



NORTH WALES REGIONAL ATHLETICS COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON FRIDAY 28th SEPTEMBER 2018

Present: P. Brooks (P.B.), D. Davies (D.D.), J. Hatton (J.H.), K. Hatton (K.H.), S. McCormack (S.M.), C. Backshall (C.B.), B. Edwards (B.E.), M. Green (M.G.), A. Bowyer (A.B.), E. Brewer (E.B.) and L. Davitt (L.D.).

Apologies for Absence: R. Mackey, D.A. Williams, R. Frost, A. Lewis, D and B. Harris.

1.0 Presentation by James Williams (Welsh Athletics)

James gave a presentation by telephone on (a) the proposed addition of skill-based directors to be added to the Board of Directors, all to be volunteers. Both items are on the agenda for the W.A. A.G.M. (b) the possibility of a Clubs Conference to be held specifically for North Clubs, or alternatively, a series of road shows in the North. (c) he confirmed instructions had been given for the payment of the £4k Regional grant to N.W.R.A.C.

2.0 Chair's Address: K.H. reported (a) a request received from Mike Blake, requesting finance to cover the cost of additional awards for the Junior Mountain running championships; this was agreed (b) she congratulated Mike Roberts and Rachel Shipley for their performances in the development match at the Stone 10km (c) she noted the winners of the 10km championships at Caernarfon, Andrew Bromley and Rachel Shipley and that the seven-day closing date for the championships meant the race winners had been excluded, as they had entered on the day. (d) following a letter from members of Wrexham A.C., whose performances had not been included in the Power of Ten (PoT) rankings, because only one timekeeper had been in attendance on the day, she had felt that the matter could not be taken any further. The PoT rules specifically state that championship meetings should have at least two timekeepers in attendance (e) the P. Brooks shield will be shared for twelve months following a ballot of the Clubs; John Hatton and Steve McCarten will each receive a memento and hold the shield for sixth months each.

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

3.1 4.1 (e) Replace Ynys Month with Ynys Mon.

4.0 Treasurer's Report:

4.1 D.D. gave a comprehensive report on recent expenditure and income, with details of the balance as at today's date.

4.2 The development account has now been closed and the balance transferred into the main account.



4.3 The letter to change the account's name from N.W.R.A.B. to N.W.R.A.C. was signed at the meeting ready to be sent to the Bank. S.M. asked if the Bank will still accept cheques made out to N.W.R.A.B.? K.H. agreed to add this request to the letter.

5.0 Road Running Policy:

The amended document was agreed; it includes the conditions of awarding championships to events, particularly the seven-day closing date for entries. It was further agreed that these conditions should be applied to all disciplines and that if these conditions were not applied fully, that those events would not be considered the following year.

6.0 Allocation of Road Running Championships 2019:

After lengthy debate, the following events will host the Regional championships for that distance:

5km: Run Fest, Rhyl, 23rd June; 5 miles: Abergele, 3rd November; 10km: Helen Tipping Mem, Wrexham, 28th July; 10 Miles: Rhyl, 23rd February; Half marathon: Village Bakery, Wrexham, 17th February; Marathon: Wrexham Festival, 17th March.

7.0 Regional reports:

7.1 Road/Cross Country:

7.1.2. Road: P.B. reported on the development events at the Stone 10km and Birchwood 10km, mentioning specifically Owen Roberts and Ricky Challinor, who had finished second and fourth at the latter event. The next event is the Meerbrook 10km in Staffs, for which he has selected an experienced team due to the distance and challenging course; athletes will therefore wear the green and orange vests. He has again accepted an invitation to send teams to the Inter Area match at the Telford 10km in December; as agreed, selections will be made according to the PoT rankings for 2018; the race has given us eight free entries. Chris Myles and Leon Bagnall had run in the UK Police 10 miles championships in Bangor, placing 8th and 25th respectively. M.G. confirmed that the Snowdonia marathon will host the W.A. championships for Masters.

7.1.3. Cross Country: (a) Bob Frost had sent a report detailing the dates and venues of both the Senior and Junior League events. (b) M.G. reported that the Inter Region championships are to be held in Llandrindod Wells on 8th December and that the next meeting of the joint W.A. committee is to be held on 17th October.



7.2 Track and Field:

7.2.1. C.B. and B.E. spoke on the problems encountered at the Inter Region championships in Brecon and reported that the North had finished in second place overall. B.E. also spoke on the proposed park runs to be held in Anglesey.

7.2.2. It was agreed that the R.A.C. would purchase a special trophy to be awarded to Sabrina Fortune, in recognition of her winning the F20 shot put European Disability championships in Berlin; it was also noted that she had broken the championship record three times that day, with a best of 13m30cms.

7.2.3 After debate, it was agreed that the Regional indoor championships for events not covered by the meeting to be held in Coleg Cymru, will be included in one of the open meetings to be held in Sport City, Manchester. There will be no additional cost to the R.A.C.

8.1 Development Officers: (i) Eva Brewer had sent a written report covering (a) Secondary schools taster events to be held in Colwyn Bay, Deeside and Wrexham, with a further event to be held in March (b) Club Conference (c) Sports Conwy development grant (d) Park runs (e) Regional courses (f) Community Chest (g) Social running groups in Rhyl, Colwyn Bay and Wrexham.

9.0 Officials Secretaries: (a) Endurance: P.B. reported on the meeting of 24th July, covering Licence co-ordinators will not be given access to Trinity (b) UKA Trinity clean-up still in progress (c) mentoring update (d) availability lists to be sent out shortly. (b) Track and field: no report.

10.0: Date and Venue of the next meeting: The next meeting will be the A.G.M. and will be held at Eirias Park Leisure Centre on Friday 30th November, commencing at 19.00.