

Minutes of General Council Meeting 5 March 2025

Present:

Lynne Brier (LB) – Chairperson (arrived later in the meeting)
 Joyce Tomala (JT) – Vice Chairperson / East Wales
 Kay Hatton (KH) – Chairperson North Wales
 John Hatton (JH) – North Wales
 Sharon Leech (SL) – Road / Cross Country
 Arwel Lewis – Mountain and Fell
 Rob Campion (RC) – West Wales
 Bernie Jones – Masters Forum
 Chris Moss – Welsh Athletics
 Christine Vorres
 Lynnette Harries

1. Apologies for absence

Fred Malkin, Gerald Davies, Chris Pratt, Graham Finlayson

2. Declaration of Interest

No declarations of interest declared.

3. Actions from previous meeting

See below:

Item Number	ACTIONS	Person responsible
5	Lack of safeguarding courses These are available online – Lynne will contact Blaina Gwent club directly to let them know.	LB
	Athletes renewal process – proposed changes are not now happening	
8	Welsh webinar to discuss changes to age groups. Ongoing – meeting for T & F representatives next week	
8	Officials' expenses and refreshment arrangements – Discussed at the T & F meeting and ZH will feed back to WA	ZH (WA)
8	Safeguarding Officials: Lynne contacted Carl Williams at Welsh Athletics and he suggested that any parent who abuses a volunteer be provided with a copy of the Codes of	

	<p>Conduct and asked to accept them, whilst pointing out that the levels of sanctions may include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Suspension from attending club training nights and events • Suspension from the club • Be required to leave the club 	
8	Reduction in permits to use National Resources Wales pathways for races. Ongoing – JW to contact Arwel.	

4. **Matters Arising:**

Officials' Refreshments: Sharon suggested a voucher be offered to officials to be used at the cafe in Cardiff Met to purchase 1 item food/ drink, at a reduced price (pre arranged). There's coffee/ tea available upstairs.

Action Point LB to ask WA if this could be done

Master's and Youth Forum members to join council – Bernie Jones has accepted an invitation to join the council. The Youth forum is a very recent set-up and is still in development stage

Action Point – LB ask Libby Steele at WA for update on progress before next meeting.

Chris Moss – Update

The members congratulated Chris on his imminent move to UK Athletics. Chris advised on recent staff changes at WA.

An update regarding T & F facilities was provided at T & F meeting. Process to feedback experience of facilities coming in the summer. Government funding has been announced for some areas.

5. **Regional Matters submitted to General Council for discussion:**

KH – Regional Grants – can these be increased to £2000. JW unable to commit at present but will review what funding is left from Modernisation Grants.

JT – Inter-Regional Forums – useful to discuss and share regional matters

Action Point – Ask JW to set up

JT – Noted that the South Region has not been represented at recent meetings, but that the joint regional TF champs are going ahead on 10th May at Aberdare

Action Point – LB speak to JW re South Region representation.

Reports submitted

There were no reports submitted in advance of the meeting.

6. Dates of future meetings:

Confirmed dates are as follows:

Wednesday 7th May 2025

Wednesday 16th July 2025 – (joint meeting with Board)

Wednesday 3rd September 2025

Wednesday 12th November 2025

7. Any Other Business

SL – Seeking feedback regarding the combined inter-regional cross country with Schools. Continue in this format? Also dates to hold meetings. WSAA/WA seeking feedback

RC- Pembrokeshire Harriers have suspended their Junior Section due to lack of coaches and very few juniors attending sessions.

JT – Ryan Spencer-Jones now employed by UKA

Action Point: LB ask JW to provide timely updates on staff changes

RC – Reports and images provided to WA regarding team competing at Armagh were not added to WA website.

Action Point LB Ask JW to ensure items are uploaded to site – and that members are made aware who to send the items to as several members were contacting different members of WA staff.

The meeting ended at 7pm.