

Welsh Athletics - Endurance Officials Committee Meeting

Monday 4th November 2019 – 6.30pm Sport Wales, Sophia Gardens, Cardiff,
with video link to Deeside

1. Members Present
Paul Brooks, Jacqueline Brace, Olive Dobson, Richard Sheehy, Jamie Clode, Tom Marley
2. Apologies From
Andrew Worthington, Nigel Jones
3. Minutes from Previous Meeting
Continuing desire to hold an Event Adjudicator course and Race Referee course, recent meeting with RunBritain did not mention this. It may be worth investigating holding our own course with an experienced adjudicator such as Nigel to host.
TM to investigate what content already exists within Race Directors Course and Endurance Officials course.
Race Directors courses will be planned and there is a desire from prospective attendees to have a course in South Wales and a course in North Wales.
TM updated the committee from comments made during the previous UKA Endurance Officials Meeting. North England are running a trial with recruits shadowing/mentoring at the Northern Championships. TM has asked for any findings to be fed back to Wales so that they may be able to learn from their efforts. The Level 1 course has now been rewritten, course likely to be ready to deliver in early 2020, tutor training to be required over 2 days, maximum of 6 per course. Concerns over non-appointments of referees. Cani-Cross is not allowed in any UKA race, confirmation that 15km is maximum for 15 year old, cannot participate in 10 mile races

4. Endurance Officials Education and Training

As discussed above, there is a plan for race director courses in the coming months. The committee felt that it would be good for some race directors who have been organising for a number of years and may not be aware of the new regulations and practices.

5. Terms of Reference – Regional Licence Coordinators

Some amendments were discussed and changed. To be circulated for further confirmation over final document. A trial will be conducted using Microsoft Teams allowing everyone to input into one central template regarding any findings from the event adjudicator returns.

Some issues around races were discussed with actions and recommendations put forward. Some reports and returns are still missing, Regional Licence coordinator to chase the race director to submit their returns.

6. Mentoring Update

TM to email all Endurance Officials to see who would be interested in being mentored. Regional mentors were designated and TM will contact to see if they are interested in performing this role. PB confirmed that he is happy to mentor North Wales Endurance Officials.

7. AOB

Fees were asked to be clarified regarding races that are closed to Welsh Athletics affiliated club members only. JB explained that all races must pay the £50 application fee along with their licence.

The rule relating to not wearing headphones is still being disregarded and difficult to police. Some additional publicising could be useful. Littering during races was discussed after the Conwy Half Marathon disqualified people who inconsiderately littered their plastic water bottles rather than using the provided stations. Run4Wales are hosting a sustainability conference on 3rd December.

Mick McGeoch is to become the statistician for road and endurance events. He will attend the committee meeting every 6 months to ratify the records.

North Wales have been invited to send a team to the Whitchurch 5k. PB will look into the feasibility of this and reply.

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New medical guideline will come into play in the near future. TM explained that for many races, this will not alter their medical provisions and in many cases will be a lower level as it is the minimum requirement. Run Britain will promote the use to race organisers.

There is a need for additional course measurers. Additional Event Adjudicators would also ease pressures on those currently performing the role.

8. Dates of the next meeting

A new governance calendar will come into play in 2020. Once we have received the window to hold a committee meeting, we will circulate potential dates and agree dates for 2020.