



NORTH WALES REGIONAL ATHLETICS COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON FRIDAY 14th FEBRUARY 2020

Present: P. Brooks (P.B.), D. Davies (D.D.), K. Hatton (K.H.), C. Backshall (C.B.), M. Blake (M.B.), J. Rogers (J.R.), E. Brewer (E.B.), A. Bowyer (A.B.), R. Godwin (R.G.) and B. Edwards (B.E.).

Apologies for Absence: A. Lewis, B. Frost, J. Hatton, L. Davitt, S. McCormack,

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

1.1 2(b) Chris Moss will arrange the courses through Disability Sports Wales.

1.2 4.0 The office in Cardiff confirmed that the additional Licence fee for our road relays did not apply as it was a “closed” event.

2.0 Chair’s address: K.H. reported on (a) J. Williams had written to her to say that the N. Wales 10 miles championships clash with the National cross country championships; she pointed out that at the time of awarding the Regional championships to the Rhyl event, no other race had applied for such (b) she had written to Chris Moss regarding the form that our annual application for funding from Welsh Athletics (W.A.) should take, but had had no reply. K.H. will draw an application based on our previous document (c) she reported on the sad loss of David Alun Williams and Ron Odinyia, who had both made a huge contribution to athletics both in the Region and Nationally (d) she thanked all involved with the Indoor track and field championships and the Regional cross country championships, both of which had been a success (e) she also thanked R.G. and Colwyn Bay A.C. for hosting the 10km road championships; P.B. commented that a third of all entries had qualified for the championships.

3.0 N. Wales championships’ seven-day closing date: the debate centred on the Regional cross country championships and R.G. reported that while they had accepted entries on the day, those athletes had not been given medals. He stated further that D. Peters had access to the W.A. database for registration, so were able to check without consulting the Cardiff office – which was closed over the Christmas and New Year holiday. It was agreed that this was acceptable provided that the organisers were able to maintain this facility. P.B. was tasked with drawing up an amended document with separate conditions for each discipline.



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4.0 Treasurer's report: D.D. reported on (a) the income and expenditure since the last meeting. (b) It was agreed that in future the charge for hiring our photo-finish equipment will be £225. This will include a payment to the operator of £75; he/she will also be paid travelling expenses of 25p per mile by the hirer. Mel Tomlinson, who currently stores the equipment as his home, will be asked to take out additional insurance for such and this Body will reimburse him the cost (c) All disciplines had submitted budget applications, which were provisionally agreed on the understanding that our annual grant from W.A. remains at the 2019/2020 level. K.H. will prepare a draft budget application, for final approval at the next meeting.

5.0 Regional road relay championships 2020:

K.H. reported that the Llanrwst Tri event is set for 6/9, the Lake Vyrnwy half marathon will be on 13/9 and the Conwy marathon – including the Regional championships is set for 27/9. There are several events in September, so it was agreed to set our date for 20/9; it was noted that this will clash with the Caernarfon half marathon on the same day. It was also agreed that the rules of this competition will be amended to exclude schools' entrants from the requirement to be registered with W.A.

6.0: Vacant Posts: P.B. had e-mailed all our Clubs seeking volunteers for the vacant posts of representative to the General Council and for a Track and Field Secretary, but as yet had had no volunteers.

7.0 Regional Reports:

7.1.1 Trail and Mountain/Fell: M.B. reported that (a) Huddersfield will host a junior international (b) the U.K. Inter Counties match will include an U/15 category (c) the date of the Regional championships is to be confirmed.

7.1.2. Cross Country: No report.

7.1.3. Road Running: P.B. reported that (a) 6 men and 4 women had competed for the Region in the Telford 10km, all 6 men ran under 34 minutes and all the women under 43 minutes; our first finishers were Owen Roberts (Hebog) in a p.b. of 31:27 and Amie Bagnall (Prestatyn) ran 37:15 (b) Edd Flynn (E. Port) and Amie Bagnall (Prestatyn) won the Regional 10km championships within the Twin Piers 10km; almost a third of that race's entries qualified for the championships (c) the Leeds Abbey Dash 10km has been confirmed as a short course and is to be officially re-measured (d) the Regional 10 miles championships are at Rhyl on 22/2 (e) the Nick Beer 10km is to be rescheduled for the 7/3.

7.2 Development Officers:

7.2.1 Barry Edwards reported on (a) the Regional indoor championships: 118 athletes entered 220 events, a successful event (b) the outdoor Regional championships are at Queensway S.C., Wrexham on 9/5 (c) at the National indoor championships, Zac Price (Menai) ran 6.96 in the U/20 60m and is entered for the U.K. championships in Sheffield (d) N. W. Wales have qualified for the Sportshall final in Cwmbran on 8/3 (e) details of forthcoming events, funding and workshops.

7.2.2 Eva Brewer read a written report covering: (a) the seven-year strategy plan has been launched (b) Regional Coordinators have held workshops and more are planned (c) the coaching audit is complete and another audit for officials is planned (d) a volunteer and mentoring workshop will be held at Deeside on 28/2 (e) a programme for 4-9 year olds is being trialled (f) summer camps to tie in with the Olympic and Paralympic Games (g) 350 children took part in a Sportshall event in Ruthin (h) proposals to update the competition pathway have been circulated (i) she reported on the N. Wales development day with B.E. (j) the membership survey (k) dates of forthcoming development events.

7.4 Secretary: P.B. had nothing to report.

7.5 Track and Field: C.B. reported that (a) many South Wales Clubs are preparing to phase out attendance at YDL meetings (b) there is support to no longer include the U/13 age-group in the Inter Region championships (c) a series of evening indoor open meetings at Coleg Cymru will cover sprints and jumps (d) there are proposals to lower the height of the barriers in U/17 steeplechase race, to no longer have jump-offs in high jump (e) Queensway S.C. in Wrexham is now the only stadium in the North to hold a Licence for events. (f) safety during pole vault competitions is being reviewed (g) an Inter Regional meeting to specifically discuss the I.R. championships will be held on 15/2; proposals include the return of U/20 and senior categories at the expense of U13's and to remove the walks and 400m hurdles.

8.0 Officials Secretaries:

8.1 Endurance: P.B. reported on the meeting of 18th November (a) the only way to reach level 5 is through track and field (b) courses for adjudicators (c) the front and back of Club vests can now have different designs (d) courses for level 1 and 4 are being reviewed (e) risk awareness courses will remain off-line (f) W.A. want a minimum of 6 weeks for a Licence application to be granted (g) P.B. will be responsible for mentoring endurance officials in the North (ctd page 4)



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8.1.1. (ctd.) (h) renewal certificates of accuracy are to be scrapped (i) W.A. are looking for more course measurers.

8.2 Track and field: no report.

8.3 Rules and eligibility: No report.

8.4 Development Plan: K.H. to update the Regional Development Plan for 2020/2021.

8.5 Schools: A.B. reported that W.S.A.A. cross country championships are at Brecon on 11/3.

9.0: A.O.B.: Approval was agreed for a budget of £200 to cover the costs of the planned multi-event development days. This will be included in the budget application to W.A.

10.0: Dates and Venues of the next meetings: The next meeting will be held at Eirias Park Leisure Centre on Friday 17th April, and will commence at 7.00 p.m.