HELD ON FRIDAY 11th SEPTEMBER, 2020

This meeting was held as a video conference via Microsoft Teams

Present: P. Brooks (P.B.), J. Hatton (J.H.), K. Hatton (K.H.), R. Mackey (R.M.) and E. Geal (E.G.)

The Chair welcomed E. G. to his first A.G.M. of the committee.

Apologies for Absence: R. Godwin, D. Davies, M. Green and C. Backshall.

1.0: Minutes of the last meeting and Matters Arising: (previous minutes in italics): Accepted as a true record.

1.1: *4.1* The proposal was not discussed at the Welsh Athletics (W.A.) A.G.M., as there was no-one present to speak on the matter.

1.2 *6.1* D. Davies has confirmed that the payment of £750 grants to N.W.C.C.L. is now up to date.

1.3 *4.0* Dave Edwards, Denise Harris and Bernie Jones had been awarded the Award of Honour by W.A. P.B. noted that the website giving details of other awards in 2019 had not been updated.

2.0 Chair's Address: K.H. commented on (a) she thanked P.B. for his newsletters, D. Davies for his work on the accounts and John Ford for auditing said accounts (b) she noted that Denise Harris (Deeside) has now retired and P.B. had written a letter of thanks for her many years of service (c) she welcomed E.G. and thanked him for accepting the post of Officials secretary for track and field (d) she had written to Bob Frost (Wrexham) and Sean McCormack to thank them for their years of service (e) Russell Godwin has agreed to represent cross country on this committee (f) she has stepped down as Chair and will now take to post of vice-Chair, but will continue in her previous role until a replacement is found; the meeting thanked her for her work (g) prior to lockdown only the 10km and 10 miles road championships and the indoor t&f championships had been held, plus the virtual 5 miles road championships had been held during lockdown; the outdoor t&f, fell, trail and the road relay championships had been cancelled (h) the annual budget application to W.A. has now been amended to £3,000; this includes the £744 overspend on Sportshall, training days and administration, but cross country costs will be added the if those events take place; and any costs to insure the photo-finish equipment will be borne by W.A. on their National insurance policy (i) draft minutes of General Council show that 8237 athletes were registered in Wales.

2.0 (Ctd.) (j) currently a return to athletics is colour coded amber stage by W.A. (k) all Clubs must appoint qualified Covi-19 officers (l) additional funding may be possible through the Sports Wales Be Active Fund and other initiatives.

Election of Officers: The following were re-elected in a ballot held previously: Dilwyn Davies (Treasurer); Paul Brooks (Secretary); Kay Hatton (Vice-Chair); Officials' Secretary (endurance) Paul Brooks. The posts of Chair and Welfare Officer are unfilled. The following were also elected unopposed as representatives to W.A.: Track and field: Crispin Backshall; Road running/cross country: Martin Green; Fell/Mountain: Mike Blake; Trail running: Arwel Lewis. John Hatton will be the Region's representative on the W.A. General Council; one place is still unfilled. It was agreed that as there no longer appears to be a W.A. rules and eligibility committee, this post has been deleted. The position of officials' secretary for track and field has now been filled by Eban Geal. P.B. confirmed that the post of Rules and Eligibility officer has been removed from the agenda.

4.0 Proposals and Nominations to the W.A. A.G.M.: No nominations or proposals to the National Body have been received. Clubs are asked to send any such to W.A. as soon as possible.

5.0 Proposals to N.W.R.A.C.:

5.1: From the Secretary, it was agreed after amendment, that "any events, including road running, trail and fell that had been allocated Regional championships in 2020, but were cancelled due to the Covi-19 pandemic, should retain that status in 2021". Passed unanimously.

6.0: Treasurer's report:

6.1 D.D. had sent a detailed annual financial report on income and expenditure, which had been audited. His comments on such were noted and the accounts passed with thanks for his work. P.B. reported that the total costs of postage and envelopes incurred by the virtual 5 miles event was £27.05p.

7.0 Secretary's Report: P.B. had circulated a written report including: (a) two new Clubs have now affiliated: Llangollen Running Club and Cerist Tri Club (b) the effect of Covid-19 on events and meetings.

7.0 Officials Secretaries' Reports:

7.1 Endurance: P.B. reported that only one meeting had been held this year so far, by video conference, on 4th August and he had circulated Clubs with the bullet points from such. The next meeting is set for 8th October.

7.2 Track and Field: (a) E.G. reported that Menai had held an open t&f meeting on 6th September, at which a total of 46 U/17 and U/20 athletes had competed in 100m, 200m, 300m and 400m. He was concerned at the state of the running track which had been used a temporary car park in the pandemic and the surface was cracking in parts (b) R.M. reported that no problems had been reported to him by athletes using Deeside Stadium

8.0: Welsh Athletics Reps and Regional Reports:

8.1 Road running:

8.1.1 P.B. reported that no development events had been held this year, however, the Stone 10km, rearranged for 8th November is still showing as going ahead on their website, but the Meerbrook 15km now set for 21st November is unlikely to take place. If the Telford 10km goes ahead, it is likely that we will send both an experienced team and a development team. Our sponsor has sent a further £100 recently. He had had a quote from Nifty Entries for a virtual championships; it was agreed to discuss this at the next general meeting, when the situation regarding the pandemic may be clearer.

8.1.1 (Ctd.) Arwel Lewis had written to ask that it be noted that a new organisation, the Anglo Celtic Plate Ultra Distance Association was being set up and he had been invited to the inaugural meeting on 3rd September. Its aim was to promote the annual 100km race and encourage the recruitment of ultra runners into the sport. It will affiliate with National Bodies,

8.1.2. The winners of the virtual 5 miles championships were Ryan Davies (Wrexham) and Jen Adams (Buckley). A vote of thanks were recorded to Sean McCormack the organiser, Spillane & Co the sponsors and to Nifty entries for providing the results.

8.2: Cross Country: K.H. read from an earlier report from Bernie Jones (a) the N.W.C.C.L. now has 32 member Clubs and in the 2019/20 season, over 1000 athletes competed with 5 Clubs hosting meetings (b) the League had covered all host Clubs' expenses (c) the Junior league was again a success with Steve Livett the coordinator ; 276 athletes took part in the Regional championships hosted By Buckley R.C. at Glyndwr University in Northop, where R.M. was the organiser and D. Peters produced results on the day; they now have a new website and Facebook page; a new gazebo has been purchased; their accounts showed a loss of £1183 for the year, but this was covered by their bank balances.

8.3: Schools: No report.

8.5: Trail: Arwel Lewis had written to say that he had nothing to report.

8.6 Fell/Mountain: Mike Blake had written to say that he had nothing to report.

9.0: Development Officers:

9.1: Barry Edwards had sent a comprehensive written report on: (a) Club activities (b) schools athletics (c) Sportshall athletics (d) Sport Wales funding (e) effective collaboration (f) key priorities in 2020-2021. He had also sent the first edition of a Menai T&F Club newsletter.

10.0 General Council: Nothing further to report.

11.0 Date and Venue of the Next A.G.M.: Friday 18th June 2021 at 7.00 p.m., at Eirias Park Leisure Centre.

