

**Welsh Schools Athletics Association
Management Committee Meeting
Wednesday 5th April 2023
10.30m Start @ Sport Wales, CF11 9SW**

1. Apologies for absence

Gerald Davies (Past Chair & Glamorgan Valleys), Gareth Oldham (Powys), Gwilym Williams (WSAA President).

2. Present:

Bethan Davies, Rhiannon Hawker, Hannah Pretty, Zoe Brown, Andrew Jenkins (all Welsh Athletics), Zane Maynard (WSAA International Secretary & Afan Nedd Tawe), Steve Jones (WSAA Vice Chair & Afan Nedd Tawe), Jo Warner (WSAA Chair & Glamorgan Valleys), Dai Williams (WSAA Treasurer & Cardiff & the Vale)

3. Matters Arising/Minutes/Action Points from last management meeting on Friday 3rd February 2023

SJ has been instructed by WSAA Trustees to commence the constitution rewrite. Following this the first consultation process will involve WSAA and WA Officers/Staff, a second consultation will then involve the School Districts, with a final draft to go before an WSAA EGM for approval around July 2023.

SJ WSAA now registered with Easyfundraising online shopping platform where a percentage of sales go to WSAA.

SJ Has WSAA been sanctioned for Gift Aid? RH&DW to follow up with AT.

JW need to explore opportunities to look at additional fund raising initiatives for WSAA activities. JW will meet with J Postles in readiness for sponsorship opportunities specifically for the Welsh U15, U17 & U20 Championships on Saturday 1st July at Cardiff. GO received confirmation from NASUWT President Angela Butler on 5th January 2023 agreeing their continued annual sponsorship NASUWT for the WSAA Cup & Plate final on Wednesday 12th July at Aberdare.

AJ Active teachers focus group scheduled for 18th April, SL & FP committed to date, invite will be resent with more context to encourage greater engagement.

DW updates on track mark 3 year accreditation cycle? RH Newport completed, Cardiff, Wrexham & Aberdare in progress, Brecon funding received for future work, Swansea & Carmarthen minor work to do to bring up to spec, Neath will be having a track mark inspection soon. Coleg Cambria resurfacing to be done. WA continue to apply for Sport Wales capital funding and work with facility operators to keep as many facilities tack mark compliant.

JW – SIAB delegates meeting at Sefton Park requested information on where SIAB U17 International will be held in July 2024? We need to confirm this before the 14th July 2023 International in the next SIAB delegates AGM.

4. International Selection Policies – timeline of events and logistics

ZB & BD gave a presentation on SIAB Track & Field provisional logistics support timeline which will be refined over the coming weeks.

4.1 SIAB Track & Field

The management team will consist of the 3 SIAB delegates J Warner, D Gatehouse & D Williams. Eight team Managers to be appointed and 2 team leaders Z Maynard & A Jenkins, of these 13 adults one male and one female will be allocated welfare roles for the weekend.

BD provisional travel arrangement options are in hand, will need to be two coaches due to team size and make a decision on routes before team selection allowing time to book transport.

Athlete contribution/match fee will be £50pp and included in the selection to avoid retrospective collection this year. If payment become prohibitive for athletes to attend this will be looked at on a case by case basis.

SIAB Selection meeting will be 11am Sunday 2nd July at Sport Wales.

BD will endeavour to be present at Cardiff on 1st July to assist on kit sizing for potential pupils selected.

Selection policy documents once finalised need to be made accessible to potential pupils through WA social media and website channels.

4.2 Welsh Athletics International

Saturday 26th August at Cardiff, full event program including para disciplines.

Selection of WA & WSAA teams will again be made simultaneously on Tuesday 15th August to eliminate duplication of selection and time for selectors. Two minor amendments were suggested for the selection policy document regarding, selection panel and attendance at WSAA

Championships. Selection policy documents once finalised need to be made accessible to potential pupils through WA social media and website channels.

5. WSAA Track & Field Championships – format and timetable

Proposed timetable for Saturday 1st July from DW has removed heats and replaced with seeded time trials, for final decision in the next WSAA Competition sub group. Team declarations and changes will be done on Open Track and school district team managers will be upskilled on this if required.

6. AOB (including dates of future meetings)

RH Combined events dates are currently TBC as the Emirates Arena is being closed for refurbishment for World Indoor Championships.

ZB Missing SIAB flag location still unknown.

DW Missing medals from Welsh Schools cross country championships location. RH Alex Donald has now sent to relevant athletes.

DW medals for Welsh Schools? RH yes they have been ordered.

Date of Next Meeting 10.30am Wednesday 31st May 2023 at Sport Wales.