



South Wales Regional Athletics Council

Date: Tuesday, 10 December 2024

START: 6:30pm

END: 8:30

Venue: Y Pant Comprehensive School, Pontyclun

Chair: Chris Pratt (Outgoing Chair)

Regular Meeting Minutes

Attendees: Chris Pratt (**Chair / Ogmore Phoenix**), Kyle Perry (**Secretary / Barry & Vale Harriers**), Steph Iverson (**Bridgend Athletics**), Pete Morris (**Life Member**), Ron Morris (**President / San Domenico**), Rowland Williams (**Pontyclun AC**), Lee Hayward & James Hayward (**Rhondda AC**), Paul Davies (**Aberdare**), Fred Malkin (**Barry & Vale Harriers**),

Apologies: Lorraine Price (**Cardiff AC**), Jo Gwynne (**Pontypridd Rodents**), Mel Westlake (), Stewart Harding (**CDF Runners**), Fiona Campbell (), Iwan Dowie & Georgina Fraser (**Cornelly Striders**), Nigel Adams (**Penarth & Dinas**), Kevin Fowler (**Pegasus**)

1. Apologies

2. Chairmans Update / Moving Forward

- General Council meeting contents discussed amongst group.
- Issues of affiliation fees with affiliated clubs and social running clubs who do not have to pay but can run in events through Run Wales.
- Safeguarding concerns may become apparent with the lack of affiliation with WA.
- Inconsistencies regarding T&F categories in right to run for a region based on length of time living in a region.
- Cathryn Lewis & Phillip Draper taken onto the board of WA.
- Masters races, Ambassador's and Junior voice discussed and the lack of communication of these.
- Regional Council can access modernisation grants.
- Webinar about age group changes to take place in January.
- Chair (Chris Pratt) to step down with immediate affect due to family and work pressures.
- Chris to stay involved with the region but must take a step back.
- Council Members thanks Chris for his time and energies over the past few months.
- Questions now arise as follows:
- How do we move forward without a chair?

- Will we do regional T&F champs?
- Will we do Inter-regionals T&F?
- If we don't do regionals how do we put on a team for inter-regionals.
- Chris Pratt to continue to attend GC meetings (if available) alongside Fred Malkin.
- Regional endurance events to be managed and arranged by endurance sub-committee.
- All queries regarding endurance races are to be put straight to endurance group moving forward.
- **ACTION:** Put out an email to ask for regional roles to be filled.

3. Inter-regional XC 2024

- Thanks to Team Managers - Steph Iverson, Phil Iverson, Kyle Perry, Richard Edge, Matt Jacklin and Keely Jarvis.
- Some really great results for the region and individuals.
- Improvements to be made with regards to kit options.
- Concerns raised for English schools and University runners being included in Inter-schools champs.
- Potential for Inter-regionals to be moved to Dec.

4. Finance Update, Kit & Medals

- £10k held in Oct but no further update as yet.
- £1,000+ to be added to this for the sale of kit at the Inter-regionals with a further £100+ to be added from cash sales.
- Medals do we look to start a fresh or do we look to buy more gold from the old style until the supply has depleted?
- Prototype for new design medal - £2,700 for 500 medals
- Modernisation funds available up until January. Consideration to look into photo finish costs, website, kit etc.
- Vests update. Vests are yet to be ordered and there is an 8wk turn around time.
- **VOTE:** Committee agreed to seek to purchase the old style medals in Gold until the current stock has depleted and if unavailable for the new style medals to be ordered in Gold to tide the region over until a new stock can be ordered.
- **VOTE:** Committee agreed to place an order for the smallest vests as soon as possible in preparation for UKCAU.
- **ACTION:** Look into photofinish equipment costs.
- **ACTION:** Kyle Perry to take part in Photo finish course.

5. Endurance Sub-Committee update

- Regional endurance championship races for 2025 have been agreed as follows:
- Pentrych Hill - **29th April**
- Trefforest 10k - **25th May**
- Porthkerry 5 (Trail) - **1st June**
- SSAFA - **23rd July**

6. T&F Committee update

- Provisional dates for 2025 T&F season provided: April 12/13, May 17/18 and June 7/8.

- YDL dates are:
- LAG - **3rd May (Host), 1st June, 29th June, 20th July & 6th Sept**
- UAG - **27th Apr, 25th May 6th July, 3rd Aug & 7th Sept.**
- Open Track looked into and there is no annual subscription and just needs to be registered by a committee member and for any athlete taking part there is a £1.20 charge.
- Photofinish 4hr course in New Year (Cardiff AC already enquired about this). To be held at Cardiff Institute for Sport (Leckwith) and offer for further courses to be put on in Aberdare if requested.
- Query from Bridgend Athletics rejoining the South region for the JDL.
- Bridgend would be more than welcome to rejoin and was unanimously encouraged.
- Steph Iverson to take message back for Bridgend to consider and report back in preparation for a meeting with of the South & East clubs regarding the JDL and the Regional champs.

7. **AOB**

- BMC meets run by Aberdare on the following dates:
- **3rd June 25**
- **22nd July 25**
- **12th August 25**
- 2024 was really well received and 2025 is hoped to be even better there will be pacers attending.

8. **Date and venue of next meeting**

- Feb 2025, Venue TBC.