

<b>Group name:</b>	North Wales Regional Athletics Council
<b>Date/Time:</b>	7.00pm on 24.8.2023 by Microsoft Teams
<b>Attendees:</b>	Kay Hatton, Paul Brooks, John Hatton, James Rogers, Amy Edwards and Tracey Weetman
<b>Apologies:</b>	N. Parr, B. Edwards, C. Backshall and M. Blake
<b>Secretariat:</b>	Paul Brooks

**Declarations of interest:** None

**Update on Actions reviewed from previous meeting (A.G.M.):**

1. Medals for U/11 athletes: £90 was donated to N.W.C.C.A. for the purchase of separate medals for the 2024 championships. Track and field will purchase their own stock of such for the 2024 championships.
2. The grant for the current year from Welsh Athletics (W.A.) of £2,000 has been received.
3. No report on the stock of equipment has been received. It was agreed to carry this forward onto the next meeting's agenda.

**Key Points discussed /Decisions made:**

1. The minutes of the meeting on 20<sup>th</sup> April last were agreed.
2. A proposal to induct the late Peter Norman into the Hall of Fame was proposed by Bob Frost and seconded by Bernie Jones. Agreed unanimously.
3. It was agreed to present Sabrina Fortune with a trophy in recognition of her retaining her Para World shot putt title. Paul will present the award to her at the Final Fling meeting Wrexham on September 23<sup>rd</sup>.
4. The Llanrug 5km which contained the Regional championships was discussed. There was no printer provided to assist the allocation of medals as previously agreed, and the race did not provide enough water to cover all the runners. Kay felt the latter was because of the very high number of children competing in their event. After discussion it was agreed that Paul will write to the organiser, confirming that the 2024 event will retain the championship for that year, but with the proviso that both these issues do not recur.
5. John will contact the organiser of the Twin Piers 10km to confirm that the race will take place next year; if so, it was agreed that it will contain the Regional championship.

**Reports:**

- 1) **Track and Field Officials Secretary:** Tracey reported that (a) she had validated the UKA and W.A. lists of t&f officials and still had four people that she had written to but who had so far not replied. (b) she was looking at age profiles (c) several level one trainees had not completed the courses and she felt that cost could be a factor. The meeting felt that Clubs should refund the cost of such. (d) endurance officials doing safeguarding and first aid courses will be mandatory when their licence expires (e) mentoring was and in the first instance Tracey and Paul will seek liaison officers in Clubs to ensure

**1) (Ctd.)** that higher level officials can mentor level one officials. Progress will be discussed at the next meeting and the next step of action agreed. (f) Amy will ensure that UKA continue to send Paul lists of endurance officials.

**2) Budget:** No report had been received from the treasurer, so Kay gave details of (a) all disciplines are keeping to the agreed allocation of funds (b) a grant of £590 has been sent to N.W.C.C.L. (c) it was agreed to refund Mike Blake for his expenses of £89 for the Inter County fell/mountain championships and £283 to Kay who had paid the webmasters fees. (d) Kay has spoken to Helen Blair who has agreed to audit our annual accounts.

#### Information:

##### **Amy Edwards: Competition Officer:**

- 1) Amy has received the Wi-Fi equipment; it was agreed to accept an offer of a Wi-Fi provider who will provide such for £21 p.m. for the next two years, on the understanding that all our t&f Clubs pay £150 each to cover this cost. Should this not be unanimous, the offer will still be taken up on the basis that t&f pay from ring-fenced funds currently allocated for transport will be used to pay this item. Amy will attend a t&f sub-committee meeting next week and will ensure that this is discussed there.
- 2) Amy also reported that she is looking at organising an indoor Open meeting at Coleg Cambria on either the 9<sup>th</sup> or 10<sup>th</sup> of December.
- 3) Menai t&f have received an £800 grant for equipment from W.A.
- 4) W.A. have assured her that £1200 is assured in our plans to buy our own E.D.M. equipment. It is now up to us to raise the balance of £4750. A grant will be applied for through Gwynt y Mor; Kay will send the forms to Crispin so that he can apply, on behalf of Colwyn Bay A.C. The next meeting will take place in December, so the forms will need to be completed before the end of November.
- 5) Sport Wales have a scheme to provide tablets for t&f Clubs; it was agreed that our t&f Clubs should apply for 2 each.

##### **Secretary/Road running:**

- 1) Paul had circulated a report but added the following items: (a) the 5 miles championship at Holyhead had been won by Simon Cole (Gog Tri) and Gemma Moore (Eryri) and the 10km championship at Caernarfon had been won Scott Nixon (Wrexham) and Amie Smith (Cheshire Dragons). (b) the next Regional champion is within the Caernarfon half marathon on Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> September. (c) there are two more Inter County matches this year: the Farndon 10km on Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> September and the Oswestry 10kk on Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> October. (d) It was agreed that as the Sherion sponsorship has now ended, that as from 1<sup>st</sup> January next, athletes should be asked to pay their own entry fees for Inter County matches. (e) It was agreed that an additional category of M85 and F85 be added to Regional road running championships. (f) He and John had attended a video meeting of the Board of Directors and General Council and he gave an outline of the items discussed.

2) **Mountain and trail:**

No report, but Kay stated that the annual trail championship had not been held as the Fairy Freckled Cow event had been cancelled. No information at present of a new event to replace the race.

3) **Track and Field:**

- (a) The track at Coleg Cambria is being refurbished and is currently unavailable for use. There is also ongoing work at both Menai and Colwyn Bay tracks. (b) the query has been settled (c) Nothing further on volunteers.
- 4) **A.O.B.:** It was agreed to nominate Ian Robinson for the Performance Coach of the Year award and Barry Edwards for the Meritorious Service award. Paul will complete the paperwork for the former and Tracey for the latter.

<b>New Actions arising</b>	<b>Owner</b>	<b>Due Date</b>
<b>1. An update on the equipment stock</b>	<b>CB</b>	<b>Next Meeting</b>
<b>2. Mentoring</b>	<b>TW &amp; PB</b>	<b>Next Meeting</b>
<b>3. Budget revisions</b>	<b>KH, RE &amp; PB</b>	<b>Next Meeting</b>

The meeting was closed, and Amy was thanked for setting up the link.

**Date and venue of the next meeting: Friday 20<sup>th</sup> October at 7.00 p.m., online only.**