

.WEST WALES REGIONAL ATHLETICS COUNCIL

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Chairman: Dr DH Davies, MBE

Treasurer: Louisa Davies

**Annual General Meeting of the West Wales Regional Athletics Council
Held at Carmarthen Leisure Centre on Monday 18th June 2018**

PRESENT: Hedydd Davies, Louisa Davies, Nathan Jones, Colin Davies, Sue Alvey, Donald Melrose and Dic Evans

Three clubs were represented

Chairman Hedydd Davies welcomed those present to the region's 22nd Annual General Meeting. A moment's silence was observed in respect of starter Dave James, who passed away over the weekend. Dave was a great supporter of events in Welsh Athletics and Welsh Schools and would be one of the first to arrive. He will be missed by everyone who knew him.

01. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received on behalf of Andrew Lloyd-Hughes, Andrew Jenkins, Wynford Leyshon, Tony Clements, Judith Gooding, Lesley Stowe, Rob Campion and Jane Thomas

02. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The minutes of the AGM of 21 June 2017 were checked for accuracy and accepted as a true record.

03 MATTERS ARISING

It was noted that there had been no progress with the photofinish system being installed at Swansea. There could be issues with running the technology at matches next year.

04 CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Hedydd Davies spoke on some of the points raised in his report (attached.) He had commented that the region has again been very active over the year with many events organised and numerous West Wales individual and team achievements in cross country and track and field. Unfortunately, the Welsh inter regional championships were cancelled at Brecon the day before last December because of the weather, following a great effort in getting 200 athletes out for the fixture. The meeting accepted the report.

05 TREASURER'S REPORT

Louisa Davies circulated a financial report for the year ending 31st May. She mentioned a number of the income and expenditure items used over the past year. In addition for the first time this year, a travel contribution was given to all the UK inter counties competitors in March.

The current balance within the region totals to £19,869.90. It was clear that the money needs to be used sensibly to ensure the region continues moving on. The accounts had been audited, and were accepted by the meeting.

06 HON SECRETARY'S REPORT

Nathan Jones had received only four nominations from all West Wales clubs for the Gerry Batty Award awarded to the junior athletes who has shown the most improvement in 2017 from the previous year 2016. It was decided to present the award to Ben Thomas (Steeplechase). This will be presented at an upcoming match. Jo Brier, Dai Greene and last year's winner Bethany Moule are some names to have won before. Nominations and further information will be sent out sooner next year to give individuals more time to nominate.

07 OFFICIALS SECRETARY'S REPORT

Donald Melrose has done a fantastic job as the Officials' Secretary over the year and had organised efficient officials for the indoor and outdoor championships at Swansea/Neath and. Donald was unsure on the definition of the role and how much work should have been involved within the region but also outside of region events. Sue to find out if there's a definition of this role available.

08 CLUB NETWORK OFFICER'S REPORT

West Wales' Club Network Officers Andrew Jenkins and Andrew Lloyd-Hughes sent through reports in their absence at the meeting. The main points and events/courses of both were discussed with thanks to both for their continued hard work. (Attached)

9.0 ELECTION OF OFFICERS AND DELEGATES**The following were elected to serve for the year 2018/19**

Chairman:	Hedydd Davies (6 months)
Hon Secretary:	Nathan Jones
Hon Treasurer:	Louisa Davies
Officials Secretary:	Donald Melrose
Welfare Officer:	Sue Alvey

Delegates to Welsh Athletics Committees

General Council:	Tony Clements & AN Other
T&F Officials Committee:	Donald Melrose
Endurance Officials Committee:	AN Other at present
Track & Field Committee:	AN Other at present
CC/Road Running Committee:	Kevin Tobin, Dic Evans
FMR/Trail Running Committee:	Dic Evans

10.0 ANY OTHER BUSINESS / REGIONAL MATTERS

Dic Evans reported on the recent Welsh Trail Running Championships at Devils Bridge in May. He reported that it was another great success at a central venue and was a junior trial ahead of the World Youth Cup last weekend. Not all regional medals were given out on the day but Dic is in the process of getting all these out to the athletes involved shortly.

Feedback from the Welsh Athletics forum evenings held across the country is still ongoing. Communication was raised as an issue at the moment.

A submitted project went ahead with an expenditure of £600 given out for mentoring new coaches in Swansea. Thanks to Wynford for his work with this.

Starters and Marksmen will be an issue in the near future with a need for many more track and field judges needed to come forward to continue with events.

Congratulations to West Wales Region athletes James Tomlinson, Ben Thomas, Bethany Moule and Heather Lewis on their recent success over the summer and several are set to head to European and World Junior Youth Championships in the next month or two.

Confirmed championships: West Wales Indoor Athletics Championships (Swansea – January); Welsh Cross Country Championships (Pembrey – February); Welsh Trail Running Championships (Devils Bridge – May); West Wales Outdoor Athletics Championships (Swansea – May).

The entries for the Ammanford 10K are going well and will host the West Wales Road Running Championships. Taking place on 8th of July, there has been over 100 entries online already with a new record expected. Marshals, first aid and other tasks are being completed.

A better process needs to be agreed on the way entries for the UK Inter Counties Championships works as there has been a decrease of athletes interested in competing. Out of 130 athletes entered in 2018, only 28 had represented the region. Agenda item for next upcoming meeting.

West Wales Committee are for hosting distance events more than 60m at the South/East Indoor Competitions in Cardiff as many of the region's athletes already compete there as an open. Liaise with WA over possible inclusion next winter.

11.0 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be held at Carmarthen Leisure Centre on Monday 24 September 2018 at 7.00. An agenda is enclosed with these minutes. General Council Meetings are booked for 13th September and 6th November.

Nathan Jones
Hon Secretary