



WELSH ATHLETICS
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Welsh Athletics Track and Field Committee.

Minutes of Meeting held on Wednesday 21st March 2018.

Venue: Welsh Institute of Sport Sophia Gardens with a video link.

Present.

Lynne Brier (Chair); Joyce Tomala (**JT**)(East); Kath Elias (**KE**) (WSAA); Judith Gooding (**JG**) (Secretary); Rhiannon Linington-Payne (**RL-P**); Ruth Powell (**RP**), Lynette Harries (**LH**)

1. Apologies.

James Williams, Scott Simpson, Emma Wiltshire, Sue Hooper, Crispin Backshall.
Darran Williams, Jake Morgan,

2. Records - None discussed.

3. Matters arising from previous meeting.

- 3.1 Triple Jump – Graham Webb had sent the secretary an email expressing his concerns that the triple jump was not going to be revised. The secretary is to contact to update him of the situation. **KE** informed the meeting that Adrian Palmer's presentation given to Welsh Schools had changed slightly and that Welsh Schools decided that U15 B triple jump will be reinstated to the championships and would mean U15 G triple jump could be initiated to ensure parity. Also, there will no U14 B triple jump in the cup but there would be an U16G competition with a limited run up, as a compromise.

LH suggested that bullet points from the Welsh Schools meeting should be taken to the General Council meeting. The secretary to ask Steve Jones to forward these. (Also that this needs to be done for all committees).

- 3.2 No feedback from James as yet re clubs representatives. He has informed the committee that he will attend the next meeting to give an update. (Needs to be actioned as it's been ongoing and we need clarification on their roles).
- 3.3 Officials Committee – Committee members agreed that JT will, from now on, attend the Officials Committee meetings, as representative on behalf of the Track and Field Committee. The secretary will act as representative on the General Council, with the chair deputising if needed.

4. UK Guidelines and Principles

JT brought up the point that the guidelines issued by UKA are not clear and maybe need clarification.

The committee were informed that all our matches in Wales are level 1 permits.

YDL matches are all permitted at Level 1 (permits are available for download from the YDL website) the National finals are Level 2. As all YDL matches are already permitted Welsh clubs hosting don't need to apply for one, unless they believe they fulfil the criteria for a Level 2 permit- in which case they need to apply to UKA for L2.

Televised are level 3.

Home Internationals are level 2.

It was suggested that Welsh Athletics make their own format. This will be an agenda item for the May meeting. Points as follows:

- Meeting managers when writing their reports for Welsh Athletics to suggest improvements, this would be for all meetings. Already done for championships, but recommended for all matches where possible
- EDM and photofinish to be at all matches, where possible,
- Welsh Athletics would cover expenses for meeting managers.
- Welsh Athletics to look at a £5.00 licensing fee, want feedback on that. **JT** asked whether that would be favourable to UKA, had anyone sought to ask.
- UKA introducing the Track Mark Portal in 2019 after piloting this year.

(**RL-P** to send copies out to the committee members)

LH asked for clarification on who does what on reports (Assessors, Chiefs etc). **KE** suggested a simple form with tick boxes and comments. A more simple form would be an excellent idea, which would not take too much time.

We are struggling to find officials to act as meeting managers etc and if there is too much paperwork to fill in we will find it difficult to find volunteers for these roles.

UKA Rule Changes - Changes to weight of shot, plus time of attempts gone down from 1 minute to 30 seconds. (A summary of changes have been sent out to clubs)

LB mentioned that there is a Photofinish course to be held on Saturday 6th and Sunday 7th April. This will be more technical and will show how to set up the equipment rather than the operating side.

5. **Selections**

The new format for athlete selection seems to be working well. Selectors are all in place and have all received the information. There was a lot more discussion around selection.

6. **Meeting Dates**

JG to contact Jaqueline Brace to change the date of the July meeting to Tuesday 24th at Cardiff Athletics Track, with Skype to North Wales. (That date may also be a problem, awaiting confirmation)

As some people cannot get to meetings on a Wednesday. Days to be varied for people to be able to attend.

7. Competition Updates

RL-P reported that Tom Marley has taken over as operational lead for competition, and education. Tom will be attending the Track and Field meetings and Official Committee meetings and will be invited to the next ones in May.

Debrief meeting. to be arranged as soon as possible for during the day on 5th April. **JT** to attend as representative of track and field.

Scotland have expressed an interest in attending the Welsh Outdoor U20 International Competition on 25th July 2018 in Swansea.

2018 Celtic International going ahead in Scotland, but its future is not clear.

Domestic Competition Updates –

There will be 4 endurance meetings across the regions. The dates are follows:

25th April – Cardiff Met

30th May – Neath TBC

27th June – Swansea TBC

1st August – Newport

They are all on Wednesday evenings and are 800m and 1500m distance.

Welsh Athletics open meetings:

Colwyn Bay – July/August on Friday evenings.

Regionals and Inter Regionals to be in the same format for 2018, to be reviewed in the coming months. Brecon being used for 2018. Aberdare will not be ready until 2019.

New rule books are out soon and to be posted out to officials.

8. AOB

John Elward had supplied a report on officials, giving the numbers of officials of different levels. There are not as many level 3 officials as we really need. To be referred to Welsh Athletics.

We need further clarification of the new requirements and guidance re health and safety etc. Level 1 officials need to be encouraged to work towards to level 2.'s.

(See John's report previously sent out)

LH Commented that we don't have enough officials for the summer season plus we need a more long term plan for recruitment, plus mentoring.

More flexible working days for officials with more flexibility will be brought up at the officials meeting on Thursday 22nd March. (Some clubs are already encouraging this)

From the East – (Take to General Council) **JT** stated that it was noted that **Rhymney Valley** athletes had been missed off **SS** report from the Indoor Championships at Sheffield.

There may have also been some from other of the smaller clubs. This needs to be passed back to the performance team.

There was a lack of junior athletes at the combined events. The question was asked of the promotion of this event. It was suggested that coaches/clubs may need to help by promoting to their junior members.

In the past athletes were contacted to ascertain their availability.

An agenda item for May meeting – Alan Currie to be invited to clarify, if possible, the Championship Best Performance issue. If not by a Welsh athlete they have not been recognised as best performances. This applies to the senior and U20 championships only.

Date and Venue of next meeting.

To be held on Tuesday 24th June 2018 at 18:30 at Welsh Institute of Sport Sophia Gardens, Cardiff with video link to Plas Menai

Agenda items for next meeting

To be received by the secretary for collation and distribution. AOB to be presented in the meeting.

The meeting finished at 8.20pm