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WELSH ATHLETICS MOUNTAIN, TRAIL & ULTRA RUNNING COMMITTEE MEETING
7:45pm THURSDAY 21st MARCH 2024 VIA TEAMS

- MEMBERS PRESENT:** Sharon Jones (SJ) Arwel Lewis (AL) Steve Livett (SL) Steve Mitchell (SM – WA Representative) Peter Ryder (PR)
- APOLOGIES:** Mike Blake. Dic Evans. Neal Hockley. Tom Meredith. Matt Roberts. Owain Schiavonne. Colin Frolely.
- ACTIONS FROM THE PREVIOUS MEETING/KEY POINTS: (SM)** Tom Meredith is foreseeing staging a junior championships/trial race at Sugar Loaf next year providing that all of the logistics are in place and there are no unforeseen issues with an event that he is organising there this year. Tom has a regional event in mind for the East as does (PR) (AL) to confirm a date/venue for the North Region. (OS) not in attendance to confirm the West region's venue/date? Trofeo Vanoni Relays sponsorship possibilities to be led by WA following (PR) list of possible sponsor alternatives. (SL) W/A running vests now have the sponsor logo (Mind) (AL) has made initial contact with Meirionnydd running club regarding staging the 2025 British Hill Running Relays. (AL) No confirmed Welsh venue for the 2025 British & Irish Junior Mountain running championships. The logistics involved are far ranging from team/s accommodation, catering and course accessibility nearby. Development days (SJ) Neal Hockley due to possible work commitments has confirmed a date of 21st April for the North. (PR) Possibly June for the South region? A venue is still required for the Welsh Athletics Junior Championships/B&I Trial race (AL) to liaise with (DE) over Easter regarding the possibilities of staging the event at Hafod Forest, nr Aberystwyth? Otherwise, Moel Eilio, Llanberis would be explored.
- INTERNATIONAL/NATIONAL/REGIONAL CALENDAR UPDATES:** Regional – As above. Regional reps currently in the process of selecting their teams for the British Inter-Counties at Keswick. Senior Home International teams are to be selected after the GB European Uphill only trial race. Currently, six Welsh athletes have entered the event. (SL) confirmed the selection panel for the Senior Home International, U18 Mountain Running Cup (Red Kite Junior Race/s) and the Trail de Guerledan 26km events (The Red Kite Challenge H/M) (SM) is unfortunately unable to attend the Red Kite trial races due to other commitments. (SM) has contacted several athletes regarding the international opportunities available to ascertain their interest.
- AOB:** (SM) Ultra Running is now assigned to the Mountain and Trail Running Committee with (AL) team manager of the Anglo Celtic Plate 100k this weekend (24th April) at Perth, Scotland. Ultra is very much part of the trail running calendar.
- Date of Next Meeting: Thursday 9th May 2024 at 7:45pm.**