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WELSH ATHLETICS MOUNTAIN & TRAIL RUNNING COMMITTEE MEETING

7:45pm THURSDAY 1st FEBRUARY 2024 VIA TEAMS

- 1. MEMBERS PRESENT:** (DE) Neal Hockley (NH) Sharon Jones (SJ) Arwel Lewis (AL) Steve Livett (SL) Tom Meredith (TM) Steve Mitchell (SM – WA Representative) Matthew Roberts (MR) Peter Ryder (PR) and Owain Schiavone (OS)
- 2. APOLOGIES:** Mike Blake.
- 3. ACTIONS FROM THE PREVIOUS MEETING/KEY POINTS:** (SM) Received 23 athlete responses to the questionnaire regarding which events they valued most, regional, national, and international. The Snowdon Race (Ras y Wyddfa) came out on top with not much between the Trofeo Vanoni Relays and the Senior Home International. (PR) has a list of possible sponsor options for the Trofeo event. (SM) to provide (PR) with Welsh Athletics headed paper. (SM) Welsh Athletics will allow sponsorship logo's on running kit. (AL) suggested the Cilcain race incorporate the Welsh Athletics Inter-Regional championships for 2024 with the event also being our "Short" race championships. (DE) queried if more toilet provisions would be required and whether there was a budget from Welsh Athletics to provide these? (MR) doubted if they would be required as the event has coped well in the past when well attended with spacious vehicle parking (Field) and other facilities. The event coincides with the annual Cilcain Show. (PR) Expressed a desire to see more Welsh championships events in South Wales in the future. (AL) suggested Sugar Loaf at Abergavenny as a possible venue for the B&I junior trial race & junior Welsh Athletics Championships (TM) & (PR) expressed concerns about the desolate location with no amenities available on the mountain. (DE) suggested the Hafod area in Mid-Wales where he has staged events in the past (AL) to explore that option with (DE) advice. (AL) to check with this year's event hosts (Ireland) on the event logistics, race distances, height terrain etc.
- 4. INTERNATIONAL/NATIONAL/REGIONAL CALENDAR UPDATES:** (TM) and (PR) again expressed their frustration at finding suitable regional championship venues due to most events being licenced via the WFRA, dual licencing with Welsh Athletics and the WFRA is a possibility but event organisers prefer the WFRA option (More paper work and the requirement for a race referee via the W/A method) (PR) and (TM) have their regions, possible race venues to explore. (AL) reminded the regional reps of the British Inter-Counties Mountain Running Championships at Keswick on Sunday 21st April (16.3km/900m)
- 5. BUDGET:** (SM) Still the status quo with less budgets across all sports being provided.
- 6. 2025 WALES EVENT HOSTS (UKA Fell & Hill Running Relays – B&I Championships)** (AL) Welsh Athletics have been tasked with organising the British & Fell Relays and the British & Irish Junior Mountain Running Championships in 2025. The last two relay editions held in Wales have been in Llanberis hosted by the Eryri Harriers. (AL & SM) to check if there are other clubs in Wales capable of hosting the event? (SM) to email Alex Donald regarding the two events. (AL) to email (SM) with the UKA Fell & Hill Relay rules & guidelines.
- 7. AOB:** Development Day. (NH) was hoping to use the same venue at Plas y Brenin on Sunday 21st April and would seek shared funding for the event from the WFRA (venue hire etc) (PR) Will check on possible dates for the South region, late March was an option?
- 8. Date of Next Meeting: Thursday 21st March 2024 at 7:45pm.**