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**Meeting of East Wales Regional Athletics Council  
13 April 2022, via Microsoft Teams  
6:30pm start**

**Attendees:** Joyce Tomala, Charlotte Moran, Derek Osbourne, Randal Jones, Paul Adams, Jeanette Jenkins, Martyn Jenkins, Christine Vorres, Kieron Hearne.

1. **Apologies:** Nicola Brunnock, Lorraine Clarke, Bethan Akanbi Mortimer, Keith Matthews, Tom Coles and Steve Mitchell.
2. **Conflict of Interest** (new declarations) – None
3. **Looking after your Volunteers:**  
Christine gave a short presentation on managing and looking after your club/event volunteers. The members discussed barriers to volunteering and how to recruit and encourage future development.
4. **Finance Report**  
Keith couldn't attend the meeting but forwarded his report to Joyce.  
Going to end of the financial year, we have reserves of £5,227. Joyce stated that its impossible to get grants to cover transport costs for events. Joyce thanked Keith for his report.
5. **Safeguarding Update: (JJ)**  
No updates to bring to the meeting  
Carl Williams is supporting some clubs with their training of Safe Guarding officers
6. **Club Development Manager Update**  
See Tom Coles' Report attached. (1) Thanks to Tom for the report.
7. **Official's Update.**  
None from T&F, Endurance Officials – Christine told the meeting that WA are contacting Level 1 Officials to encourage them to progress to Level 2.
8. **Endurance Report (SM)**  
Positive feedback from Development days continues.
9. **Cross Country/Road Report**  
Derek stated that there had been a review of the cross country season just passed. He told the meeting that the Gwent League AGM will be held shortly and asked for clubs interested in hosting an event to get in touch early
10. **Cross Country CAU review (DM)**  
Attendance was not good due to clashes with other events, those who did attend enjoyed the experience

## **11. Track & Field Report (JT)**

See attached report from Joyce. (2)

Joyce also stated that in respect of facilities Newport may be out of commission until July and stressed that the lack of male sprinters u17 is very worrying.

The members discussed engagement with schools and development days for other disciplines (similar to the endurance /trail running development days). Revamp of the Welsh Junior Development league, hosting multi events over shorter days.

## **12. T & F Regional Champs Outdoors 2022 (JT)**

Entries for the regional champs will close on 28<sup>th</sup> April and there will be no late entries.

## **13. Inter-Regional T & F Champs (JT)**

10<sup>th</sup> July – Swansea is booked, but Aberdare is also a possibility that is being explored.

**(PMN – Aberdare confirmed as venue)**

## **14. General Council Report (JT)**

No reports.

## **15. Regional Development Plan: (JT)**

Only £3,000 of the £10,000 requested has been awarded. The possibility of purchasing an electronic start system is being explored.

## **16. AGM 2022 (JT)**

Notices of the AGM will be sent to all clubs – Joyce urged clubs to get involved and nominate candidates for the committee.

## **17. Website (CV)**

Christine advised club events were being added to the East Wales website. All club affiliation information and documents would also be added.

## **18. AOB**

**A.** Martyn Jenkins told the members that Paul Adams has agreed to take on the organising of the East Wales Clubs Road Championships. Paul advised which events he was considering and the members discussed options for suitable events.

**B.** Derek asked that clubs considering hosting a Gwent League put forward their proposals early – the AGM will be end May/June

**C.** A request for the Dolly Mixtures Club from Newtown to be moved into the N Wales region has been received and was approved by all present.

Joyce thanked everyone for attending the meeting

The meeting ended at 7:50pm

Date of future meetings, All meetings start at 6:30pm. Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> June 2022

- a. Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> August 2022
- b. Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> October 2022

c. Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> December 2022

Minutes Written by: Christine Vorres 19/04/2022

Minutes Seconded by:

## Appendix 1

### EWAC April 2022

#### 1. Affiliation Period

As you are aware April is re-affiliation month for Welsh Athletics and this year, we have moved everything to the new secretaries portal. [Myathletics.welshathletics.org](https://myathletics.welshathletics.org)

Although some have paid through the old system can **ALL** clubs ensure that they have been on to the new system to complete the club standards. The reason for this is that the new secretaries portal aligns all of our affiliation requirements in one place. It is highly likely that this will be the final affiliation through the old system, and I would encourage you all to get to know the new system. We currently have 2 videos available to help get to know the system and these will be accompanied by further videos and webinars throughout the year in order to ensure that all clubs will be ready to move to the new system before the next affiliation period starts.

