

Welsh Athletics Ltd

Annual General Meeting 2025

Annual General Meeting held at Sport Wales National Centre, Cardiff.

Present Company Members of Welsh Athletics Ltd:

James Williams	Chief Executive, Secretary
D Stephen Perks	Board Member (Chair)
Nigel Walker	Board Member
Chris Gough	Board Member
Graham Finlayson	Honorary President
Joyce Tomala	Life Member
Lynette Harries	Life Member
Kyle Perry	South Wales Regional Athletics Council
Rob Champion	West Wales Regional Athletics Council
Rob Hooper	Cardiff AC
Liam Oak	Neath Harriers
Ron Morris	San Domenico RC
Sue Hooper	Officials – Track & Field Committee
Ian Griffiths	Honorary Vice-President*
Gareth Harries	Pembrokeshire Harriers*
Yricka Gardner	Run Free Fell Runners*
Christine Vorres	East Wales Regional Athletics Council*
Kay Hatton	North Wales Road Runners*
Bettina Petersohn	Tri Hard Harriers*
Steve Brace	Life Member*
Jacquelin Brace	Bridgend Athletics*
Richard Marks	Sarn Helen*
Gareth Oldham	Welsh Schools*
Bryan Meredith	Rhondda Valley Runners*

Also present

Pete Morris	
Lorraine Price	
Steve Hames	
Delyth Williams	
Hannah Baulch	Staff
Zoe Holloway	Staff
Andrew Thomas	Staff, AGM Scrutineer
Eleanor Cartlidge	Staff. AGM Scrutineer*
Amy Edwards	*

*Online

The President's welcome

GF welcomed everyone to the AGM of Welsh Athletics Ltd 2025.

Apologies for Absence

Catherine Lewis, Tom Overton, Phil Draper, Laura Mason, John Penny, Lynne Brier, Clive Williams, Hedydd Davies, Barrie Owen

Minute of Silence

As part of the welcome, the President asked the room to respect a minute of silence to remember those members who have passed away over the past 12 months;

David Pulsford, Mike Critchley, Mary Lister, Norman John, Mona Hughes, Phil Jones Snr, Jack Thomas, Alun Roper, Elizabeth Hughes, Reg Burke, Kory Russell, Humphrey Davies, Mary Davies, Arwyn Evans

Minutes of the 2024 AGM

The minutes of the 2024 AGM were accepted following corrections brought forward from the room. It was noted that the minutes of the 2024 AGM did not state that the Chair of Welsh Athletics has only one term remaining.

Matters Arising

From 2024 minutes – a legal compliance review of the Articles and Byelaws of Welsh Athletics was conducted and brought to the 2025 AGM as a notice of motion.

ITEMS OF ORDINARY BUSINESS

1 Appointment of Scrutineers

Eleanor Cartlidge (online) and Andrew Thomas were appointed as scrutineers of the 2025 AGM.

2 Report of the Board of Directors

JW presented the report of the Board of Directors as a high-level overview of the activity of the organisation over the past year.

There was a question from the room about the age-group changes and whether there would be any formal information on events and age groups.

The new rules and technical specifications are published on the UKA website with pages on both Welsh Athletics and England Athletics' websites.

There was a concern for competitions that involve year 7 events that the current flexible licensing system is likely to stop from 01 April.

There was a request for school representatives to join the Track and Field committee meetings to help solve issues like this.

The report of the Board of Directors was accepted.

3 Financial Report, Accounts and Audit Findings

CG presented the financial reports, accounts and audit findings for the past financial year.

There was a question on the forecast for the upcoming year.

Welsh Athletics are currently budgeting for a small surplus.

There was a question on whether the reserves were reduced for the accounting period reported.

Yes, because of the deficit.

The reports were accepted.

4 General Council Report

JT presented on behalf of the General Council. There was a call for volunteers to sit on the General Council.

The report was accepted.

5 Appointment of Accountants

Xeinadin (previously O'Brien and Partners) were put forward to be appointed as accountants for the ensuing year.

There were no objections.

6 Appointment of Patrons

6.1. Lynn Davies CBE was re-appointed as Patron of the company.

6.2. Colin Jackson CBE was re-appointed as Patron of the company.

There were no objections.

7 To appoint the following positions

7.1 The chair of the General Council – nominated *Lynne Brier*

7.2 The secretary of the General Council – nominated *Christine Vorres*

7.3 The secretary to the Track & Field Committee – *No nomination*

7.4 The secretary to the Road & Cross-Country Committee - *nominated Sharon Leech*

7.5 The secretary to the Mountain & Trail running Committee - *nominated, Arwel Lewis*

7.6 The secretary to the Track & Field Officials Committee - *nominated, Sue Hooper*

7.7 The secretary to the Endurance Officials Committee - *nominated, Christine Vorres*

There were no objections.

Welsh Athletics will work to recruit a secretary to the Track and Field Committee.

8 Appointment of Delegates to organisations on which the Company is entitled to be represented

8.1 Delegate to the Commonwealth Games Council for Wales Executive Committee – *James Williams*

8.2 Delegates (3) to the Commonwealth Games Council - *Steve Perks, James Williams, Chris Type*

8.3 Delegate to the Welsh Sports Association – *James Williams*

There were no objections.

9 Determination of Annual Registration and Affiliation Fees

9.1 To confirm the previous proposal to increase the Club Affiliation fee.

9.2 To confirm the previous proposal to increase the Athlete registration fee.

The proposals were accepted.

10 Consideration of the Report of the Awards and Heritage Panel

10.1 To receive and accept the recommendations for the Appointment of Life Members of Welsh Athletics

10.2 To receive the recommendations for the Meritorious Award

10.3 To receive the recommendations for the Award of Honour

There were no objections.

ITEMS OF SPECIAL BUSINESS

11 Notices of Motion

11.1 Amendments to the Articles of Welsh Athletics

11.2 Amendments to the Byelaws of Welsh Athletics

11.3 To remove 'company membership' from Life Members

All the above motions were accepted.

11.4 To retire the role of Honorary Vice Presidents

The above motion was voted against.

There was a commitment by Welsh Athletics to review the role of the President and Vice President. Following that review, a decision will be made on the Vice President.

12 Date and venue of 2026 General Meeting

24th October 2026, Cardiff.

12 AOB

It is noted that both the Chair and the President of Welsh Athletics will be reappointed upon the completion of their current terms next year.

THE ABOVE MINUTES ARE PROVISIONAL AND SUBJECT TO CONFIRMATION AT THE NEXT ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING.