



**NORTH WALES REGIONAL ATHLETICS COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON FRIDAY 22nd MARCH 2019**

Present: P. Brooks (P.B.), D. Davies (D.D.), J. Hatton (J.H.), K. Hatton (K.H.), M. Green (M.G.) and L. Davitt

Apologies for Absence: A. Lewis, D. Doyle, A. Bowyer, R. Mackey. C. Backshall, B. Edwards, R. Frost, D. Harris, B. Harris, E. Brewer, J. Messum, M. Blake and S. McCormack.

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

1.1 11.0 K.H. reported that the dates of all the further meetings this year have been booked at Eirias Park Leisure Centre.

1.2 1.2 A.L. had written to say that he had contacted the office in Cardiff, who had confirmed that it would not be necessary for a race referee to walk the entire course of an event, but that he/she would have to liaise with the Race Director for confirmation that all the officials were in the correct places.

2.0 Chair's address: K.H. reported on (a) Rheagan Edwards (Deeside) had set a new Regional U/17 best for 10km at the Chester race (b) Matt Willis (Wrexham) had won the U/20 male title at the C.A.U. Inter County cross country championships, with the North's team placing 10th overall (c) Jonathan Osborne has qualified for the Welsh Sportshall final as an individual (d) Dave Bennett (Ellesmere Port) has set a new M40 Regional record for half marathon at Wrexham, while Andrew Davies (Stockport) has set an all-time Regional best for the same distance in Barcelona. (e) Daniel Weston (Wrexham) and Gemma Wathan are in the Wales team for the Anglo Celtic Plate 100km international in Perth (f) K.H. and P.B. had been in discussion with Denbigh Harriers and the Club have amended their website and paperwork as required by this committee and now conform to the requirements to host the trail running championships. The meeting agreed. P.B. will notify them. It was agreed that in principal, events being held for the first time, in any discipline, would not be allocated Regional championships. (g) K.H. suggested that items such as our Constitution should be added to our Facebook page; this was agreed.

3.0 Clubs Conference in the North: With the absence of those advocating for this meeting, it was agreed to refer the matter to the next meeting on May 3rd.

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4.0 Treasurer's report: D.D. reported on (a) the income and expenditure since the last meeting. (b) he had received a cheque for in excess of £53, but did not know what it was in reference for (c) he had not received any entry fees from the N.W.J.C.C.L. for last season; K.H. will write to B. Frost for information and to request a copy of the accounts (d) K.H. had prepared a budget application which was approved; it was agreed to include an amount of £1,250 as a separate allowance for medals. The budget details will be circulated to all Clubs with the minutes of this meeting.

5.0 Regional road relay championships:

The proposal was discussed at length and amendments made to the age-groups and the distances to be run. The date of 15th September and the venue of Llandudno Promenade were confirmed. Full details of the final programme will be sent to Clubs with the minutes of this meeting. It was also agreed to invite schools, colleges and universities to send teams. J.H. will provide p.a. equipment and will commentate; he will also actively seek sponsorship to cover the cost of chip timing. P.B. will write to the Harbourmaster and Conwy C.C., as well as apply for a grant from the Community Chest.

6.0 Regional Reports:

6.1 Trail: Nothing further.

6.2 Development Officers:

6.2.3. E.B. had sent a written report covering (a) the new Welsh Athletics website became operational on March 19th (b) Club affiliation must be concluded before the end of next April (c) asking Clubs interested in Leadership in Running courses to contact her (d) a Run Leaders event on 7th April at Prestatyn Cricket Club (e) proposed park runs in Ruthin and a 5km junior run in Conwy (f) Regional courses (g) dates for meetings and close of applications for Community Chest in Conwy, Wrexham, Flintshire and Denbighshire.

7.2. Cross Country/Road:

7.2.1 R.F. had sent (a) budget proposals for cross country for the 2019/2020 season (b) details of the Regional teams' results at the C.A.U. championships, at which all the age-group teams finished in the top 40 and Matthew Willis winning the U/20 men's race. The N.W.C.C.A. A.G.M. IS on Friday May 3rd at Clywedog Sports Centre, Wrexham.



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7.2.2 P.B. reported that (a) Tomos Roberts (Meirionnydd) and Amie Bagnall (Prestatyn) had won the half marathon championships in Wrexham, while Martin Green and Gemma Moore (both N.W.R.R.C) had won the 10 miles championships in Rhyl (b) A Regional men's team of Craig Davies (Buckley), Darren Blazier (Abergele) and Ryan Davis (Wrexham) and women's team of Rachel Shipley (Abergele), Sian Beck (Prestatyn) and Jay Jennions (Deestridders) had both won their races at the Knighton 20m miles relay race in Staffs (c) only 3 men and no women entered the Regional marathon championships at Wrexham on 17th March; the winner was Ian James (Wrexham) (d) the first development match, against Staffs County, is the Stone 10km on 16th June; teams have been selected and athletes notified (e) so far nine Clubs have responded positively to the proposed road relay championships and will send teams (f) An additional development event has been added, the Flintshire 10km on October 20th, and Staffs County are attending (g) the Anglesey 10km was found to be a short course. Race referee Dafydd Ellis is meeting the organisers to discuss the error and find a way forward (h) K.H. felt that it would be useful for race adjudicators/referees to ask for a dynamic risk assessment on the day of each event.

7.2.3. M.G. reported that the combined committee meets next on 27th March.

7.2.3. Secretary: P.B. had nothing further to report.

7.3 Mountain and Fell/Trail:

A. Lewis had sent a copy of the new Licence application paperwork for mountain/hill/trail races, including an amended referee's report form. It was agreed that the awards for Masters in Regional trail and fell/mountain championships should be for the first three qualifying finishers in ten-year categories up to and including 70+.

8.0 Officials Secretaries:

8.1 Endurance: P.B. reported that the W.A. meeting had now been rearranged for 9th April.

8.2 Track and field: The sub-committee meet on Tuesday 26th March. It was agreed to invite schools to compete in the Regional championships. The floor in the N.W.I.A.C. is being repaired.

8.3 Rules and eligibility: No report.

9.0: Regional Development Plan: K.H. stated that the plan has been incorporated into the Region's application to W.A. for funding in the next financial year.

10.0: A.O.B.: (a) There will be a need to amend the Constitution, which has remained unchanged since 2010. This will be added to the A.G.M. agenda.



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10.0 A.O.B. (Ctd): (b) it was noted that the Cardiff office had confirmed that Ruthin Tri Stars are no longer affiliated to Welsh Athletics.

11.0: Dates and Venues of the next meetings: The next meeting will be held at Eirias Park Leisure Centre on Friday 3rd May, and will commence at 7.00 p.m.