

Sunday, 16 April 2023
Bridgend Athletics Club
Newbridge Fields
Bridgend
CF31 4BP

Start Time: 15:00

End Time: 17:00

Chairperson - Lee Hayward



South Wales

Regional Athletic Council

Notes for Meeting

Attendees:

Apologies: Rhys Williams (**WA Development Co-Ordinator**), Graham Finlayson (**WA President**), Fred Malkin (**Barry & Vale**),

Welcome & Apologies

Kit for Region

Lee - Design ok. Red and White were only real options.

Few feedback concerns raised but colour wise we tried to keep colour as it is to stop problems with clashing with other clubs.

VX3 came back with number of designs that stood out. Stripes vertical

Steph - Feedback from Bridgend was that original stock did raise concerns re clashing kits.

Lee - We want to make things cheaper for parents £15 of adult and £11.50 for child size. All prices include graphic.

Fred - Is quality any good.

Lee - Yes. A mockup can be sent when requested. Further kit can be produced (hoodies, t-shirts etc). There are no crop tops.

Crop tops are difficult to deal with and are expensive (Mazoon rep for Cardiff and Wasp for ????) (Pauline)

Lee - Red and white vertical strips on front and red on the back. South Wales Maroon was a problem colour.

Pete - Clashes will occur with the colour red.

Lee - Maroon is a difficult colour to have the supplier produce. What do we all think we should do? If we can get the darker colour then I will do that but if not then

VOTE: 6 - 4 in favour of Red and White if Maroon and White is not available.

Ron - Other suppliers are considerably more than what is quoted here.

Lee - Company used (VX3) are quick to respond.

Lee - Gazebo and hoodies for TM will be ordered once a decision on vests is made.

Paul D - Rock Owens gazebo option in Red 3x4.5 2 windows £519 with printing for SOUTH WALES with dragon or badge for region. Colours are limited. £720 with Valance plus £40 for roof print.

The gazebo is easy to put up by one person.

Lee - Aberdare are happy to store the equipment in the

Chris P - Can we have South Wales printed on the top.

Chris - Could we have a black tent with SOUTH WALERS and badge with stripes.

Paul D - I will put the questions to company and get back at next meeting.

ACTION: Chris - I can have a look at a region logo and get some ideas together.

Pete M - Glamorgan County is the region.

Current Stock

Lee - Do we continue to sell off stock at cheaper rate notifying purchasers that we are transferring, or do we get rid of stock (Few Hundred shirts in stock). Looking at finance the value of stock held does not show in finances.

Lee - We do need a treasurer that will be attending meetings regular.

Lee - Should we be charging more for new vests? £20 for adult and £15 for kids is this too much to ask?

Fred - No the parents and athletes have been paying for it.

Aberdare (F) - A few quid profit is not much to ask

Lee - £18 for adult and £15 for kids ACTION.

Steph - Continue to sell stock as the vest is still not branded.

Fred - Vest is a thing that needs to be kept as a source of pride and should not be given out freely.

Aberdare - Do we have enough to sell shirts for all season.

Lee - Not enough for all season.

(Pauline partner) - Having the option for a cheaper vest for athletes who may not continue for all season.

Lee - A £5 option for old stock is a good choice.

Rowlie - Kids will likely prefer a vest with SOUTH WALES on it.

Regional Events to attend

Kpe - What events shall we attend.

XC - Cardiff Cross Challenge, Inter Regionals (Schools),

Road - Cardiff 10k Sept - 5k SAFFA. Night of endurance.

Lee - Team medals only

Trail - Rabbit Run, Merthyr Mawr,

Hill & Mountain - Machen, Inter counties, Junior Hill Race

T&F - Indoor regionals, South & east, Inter regional & YDL

ACTION: Pete - Ask Steve Mitchell for info on Inter regionals for all other disciplines and get races for this. Dan Bodman managed team that won events.

Lee - Team manager needed to organise mountain and hill running team?

