

WEST WALES REGIONAL ATHLETICS COUNCIL



Minutes – West Wales Regional Athletics Council Wednesday 20th October 2021

Microsoft Teams Meeting

Present:	Rob Champion	Chairman
	Nathan Jones	Secretary
	Andrew Jenkins	West Wales Club Manager
	John Elward	Officials Secretary
	Steve Hames	Officials Committee Representative – Endurance
	Kevin Tobin	Road Running & Cross-Country Committee Representative
	Dic Evans	Trail, Mountain & Fell Running Committee Representative
	Jake Morgan	Track & Field Committee Representative
	Wayne/Kelly Griffiths	Pembrokeshire Harriers

1. **Apologies** Les Cuthbert, Jennifer Boyce

2. **Declarations of Interest** None Declared

3. **Discussion**

a) Matters arising from previous meeting – April 2021

Minutes from the previous meeting in April were circulated by email and were checked for accuracy. Accepted as a true record.

b) Welsh Athletics Inter-Regional Cross Country Championships Selection Race – Cardiff Cross Challenge

The Cardiff event was the selection race for the Welsh Inter-Regional Cross Country Championships at Brecon on Saturday 20th November. Top 15 from U13, U15, U17, U20, Seniors & Masters age groups on the day have been selected from Cardiff Cross Challenge Results on Saturday 16th October. Athletes will be notified via club secretary/coaches in due course. Reserves / athletes that were unable to compete in Cardiff have been asked to shown interest should spaces arise.

c) West Wales Indoor Athletics Championships 2022

West Wales Indoor Athletics Championships due to be held on 15th/16th January 2022 at Swansea University Indoor Athletics Track but at present, the track is restricted to 60 people including athletes, parents, spectators, officials. As a result, it was agreed that it was not possible and practical to organise the championships in its normal format in 2022 at Swansea (West Wales venue).

It was proposed to incorporate the West Wales Indoor Championship events within the Welsh Athletics Junior Indoor Open at Cardiff on 5th December and 9th January (U13,

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U15, U17) / or incorporate in the Welsh Athletics Junior & Senior Indoor Championships at Cardiff in January and February 2022.

Possible/an idea to perhaps organise an U11 event (boys and girls AM and PM) at Swansea in January depending on restrictions at the time.

d) Endurance Officials Secretary new role

New role being advertised by Welsh Athletics to support Endurance Officials in each region. It was agreed for Welsh Athletics (Zoe) to advertise this role & description via the website and social media for interest.

4. Reports

a) General Council

No report available.

b) Track and Field Committee

Decision not to hold West Wales Indoor Athletics Championships in 2022 in its normal format.

c) Officials Committee- Endurance

No report available.

d) Officials Secretary

Welsh Athletics have sent a spreadsheet of all the officials in West Wales to John Elward and new officials that have attended training courses are also passed on.

e) Road Running/Cross Country Committee

All cross country fixtures have been confirmed for the season until March. The M&D Care Llanelli Half Marathon on 31st October is the Welsh championship road race. There are junior opportunities available to represent Wales at Liverpool and Belfast, more details available on the Welsh Athletics Website.

f) FMR Committee

It is hoped that a Welsh Trail Championships will be held next year in mid Wales (provisional 30th April). Meeting to be arranged in due course.

g) Welfare Officer

No report available.

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h) West Wales Club Manager Update – Andrew Jenkins

Since the sport has returned earlier this year;

Affiliated members in clubs in the region are increasing slowly since athletics activity has returned, school events are returning now which includes the Afan Nedd Tawe Secondary Schools & Colleges Development Races which was held in Gowerton on 18th October. Brianne Secondary Schools event was due to take place in Ammanford on 19th October, postponed until after half term. Steve Jones is leaving his role at Welsh Schools AA and Safeguarding & Welfare Officer at Welsh Athletics at the end of October. Safeguarding & Welfare role has been out to advert in the past month. Job advert out at present – Endurance Competitions Officer to assist competitions team.

i) Financial Report

Balance at present (October 20) - Community Account: £1,231.27, Savings Account: £15,480.14

5. **Correspondence** None

6. AOB

Confirmed: The West Wales Cross Country Championships will be held at Pembrey Country Park (in the region) on Saturday 4th December. Medals to be awarded to the first three in the under 11, under 13, under 15 and under 17 age groups on the day, other age groups at a later date once official results are available to work out who are eligible athletes (under 20, seniors, masters)

New proposals for the Youth Development League in 2022: three double headers across one weekend – 1 LAG Saturday; 1 UAG Sunday and two fixtures over two weekends in the summer. Having double headers could be an issue for some clubs e.g hosting, having enough officials. Unsure at present whether the league will revert back to 2019 divisions or if the league will run as in 2020 (divisions for clubs in Wales only and England only)

7. **Date of Next Meeting** Wednesday 8th December at 7:00pm