

Group name:	Welsh Athletics Track and Field Officials Committees
Date/Time:	Wednesday 17 th November 2021. 6pm
Attendees:	Rhiannon Linington-Payne (RLP), Sue Hooper (SH), Joyce Tomala (JT), Lynette Harries (LH), Alan Currie (AC), Phil James (PJ), Zoe Holloway (ZH), Geoff Wickens (GW), Sue Maughan (SM), Jeff Mapps (JM), John Elward (JE)
Apologies:	None Received (ZH to make contact with Eban)
Secretariat:	Sue Hooper

Declared Conflicts

- PJ is an employee of Seiko timing provider.
- SM has a tutor training paid role with WA
- GW has a tutor training paid role with WA

Update on Actions reviewed from previous meeting:

- Succession Planning
JT provided an update following discussion at General Council. A group is being set up to look at this issue and will seek to co-opt members of General Council and other committees to the group. Further updates to follow
- Course costs
ZH to ask JM & EG to address at Regional meetings for thoughts about charging for courses. Suggestions included seeing what other organisations do regarding volunteer courses; YDL operate a voucher scheme
- Athlete to Official Programme
ZH & SH are reviewing Athlete to Coach Programme to determine aspects that can be applied to officiating. Plan in place to put out an expression of interest to athletes, with aim of getting between 5 & 10 that can go through together for support.

Key Points discussed /Decisions made

1. SM elected as Chair. Thanks given to JT for all her work in this role.
2. Co-opted Members - discussion around the need to align the skills and expertise of co-opted members with **purpose/roles/responsibilities of the committee and to support delivery of WA strategy.** Discussion focussed on adopting a flexible approach to who we co-opt onto the committee for an agreed period time.
This approach was agreed as a way forward for the next 12 months.
SM thanked LH for her role as a co-opted member
3. Competition Update (RLP)
Covid rules and regulations will follow Welsh Govt guidance in place at time
Indoors

- Combined events took place on the 7th Nov.
- Junior Opens 5/12/21 & 9/1/22
- Senior/U15 Champs 29th/30th Jan 2022
- Junior (U20/17/13) Champs 5th/6th Feb 022

Outdoors

- Senior/U15 Champs 12th/13th June 2022
- Junior (U20/17/13) Champs 13th/14th August 2022
- Event specific/league fixtures are in the process of being finalised.

RLP confirmed there would be an U15 league in the plans with a changed format. Finalised details are being worked on and will then be presented to clubs.

4. Officials Update (SH)

UK Indoor selections based on allocations

Diamond League – Dave Jessett – NTD; Sue Alvey & Ros Alterman - Field; Sue Hooper – Chief Starters Assistant

British Champs – Sue Maughan – NTD; Rory Mckerlich – Track; Chris Price & Becky Gibbs – Field; Sue Hooper – Callroom

Welsh Indoor meetings - SM/AC/GW/PJ made recommendations/nominations/selections for Chief/Management roles; good response of availability with priority for selection being given to WA Primary officials. All officials have been contacted by email

5. Education Update (ZH)

No courses delivered since September but planning underway for New Year Pilot run for TK course but not anticipated to go live until Jan 22

Tutor training rescheduled from Nov to Jan/Feb 2022 with venue TBC

Plans in place by UKA for an online Callroom course

Following launch of UKA Officials strategy 3 roadshows have been planned with planning underway for a Welsh session targeting all levels of officials plus club coordinators Regional Development days will be scheduled in March following the officials conference.

6. Officials Conference

Scheduled as a face to face conference on 6th March 2022

Ideas suggested included

- Facilitated discussions / ideas generation: paying volunteers / officials; cost of courses; revising the availability forms
- Callroom
- Top tips for Field Referees/COC/TM/MM/Start Co/CSA/T Referee/CTK/CPF for new officials stepping into them for the 1st time.
- Build on Official & Athlete conversation held last year with inclusion of a Parent or Coach to give their perspective of an official and vice versa.

7. Regional Reports

West: JE updating the West Officials list and investigating options to run Asst Official course for parents whilst children training . JE planning to visit clubs to try to discuss recruitment of officials. Challenges with holding regional indoor champs so combining with existing events.

East: JT updated that numbers of officials very low and has invited all T&F clubs to attend the regional meeting and will be visiting clubs in the New Year.

8. AOB

Thanks offered to ZH for all her hard work on the UKA officials strategy
 Congratulations to SM, PJ, Ros Alterman and Gwynn Elward on receiving Award of Honour and **John Tanner, Sally Higman & Nick Higman on the Meritorious Award**
Club box being added onto officials list

New Actions arising	Owner	Due Date
1. Meeting to be arranged to agree priorities for future meetings and identification of appropriate co-opted members	ZH (SM)	
2. Welsh Officials Selections - start team yet to be finalised for specific roles at the Indoor Senior & Junior Championships.	SH	19/12/21
3. Requests for field reports by officials will be picked up in summer selections (need for long throws)	SM	31/3/21
4. Clarity on feasibility of delivering face to face courses (or hybrid). Need to check with UKA	ZH	???
5. Suggestions for conference ideas to be forwarded to ZH JM to seek ideas from South; EG from North	ZH	TBC
6. In response to email from Dan McKerlich that he is not progressing, SH to speak to DK. Need to ensure a mentor is in place for him when taking on referee role	SH	06/12/21

Risks

Risks identified	Level	Mitigations
1.		

Next meeting **23rd February 2022.**

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