

WELSH ATHLETICS OFFICIALS COMMITTEE

TRACK AND FIELD

Minutes of meeting held on 30 October 2019 at CISS

1. PRESENT

Sue Hooper (Secretary & Starter/Marksman Rep), Joyce Tomala (T&F Committee), Lyn Cushing (East/TF), Lynette Harries (co-opted), Jeff Marsden (PF), Alan Currie (Track) and Zoe Holloway (WA).

2 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Received on behalf of Tom Marley (WA), Dave Jessett (Field) and Donald Melrose (West) Olive Dobson (Walks).

3. SELECTION OF CHAIR AND CONFIRMATION OF MEMBERSHIP

3.1 Following on from the recent WA AGM, the following members of the committee were confirmed: Sue Hooper (Secretary & SM rep), Joyce Tomala (T&F Comm), Jeff Marsden (PF), Dave Jessett (Field), Alan Currie (Track), Olive Dobson (walks), Lyn Cushing (East) and Donald Melrose (West).

3.2 It was noted that there were no regional representatives from North or South Wales and no timekeeper. It was suggested that Geoff Wickens be approached as a potential timekeeper representative. The committee unanimously agreed to Lynette Harries continuing as a co-opted member.

3.3 Joyce Tomala was unanimously selected as Chair of the Committee.

ACTION: To take to GC. No representatives on the committee from the South or North Regions.

Sue Hooper to approach Geoff Wickens as a potential Time Keeper representative on the committee.

4 INDOOR SELECTIONS/NOMINATIONS

4.1 An updated list of officials available for the indoor season was circulated. Discipline representatives had made provisional recommendations for the season and a number of amendments and additions were made. A small number of positions still need to be filled.

4.2 It was agreed that James Thie would be responsible for circulating information to officials for meetings organised by Cardiff Met.

4.3 It was noted that the proposed International Match was not included in the WA list of meetings. Confirmation is required that this meeting will not take place. It was felt that there is still a lack of proper information and communication from WA.

4.4 In the case of an official seeking a report in support of upgrading from L2 to L3, some doubt was expressed over whether an indoor meeting was sufficient for this purpose.

ACTION: Sue Hooper to confirm whether international match will go ahead.

5. ACTIONS FROM PREVIOUS MEETING

- 5.1 John Tanner has agreed to act as mentor to Daniel McKerlich
- 5.2 Confirmation is required of the date of the Officials Conference. A March date was suggested. It was agreed that this committee should be allowed to make some input into the content.
- 5.3 Sue and Zoe are in discussion on how best to approach officials on the subject of complying with DBS requirements and Safeguarding and Welfare. A communication from Dave Jessett said that the proposal to make S&W a mandatory requirement when renewing licenses has not yet been confirmed.
- 5.4 Daniel McKerlich has been advised to submit his proposed Para Athletics event to the appropriate WA committees.
- 5.5 Tom Marley's matrix on roles and responsibilities relating to various meetings was circulated. There was a view that too much is expected of the Officials Secretary and that there is too little input from WA. Some matters should be resolved by the competition providers. One particular area of concern was the responsibility for seeking officials where there are shortfalls. It was agreed that the document needs further revision.
- 5.6 Provisional Committee dates for 2020 have been made (see below)
- 5.7 Tony Balmont has received his get well card from the committee. He is making good progress and intends to be present at indoor meetings.

ACTIONS:

Regarding 5.2, Sue to discuss Officials Conference with Tom Marley.

Regarding 5.5, Sue and Joyce to have discussion with Tom Marley on reviewing the matrix.

6 MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

As agreed previously, minutes of previous meeting (19 September) were read at the end of the meeting. There were no issues arising, other than those discussed above, and the minutes were accepted as a true record.

7. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Zoe Holloway showed a copy of the new Welcome Pack for new officials. It will be included in the pack given to potential officials who attend tutorials.

8. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be held on Thursday 6 February 2020, when outdoor selections and nominations will be discussed.

Future meeting are proposed for the following dates:

Thursday 9 April 2020 (prior to outdoor season)

Thursday 10, 17 or 24 September. To be confirmed later depending on members' availability.

Thursday 29 October 2020 (indoor selections/nominations).

Venue for all meetings is likely to be CISS with a 6.00 start time but these will be confirmed later.

