



NORTH WALES REGIONAL ATHLETICS COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
HELD ON FRIDAY 15th JUNE 2018
AT EIRIAS PARK LEISURE CENTRE, COLWYN BAY

Present: D. Harris (D.H.), B. Harris (B.H.), P. Brooks (P.B.), R. Frost (R.F.), R. Mackey (R.M.), J. Hatton (J.H.), K. Hatton (K.H.), D. Davies (D.D.), A. Bowyer (A.B.), M. Green (M.G.), S. McCormack (S.M.), B. Edwards (B.E.), C. Yorke (C.Y.), D.A. Williams (D.A.W.), E. Brewer (E.B.), D. Edwards (D.E.), C. Backshall (C.B.) and L. Davitt (L.D.).

The Chair welcomed M.G. to his first meeting of the committee.

Apologies for Absence: J. Messum, D. Doyle, A. Lewis.

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

1.1: 9.0 It was noted that Helen Davies and Dave Edwards had both been awarded the Welsh Athletics (W.A.) Meritorious Service award.

2.0 Chair's Address: K.H. commented on (a) the recent 5km road championships in Ffrith and congratulated the winners, Steve Skates and Eden O'Dea (b) the clash of the Ffrith race and the Regional t&f championships (c) the current funding system and the amount required to maintain the present standard (d) the proposed changes to the W.A. website (e) why N.W.C.C.L. fixtures do not always match up with the UKA recommended dates (f) the complaints received regarding the W.A. under15 t&f championships being held over two separate weekends (g) the new data protection laws (h) the development plan for the Region, to cover all disciplines, to be discussed at the next general committee meeting in September 2018.

3.0: Presentation by James Williams of Welsh Athletics on proposed changes to the funding system for Regional Athletics Councils: James Williams addressed the meeting by telephone and answered questions from the floor on (a) current funding is £4,000 p.a. for the North; our position is that we need £5,500 p.a., including administration (b) coach development (c) the W.A. website is to be re-launched in October and the tendering process has begun (d) early notification of proposed t&f dates for 2019 (e) next year the recommended dates for each round of cross country League matches is the second weekend of each month.

4.0 Election of Officers: The following were re-elected unopposed: Dilwyn Davies (Treasurer); Paul Brooks (Secretary); Kay Hatton (Chair); Officials Secretary (track and field) Denise Harris; Officials Secretary (endurance) Paul Brooks. Sean McCormack was elected as Vice Chair. The following were also elected unopposed as representatives to W.A.: Track and field: Crispin Backshall; Road running/cross country: Martin Green; Fell/Mountain: Mike Blake; Trail running: Arwel Lewis; Rules and eligibility: David A. Williams; Welfare officer: Sean McCormack. Chris Yorke and John Hatton will be the Region's representatives on the W.A. General Council.

5.0 Proposals and Nominations to the W.A. A.G.M.: Referred to the next general meeting.

6.0: Treasurer's report:

6.1 D.D. presented a detailed annual financial report which had been audited. R.M. and S.M. proposed and seconded that the accounts be accepted for the current account only; this was agreed. It was further agreed to close the development account and transfer any balance into the current account. D.D. reported that travel costs continue to be our biggest item of expenditure. It was agreed to give £50 as a thank you to the auditor and the annual grant towards the Secretary's telephone costs of £200. It was also agreed to allocate £1,500 of the current balance for use in t&f development. D.D. was thanked for all his work.

6.0 Secretary's Report: P.B. reported that the Region now has 30 affiliated Clubs, but only a handful attend our meetings. He thanked K.H. for her hard work as Chair and D.D., who had continued his work as Treasurer even during his current spell of illness.

6.0 Officials Secretaries' Reports:

6.1 Endurance: P.B. reported that there are now seven race adjudicators in the North and that he will be tutoring courses in August; dates and venues for the latter are yet to be decided. He held courses at Dolgellau last March.

6.2 Track and Field: D.H. reported that we now had 71 officials and that new/renewing officials must complete their D.B.S. forms, within six months of taking courses.

7.0: Welsh Athletics Reps and Regional Reports:

7.1 Road running: P.B. presented a written report:

7.1.1 Gemma Morgans and Paul Wathan (both Eryri) were in the Wales team that ran in the Anglo Celtic Plate 100km event held in Redwick.

7.1.2: (a) The North fielded 17 athletes in the Inter Region 10km championships in Llandudno in February. At the latter, Andrew Davies (Stockport) and Bronwen Jenkinson (Eryri) won the National titles. (b) in 2018, there are 4 Inter County matches at: the Stone 10km and Meerbrook 15km (both in Staffordshire), the Birchwood 10km (Cheshire) and the Abergele 5 miles (our home fixture). We also attended the Telford 10km in

January this year. (c) currently there are no plans to hold an Inter Region 10km championships in 2019 and all the road championships for 2019 are to be held in the South.

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7.2: Cross Country: D.A.W. reported on the 2017/8 season and how it had impacted him personally. He has stepped down as N.W.C.C.L secretary and Bernie Jones has now taken on that role.

7.4: Schools: A.B. had nothing further.

7.5: Fell/Mountain and Trail: No report.

7.6: Rules and Eligibility: No report.

8.0: Proposal from the Secretary: the document will be discussed at the next general committee meeting.

9.0: Proposals and Nominations to the Welsh Athletics A.G.M.: to be discussed at the September next, meeting.

8.0: Development Officers:

8.1: B.E. and E.B. spoke on satellite Clubs, the Island Games, working with schools, links with DW Fitness, park runs in Denbighshire, Sportshall and social running Clubs.

9.0 General Council: No issues.

10.0 Date and Venue of the Next A.G.M.: Friday 14th June 2019 at 7.00 p.m., at the same venue.