New Secretaries Portal (full overview) -

<https://welshathletics.sharepoint.com/sites/WelshAthleticsFileSharing2/Shared Documents/Public Video Library>

New Secretaries Portal (Club Standards Guide) - <https://youtu.be/LG1t3hfkdTg>

#### 2. Stripe Payment System

As part of the new affiliation system clubs will need to create an account with stripe for the online payment section. The finance team are more than happy to support you through this process and again we will be running sessions over the coming months to ensure that there is an easy transition. If you need any assistance with setting up an account or any questions relating to the financial side of affiliation please contact the finance team [finance@welshathletics.org](mailto:finance@welshathletics.org)

#### 3. Common issues

There have been some common issues with clubs trying to affiliate through the new secretaries portal. There are some issues we are working with the developers in finding a solution such as some members not showing on athlete lists, if these are new members it can take up to 24 hours for them to show, the bigger issue is with those that have been inactive for a certain length of time and once we have a solution from the developer we will contact the clubs that have come forward with this issue. Others have found that they have not been able to complete the club standards, and this has primarily been for 2 reasons, a club does not have a constitution in place and/or the welfare officers have not been identified/do not have a valid DBS. These are mandatory fields that must be completed, if your club does not have a constitution I have attached a template for you to amend and you can find further information regarding DBS here: [DBS \(welshathletics.org\)](https://welshathletics.org)

April has primarily been focused around affiliation but away from that we have completed the following:

1. In the final stages of appointing a club officer at Newport Harriers  
WA are part funding a club officer role at Newport Harriers, we have in partnership interviewed candidates and have identified the successful individual and we are finalising contracts at this moment.
2. We have agreed to also place a Club Officer in RVAC  
Funding has been agreed to part fund a Club Officer at RVAC.
3. BGAC  
Supporting BGAC with the training of welfare officer following a review with Carl Williams.

4. WA have a new Para pathway lead  
Neil Taylor has the WA team to lead on Para opportunities to create a more inclusive offering across the athletics pathway.
5. WA Appointment  
Oliver Waterhouse has joined Welsh Athletics as part of the commercial team and will have a focus on developing member benefits that will be available through the myathletics portal.

Good new stories

As ever any clubs that want to highlight the positive work they have been doing please get in touch and we will arrange for a good new story Friday article on the club via Jozie Postles

Kind regards,

Tom

## Appendix 2

### Track & Field Report April 2022

Joyce Tomala

#### A. Facilities Update:

- a. Penlan Brecon, a repair schedule is now in place.
- b. Repairs to buildings at Newport Stadium ongoing through to July. Cage at Newport, awaiting confirmation from Sweden and UKA to ensure cage will be complaint, when repaired.

#### B. Medallists at Welsh Championships:

- a. Medals will be awarded to first three places in Welsh Senior Championships, with first three Welsh athletes awarded Medals if they don't finish in the first three.

#### C. Performance Programme Manager:

- a. Adrian Palmer WA Programme Manager has asked clubs to consider the following
  - i. Are the clubs within the Regions concerned about the current environment for Jumps and Throws (this is all aspects, participation, coaching, competition, facilities)?
  - ii. If there is a concern, how is each Region managing their own environments?
  - iii. Is there any knowledge, experience, ideas, initiatives (in addition to the work that is happening across RDP and NDP) that could be fed through this committee?, we all want 'Athletics' to be successful and most importantly an enjoyable and thriving environment for those involved?

#### D. Welsh Junior Development League: dates and venues

East		Date	Venue
1-99	Blaenau Gwent		
100 - 199	Cardiff Archers	11 <sup>th</sup> Sept	Cyncoed Campus
200 - 299	Cardiff Athletics	28 <sup>th</sup> May	CISC tbc
300-399	Cwmbran Harriers		
400-499	Hereford & County	21 <sup>st</sup> Aug	Hereford
500 - 599	Newport Harriers	16 <sup>th</sup> July	Aberdare

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1-99	Aberdare	28 <sup>th</sup> May 17 <sup>th</sup> July*	Aberdare
100 - 199	Barry & Vale Harriers		
200 - 299	Brecon	10 <sup>th</sup> Sept	Brecon
300-399	Pontyclun		
400-499	Rhondda AC	20 <sup>th</sup> Aug 17 <sup>th</sup> July*	Aberdare
		<i>Aberdare &amp; Rhondda Co-hosting 17<sup>th</sup> July*</i>	