

**AGM & Meeting of East Wales Regional Athletics Council
1st Sept 2021, via Microsoft Teams**

**AGM 6:30pm start followed by EWRAC meeting
Minutes**

Attending: Joyce Tomala, Bethan Akanbi-Mortimer, Ruth Powell, Nicola Brunnock, Andrew Jones, Lorraine Clarke, Charlotte Moran, Christine Vorres, Tom Cole, Louise Camacho, Andrew Jones, Jeanette Jenkins
Apologies: Hilary Goodyer, Steve Mitchell, Paul Adams

- 1. Minutes of 2019 AGM**
- 2. Reports**
 - a. Finance Report – no changes in finance since last AGM due to Covid.
 - b. There may be discussions with Tom Cole regarding Development Plan and regional activities going forward.
 - c. Chair – see report from Joyce Tomala. Thank you's all around!
- 3. Notices of Motions**
- 4. Election of Officers**
 - a. Chair – Joyce Tomala will continue for next year.
 - b. Vice-Chair – Andrew Jones
 - c. Treasurer – Keith Matthews
 - d. Secretary – Bethan Akanbi-Mortimer
 - e. WA Member – Christine Vorres
 - f. Minutes Secretary
 - g. Welfare Officer – Jeanette Jenkins
 - h. Social Media Officer – Christine Vorres
- 5. Election of Committee Representatives**
 - a. WA General Council (2 representatives) – Joyce Tomala, Ruth Powell
 - b. WA Track & Field – Joyce Tomala
 - c. WA Cross Country/Road – Peter Sowerby
 - d. WA Trail/Mountain & Fell - tbc
 - e. Officials Track & Field – Sue Hooper
 - f. Officials Endurance – Christine Vorres
 - g. Sportshall – Gareth Oldham
- 6. Meeting closed at: 18:54**

EWRAC Meeting Agenda

- 1. Apologies**
- 2. Conflict of Interest (new declarations)**
- 3. Discussion points:**
 - i. Safeguarding to go back onto the agenda going forward due to update from WA.
 - ii. **Meeting with WA Chairs and Secretary** – Steve Jones is retiring as Safeguarding and Welsh Schools Athletics Officers, Tom Marley and Matt Elias have left WA. Yana has begun with coaching. Code of Conduct has been updated and Safeguarding has been updated. Nominations being accepted for WA awards (15yrs –Merit) (Honours -25yrs). Please inform region as we are happy to support nominations. Jeanette and Martin have been awarded regional awards – both have thanked everyone for the nominations.

- Action:** CV to update website with details on how to nominate for awards
- iii. **Interregional Champs (JT)** – This year there have been very few competitions and attendance has been poor. Region asked for nominations for u13's and u15's. All clubs had athletes attending and parents helped. Report is available on website but it was a delight to see the children compete again. JW has asked for IR Champs to be put on the next General Council Meeting. JT asked if the region would support teams going to events going forward.
 - iv. **Post Covid Concerns** - JT is concerned about how we are going to get things going again after covid. JJ asked if a joined up approach between the clubs, WA and regional sport development teams would be helpful? Nicola reported that they have lots of children attending their sessions but she feels that there is nothing for them to do other than xc and park run. CV suggested that clubs might like to consider hosting a junior event. JJ confirmed that Mynydd Ddu also has a strong junior group supported by families. RP has confirmed that numbers have not dropped at RVAC and the club have 198 on waiting list. RP feels that children are vulnerable at the moment and the children are very vary of competition. RP also feels that Clubs, Coaches, Volunteers and Parents have not really got back into things. CV reported that all the big races are low in numbers, including London Marathon and feels that we need to be patient and start with smaller local races. Lorraine Clarke confirmed that club numbers are where they were pre-covid but 92 of them were new park runners. JJ confirmed that 12-16 yr olds are no longer being accommodated by junior park run either due to new rules. JT feels that as a region we need to support with regional events and would ask clubs to come forward for support with this.
 - v. **EW Kit** – JT noted that vests are currently taking about 2 weeks to come in. Other kit items are taking longer.
Action: CV to update EW website kit page with details of ordering times. Total Teamwear are supplying kit.

4. Reports:

- i. **Safeguarding (JJ)** – a number of workshops were put on by WA which were very well attended by clubs in the region. Unsure how the required changes have been implemented in the region. Jeanette questioned whether clubs had updated their websites with the relevant information. JJ queried whether clubs would be following this up.
Action: JT to follow this up with WA and Tom Cole
- ii. **WA General Council (JT)**
- iii. **Track & Field (JT)** – Meeting on 14th July mainly focussed on getting T&F champs back up and running. Concerns raised around facilities in the region – Cwmbran not available due to vaccinations. Issues in Brecon but work going on in the school and we are not sure whether this has been resolved. Newport – incident with throwing cage at WA Champs which is now under RoSPA investigation. RVAC – track is open and available to book on CCBC website. Only track operational at present, no field events. Chris Moss is working on facility strategy and will give report at next T&F meeting on 13th Oct.
RP reported that RVAC had received email around coaching from Zoe Brown. Torfaen Leisure Trust and WA have tried to engage with Cwmbran to no avail. Joyce Tomala is concerned about Cwmbran and BGAC as both have been difficult to engage with. RP has said that she is happy to support a meeting with both clubs to find out what support is needed. Joyce Tomala will try and make contact with clubs at meeting at competition on weekend.
Action: JT to try and make contact with BGAC and Cwmbran and update at next meeting.
- iv. **Cross Country/Road** - proposed dates for Gwent League but not proposed venue as yet 16th Oct, 13th Nov, 4th Dec, 19th Feb, 19th Mar. Andrew Jones confirmed that there was a new Gwent League website. Jeanette confirmed that no information had been received about the Leeds Abbey Dash Competition. Any information about the CAU.
Action: JT to send email around to see if 16th Oct can be used as regional champs. 16th Oct is confirmed as Cardiff Cross Challenge event and ask when the IR champs would be held.

JT to email WA and Peter Sowerby to see if we can get some dates.

v. **Network Officers Update – no report**

vi. **Website** – Steve Mitchell sends regular updates. JT has sent IR Report.

5. Club Updates

Caerleon – will update at next meeting.

Nicola (Pontypool) agreed to update at next meeting with Caerleon.

Andrew Jones and Ruth Powell to update at 15th December Meeting.

6. Any other Business

Date of next meeting: 20th October 2021.