**Minutes – West Wales Regional Athletics Council**

**Wednesday 7th April 2021**

*Microsoft Teams Meeting*

**Present:** Rob Campion Chairman

Nathan Jones Secretary

Andrew Jenkins West Wales Club Manager

Steve Hames Officials Committee Representative – Endurance

Kelly Griffiths Pembrokeshire Harriers

Wayne Griffiths Pembrokeshire Harriers

Bernard Henderson Port Talbot Harriers

Ryan Spencer-Jones National Talent Development Coordinator – Throws (Welsh Athletics)

1. **Apologies**  Sue Alvey, Les Cuthbert, Sally Wilson, Dic Evans, Jake Morgan
2. **Declarations of Interest** None Declared
3. **Discussion**
4. ***Matters arising from previous meeting – February 2021***

Minutes from the previous meeting on 12th February were circulated by email and were checked for accuracy. Accepted as a true record.

1. ***Competition Update / Provisional Track and Field Framework***

Provisional fixtures framework is available on the Welsh Athletics website. Possible local club events / run, jump, throw fixtures when restrictions ease in the coming weeks and months. The Welsh Athletics Track and Field Championships have been delayed and moved to August 2021. Possibility to have a larger scale event in the region such as a championship later in the summer over several days depending on the official numbers available.

1. ***Hosting of the Welsh Inter-Regional Track and Field Championships in 2021/2022***

The West Wales region were due to host the Welsh Athletics Inter-Regional Track and Field Championships this year (in 2021). The region has agreed to carry over and host the fixture in (August) 2022.

1. ***West Wales Outdoor Track and Field Championships in 2021***

West Wales Outdoor Track and Field Championships were due to be held on 9th May. In line with the decisions taken by the South, East and North Wales regions, the West Wales championships has also been postponed for the original date. Possibility to hold a championship if restrictions allow towards the end of the summer season should upcoming planned sporting pilot events be successful.

1. ***Junior Athlete Voice***

Welsh Athletics have been looking for a young person (Aged 15-19) to represent West Wales on the Junior Athlete Voice Panel and club athletes were invited to submit applications by 2nd April 2021. Three applications were received from the region by the closing date.

1. **Reports**
2. ***General Council***

The last General Council Meeting was held virtually recently, Rob Campion attended. Nothing to report.

1. ***Track and Field Committee***

The last Track and Field Committee was held virtually on Wednesday 7th April, Jake Morgan attended.

1. ***Officials Committee- Endurance***

No report available.

1. ***Officials Secretary***

The region is currently looking for an individual/s to take on this role.

1. ***Road Running/Cross Country Committee***

The next Road Running/Cross Country Committee Meeting is to be held virtually on Wednesday 14th April, Kevin Tobin will be attending.

1. ***FMR Committee***

No report available.

1. ***Welfare Officer***

No report available.

1. ***West Wales Club Manager Update – Andrew Jenkins***

* Schools Athletics conference has well in excess of 100 teachers booked to date, many are from schools within WW. Regular correspondence with staff: whilst competition is not off the agenda, the vast majority of schools are awaiting the approval from SLT as and when C19 stats being favourable for outdoor gathering mixing school bubbles. Plus facilitating of Secondary & Primary virtual teacher education training for the remainder of this academic year.
* Regular bulletins/mailshots to club officers and on social media, including the reminder of affiliations and completion of clubserve including new welfare compliance regulations are due during April. Plus coach education dates, coach webinars/conferences/workshops ask us sessions [https://www.welshathletics.org/en/events/stay-home-stay-involved1](https://emea01.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.welshathletics.org%2Fen%2Fevents%2Fstay-home-stay-involved1&data=04%7C01%7C%7Cdbb6ebef23894ae1c54c08d8f8f92018%7C84df9e7fe9f640afb435aaaaaaaaaaaa%7C1%7C0%7C637533096154795232%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C1000&sdata=o8R5qIDei0W7cVjIGKGs%2B2NCooy1NrftzkDc2Ut7ouw%3D&reserved=0)
* Regular supporting clubs with club specific queries regarding return to activity for U18.
* Funding – Be Active
* Covid Marshall – elite bubble @ Carmarthen.
* Welfare phone calls to some long serving key volunteer/coaches periodically.

1. ***Financial Report***

Balance at present - Community Account: £507.60, Business Account: £15,479.36

1. **Correspondence** None
2. **Ryan Spencer-Jones (NTDC) – Throws Discipline Update**

Ryan joined the meeting to give a presentation on the Regional Throws Hub. The purpose of a throws regional hub is to engage and unite the regional throws community in various hubs across Wales. It is built around existing proactive coaching groups and regionally and linked closely to clubs and schools.

A Regional Development open session will be held for 15-18 year old throws athletes at Carmarthen on 24th April.

1. **AOB**

Aim to grow the engagement and attendance of more clubs in the West Wales region to the regional council meetings, which includes the registered off-track clubs.

1. **Date of Next Meeting**  Annual General Meeting - Wednesday 9th June at 7:00pm (Teams)