More details to be provided on this

Constitution

Fred - Can we look at all

Pete - We need to look at TEMPLATE and see if it fits with ours. Concerns in their constitution with regards to discipline and they may need to look at this.

ACTION - Pete to look at constitution and see if anything needs changing.

Junior T & F

Lee - Understanding was that WA would guide what structure would be for 2023 season. New email received from Rhiannon to advise that position is passing onto Alex Donaldson.

Phone call with Alex and Steve Homes in Neath advised that they simply sorted it themselves without WA input.

Email sent out for meeting virtually to discuss comps for South and East as a joint league in a short day.

If we want something to go ahead we need to do it ourselves as WA will not be supporting sufficiently.

Venues are Cardiff x 2 and Aberdare. (May 20th, 17th June, 18th Aug). I have the old timetables from previous league with U11 to U15.

(Pauline Partner) - Last

Fred - Our numbers are down and many others are the same apart from Aberdare, Bridgend are ok also. Instead of limiting we need to get the kids in.

Lee - We need somewhere in between full input and limited.

Rowlie - Lets encourage as much participation as we can.

Paul D - There os no grass roots plans.

Fred - Cutting hours was due to officials being over worked for a full day. We need to look at a longer than 4 days.

Lee - With all teams in region it is likely that. Is Power of 10 important? if so then we need graded officials.

Pete M - 7 or 9 races are booked in for the schools.

Lee - If we use power of 10 then it will be difficult to get the comps doing.

(Graham) Results can be looked up against Power of 10 without an official time.

NO PARTICIPATION FROM CARDIF CLUBS.

ACTION: Paul - If selection is used on Power of 10 then we either arise participants that it will not be recorded or we need to go to power of ten to advise that we are struggling.

Pete - Selection was previously done via 8 counties group but now we are 4 regions.

Fred - WA are trying to put on open meets to get a representative times.

Rowlie - For YDL there were leagues for West and East.

Lee - Aberdare and Rhonnda can hold the events.

Graham - Our track is 99% done and ready for comps. We don't have hurdles, pole vault and steeple chase.

Lee - We need to know that in hosting these events we will be limited on events that can be put on.

Lee - We would need to have 1 track and 5 field officials.

AOB

Lee - Travel by coach is not my preferred option for the costs that

Graham - Shall we offer petrol costs for athletes.

Fred - The problem is for the athlete that do not have travel costs.

Steph - in initial emails to clubs re events. We need to state that athletes need to make their own way to the event.

ACTION - NO FURTHER COACH TRAVEL GOING FORWARD. Emails sent must advise that

YDL are looking to take out U20's and merge U13 and U15.

There are so little events for U17 & U20's the numbers are dwindling.

Graham - Should we do something for the U17 & U20's as a region?

Pete - May 13th Championships- 1. We have accepted that events that go on are at the inter regional. 2. Closing date is Wed of this week.

Lee - Other events are going on at separate

Pete - Deadline for event is not sufficient and seems to indicate that they do not want athletes to attend.

Lee - James Williams is sticking to the 4hr day for events. Paperwork has been requested but has not been provided.

Pete - Are we happy with the closing date of the inter regional East V South?

All - No all unhappy with the

Pete - What is a reasonable deadline date?

Lee - We need to work with Darran but a week before would be best.

Pete - Do we have an aspiration for a South Wales T&F comp?

Paul - Yes, but we do not have the capability to do this.

Lee -

Paul - 1st step is to get comps on to see what we can do and build from there.

Paul - We need the people in place to get this together.

Fred - Can we pay Joyce to help us with this.

Pauline - Why are we paying for WA.

ACTION: Pete M - Hannah Pretty has gone away from post for way to long. If Chris Moss is not with WA then Hannah needs to have the post permanently or we need a new regional development officer.

General discussions

Date & time of next meeting

Wed 21st June AGM. Tonypandy @ 6pm

CHAIRMANS REPORT

FINANCIAL REPORT