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### *Microsoft Teams Meeting*

*Present:* Kay Hatton (KH) (Chair)  
Paul Brooks (PB) (Secretary)  
Eva Brewer (EB) (Development Officer, N.E. Wales)  
Barry Edwards (BE) (Development Officer, N.W. Wales)  
John Hatton (JH) (N.W.R.R.C.)  
Zoe Holloway (ZH) (Welsh Athletics, Officials and Volunteer Development Officer)  
Rebecca Jones-Morris (RJM) (Menai Track and Field)  
Paul Povey (PP) (N. Wales Safeguarding Officer)  
Andy Wheetman (AW) (Menai track and Field)  
Arwel Lewis (AL) (Welsh Athletics Mountain/Trail Running Secretary)

### *Papers circulated in advance:*

Mountain running report, Arwel Lewis

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List of N. Wales Level one officials, Zoe Holloway

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**1. Apologies For Absence 7.00 p.m.**

Dilwyn Davies, Neil Edwards, Crispin Backshall.

**2. Declarations of Interest 7.05 p.m.**

None declared.

**3. Actions from Previous Meeting (10.12.2021) 7.10 p.m.**

All actions dealt with, and Denbigh Harriers have confirmed that they will host the Regional trail championships within the Fairy Freckled Cow trail race on Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> July. Entries are not open currently.

**4. Zoe Holloway: report and discussion on the planned Regional Development Day, 13<sup>th</sup> March: 7.15 p.m.**

Z.H. gave full details of the planned event and was disappointed at the low numbers that had expressed interest. However, it was agreed to continue with the event and again circularise the Clubs and will remind individuals to express their interest as detailed in the link (**Action 1. P.B. to action**) and consider broadening the age-groups catered for. It may be possible to hold another such event later in the year. An improved communications platform especially for track and field was discussed

**4. (Ctd.)**

and K.H. will contact Jozie Postles, W.A. communication manager. (**Action 2 K.H. to action.**) It was also agreed that a draft proposal be

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drawn up for the A.W. A.G.M. that a set fee should be paid to race referees and adjudicators as part of the Event Licensing system. **(Action 3. P.B. to action.)**

### 5. Chair's Report

7.30 p.m.

K.H. reported on:

(A) the new posts at Welsh Athletics: Neil Taylor Para-athletics Pathway Coordinator [from 1st December 2021]; Carl Williams Safeguarding and Compliance Officer [from 17th Jan 2022]; Rhys Williams National Talent Development Coordinator- Sprints & Hurdles [from 4th Jan]; Jozie Postles Communications Manager [from 10th Jan]; Alex Donald Endurance Competitions Manager [from 17th Jan].

(B) The Regional 10 miles championships at Rhyl had been won by Scott Nixon (Cardiff) and Rachel Shipley (Abergele); she had posted a report on the Region's website. She will also add reports on the Regional Indoor and Cross Country championships, when they are received.

(C) The Regional 10km championships within the Twin Piers race has been rescheduled to Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> April.

(D) Welsh Athletics are trialling an updated system for the registration system; if successful it will come into operation on 1<sup>st</sup> April.

### 6. Discussion and A.O.B.:

7.50

(A) The minutes of the previous meeting were agreed with no matters arising.

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(B) K.H. had produced a proposed budget for the planned Regional Road Relay championships, on 23<sup>rd</sup> April, which predicted a possible loss of £60+ based on entries received at the previous holding of the event. B.E. agreed to provide the medals from existing stock for the under-11 age-group. It was agreed that a loss up to and including £200 would be acceptable. K.H. reminded Clubs that if they enter teams, they must

provide at least one person to marshal the course. **(Action: 4. P.B. to confirm with SJAB and the Harbour Master's Office that we will proceed with the event and email all Clubs with information.)** P.B. and J.H. to attend a Conwy S.A.G. meeting on 15<sup>th</sup> March.

(C) A.L. gave details of his written report; it was agreed that he will select an event to host the Regional Mountain Running championships. **Action 5: A.L. to confirm date and venue of selected championship event.**

(D) Eban has stood down as Regional Officials Secretary for track and field due to an increase in his duties at his full-time work. The position is now vacant.

(E) Treasurer's Report: Dilwyn had sent written details of the balances in the Regional accounts. P.B. had received a cheque for £1,000 from the sponsor of the Regional road running development scheme.

### 6. Discussion and A.O.B. (ctd):

(F) Road Running Team Manager's Awards: P.B. had given awards to Ryan Davis (best male performance), Rachel Shipley (best female



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performance), Scott Nixon (best debut) and Troy Kettle (best young athlete).

(G) K.H. gave details of the current figures in our annual budget. Allowing for the additional grant for medals from Welsh Athletics, there will be an overspend of £270 on the allocated figure for this item. It was agreed to fund this amount from our current funds.

(H) The meeting congratulated Roger Harrison-Jones on being given the Meritorious Service Award from Welsh Athletics.

(I) B.E. and E.B. reported on the proposed Junior track and field league, the response to which had been mixed. Further details will be requested from Rhiannon in the Cardiff office.

(J) P.P. had had an on-line meeting with Carl Williams, the new National Safeguarding Officer (S.O.) for Welsh Athletics. Each Club must now have both a male and a female S.O. and a list is being compiled of such for each Club in the North. Courses for safeguarding are available on-line for £10.

### 6. (Discussion and A.O.B. (ctd):

(K) E.B. asked if it would be possible for our meetings to be held on different days to the traditional Fridays and with an earlier start **Action 6:**

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It was agreed that this would be trialled with the next meeting to now be held on Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> April.

(L) Denbigh Harriers and Clwb Dwt Have new secretaries. **Action7: P.B. to email Clubs with the details.**

(M) Website expenses of £47.40p agreed.

(N) Approval was given for C. Backshall to order more Regional vests from the supplier.

- 7. Date of Next Meeting:** to be held via Microsoft Teams on Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> April at the earlier time of 6.30 p.m.



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