

WELSH ATHLETICS ROAD/CROSS COUNTRY COMMITTEE MINUTES OF VIRTUAL MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY 15th JULY 2020	<u>ACTION</u>
<p>PRESENT: - Alex Donald, Graham Finlayson, Martin Green, Steve Jones, Sharon Leech, Rhiannon Linnington-Payne, Peter Sowerby, Kevin Tobin</p> <p>APOLOGIES : - Nikki Haines</p> <p>MATTERS ARISING (from previous meeting of 17th June 2020)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • JW confirmed that the 10K series would remain solely for 10K distance races in 2021, although Committee would like to discuss further possibilities • Further to the discussion re Welsh Championship, it's been confirmed that hosts who would have hosted the 2020 races will now host in 2021, however the 2020 Championships become null and void (unless they do actually take place in 2020). Confirmation needed about the Cardiff Half in 2021 as there are two races. AD confirmed that the elite race (IAAF standard) will be in October so needs to check with SB/JW that the Welsh Champs can also be staged within the October event (as opposed to in March as previously suggested to honour the Championship entries of those who entered the October 2020 event) <p>CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • GF confirmed that the Anglo Celtic Plate date had been changed to 26.9.20 so as not to clash with the Cardiff Half (as previously scheduled for 4.10.20) RLP added that a decision on whether the event will go ahead will be made at the end of July/ early August <p>2020 ROAD & CROSS COUNTRY COMPETITIONS PROGRAMME (*all subject to change based on COVID-19 government guidelines)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Welsh 5K Champs, Whitchurch Cardiff August 30th 2020 • Virual Welsh Road Relays, September 12th 2020 • Welsh Marathon Champs October 4th 2020, London (query if elite field only) • Anglo Celtic Plate 100Km, Boddington, September 26th 2020 • Cardiff Cross Challenge, October 2020 • Welsh 10K Champs, Cardiff Bay November 15th 2020 • Welsh Inter-Regional/Inter-Schools Cross Country, December 2020 	<p style="text-align: center;">AD</p>

<p>RLP updated the Committee that there is a meeting on 20th July 2020 with Run Britain to discuss how events can be staged this year and next, with guidelines set out for race providers. At present all race licences are suspended, Run Britain intend reissuing licences from the start of August. Once guidelines are set, WA will inform those race organisers who have applied for licences for races in Wales and there will be a webinar/ Q&A session for queries. RLP to contact committee following Monday's meeting to provide an update</p> <p>It is expected that race organisers shall confirm whether or not their event will still take place in 2020 following the publishing of these guidelines.</p> <p>AD confirmed that the London Marathon would make an announcement later this month with regard to the staging of the event</p> <p>AD gave an update about the Cardiff Cross Challenge (and various cross country leagues). UKA are yet to decide whether to give the go ahead for the Cross Challenge or League competitions. If the Cross Challenge is to go ahead, Cardiff is the first event in October (which will also host the Gwent League), however at present Cardiff Council have announced that they are not in a position to give permission for the fields at Bute Park to be used, until September. This is likely to cause administrative and organisational difficulties as the event is early October</p>	<p>RLP</p>
<p>AOB</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • GF raised the issue of non-licenced events such as the MoRun and has discussed the issue with JW. GF is keen to raise with Cardiff Council. RLP confirmed that athletes are encouraged to enter licenced events • KT congratulated WA on the webinars which have been informative for both coaches and athletes. It would be useful to have a link to all webinars on the website, so that they can be easily accessed as required in the future • Query made about budget and transparency about how money is spent on elite athletes including athletes supported at training camps. Suggestion that it is put on the website when athletes are supported by WA at training camps • Concern was raised by the Committee about the Clwb Run Wales. It was felt that WA should be encouraging athletes to affiliate to established Clubs, rather than take away from these Clubs to a virtual one • RLP confirmed that there would be some T&F pilot events for track and throws, however there are still too many restrictions 	<p>GF/JW</p> <p>WA</p> <p>WA</p> <p>WA</p>

<p>on jumps. KT suggested younger athletes need a competition, however as they require a responsible adult to accompany them, the numbers would be too great for the guidelines in place. RLP confirmed that the pilot events would be open for U20 athletes and above and likely to be by invitation to limit numbers. More information to follow</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SL updated the committee following the GC meeting 14th July 2020. Chris Moss confirmed that affiliation numbers stand at 62%, down on previous years. Junior membership is down to 22% from 30%. The timing of COVID/ lockdown is largely the factor, due to it clashing with membership renewal (April 1st). WA will continue with the planned Club modernisation and there have been various webinars to support Clubs and members. RLP gave an update on Competitions (as per this meeting). Chris Jones gave an update on International competition. JW confirmed that WA will invest in elite athletes to ensure that they are prepared as they possibly can be, given the effect of COVID on training/ competing. It was also confirmed that the Birmingham Commonwealth team is likely to be smaller than that sent to the Gold Coast. Steve Perks confirmed that the AGM is likely to be at a venue with video links for those who cannot attend in person 	<p>RLP</p>
<p>DATE & TIME OF NEXT MEETING</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Wed 26th August 2020, 5pm. RLP to send out a Microsoft Teams invite to members for another virtual meeting 	<p>RLP/SL</p>