

Welsh Athletics Ltd

Annual General Meeting

Annual General Meeting held at Sport Wales National Centre, Cardiff.

Present:

Company Members of Welsh Athletics Ltd

Steve Perks	Board Member (Chair)
Lynne Brier	Board Member (Director, Chair of General Council)
Laura Mason	Board Member (Director)
Dan Clements	Board Member (Director)
Philip Draper	Board Member (Director)
Rob Campion	RAC – West
Kyle Perry	RAC - South
Graham Finlayson	Honorary President
Joyce Tomala	Life Member
Lynette Harries	Life Member
Fred Malkin	Barry & Vale Harriers
Yricka Garnder	Run Free Fell Runners
Richard Marks	Sarn Harriers
Kay Hatton	North Wales Road Runners
Charles Barton	Buckley RC
Steve Hames	Neath Harriers
Peter Gregson	Cardiff Athletics
Christine Vorres	Crickhowell Running Club
Ronald Morris	San Domenico RC
Amy Edwards	Rhondda Valley Runners
Ian Griffiths	Swansea Harriers
Nigel Adams	Pembrokeshire Harriers
Gareth Oldham	Welsh Schools Athletics Association

Also present

Elle Cartlidge	Staff, AGM Scrutineer
Andrew Thomas	Staff
Chris Moss	Staff, AGM Scrutineer, Presenter
Chris Type	Staff
Hannah Baulch	Staff
Peter Morris	Volunteer
James Williams	Chief Executive/ Company Secretary
Michael Farrell	Cardiff Athletics
Delyth Williams	San Domenico RC
Bryan Meredith	Rhondda Valley Runners

President's welcome

The President welcomed everyone to the AGM of Welsh Athletics Ltd.

The President wished a happy 90th birthday to Life Member John Penny.

Apologies for Absence

Clive Williams, Hedydd Davies, Tom Overton, Chris Gough, Arwel Lewis, Lorna Kerr, Catherine Lewis, Jonathan Ford, Bernie Plain, Chris Pratt

Minute Silence

As part of the welcome the President asked the room to respect a minute's silence to remember those members who have passed away over the past 12 months;

Dewi Jones, Brian Gough, John Bradshaw, Damian Williams, Tony Balmont, Jimmy O'Brien, David Phillips, Paul Rees, Glyn Pugh, Mike Strange, Tesne Davies

Minutes of the 2023 AGM

The draft minutes of the 2023 AGM were accepted as accurate following the correction of the list of those in attendance to include Kyle Perry. The sustainability of the printing of the minutes was also highlighted with a point to condense for future.

Matters Arising

From 2023 minutes - 11.3.1 – The proposal is to forward the action to the next AGM for a full review of articles and bylaws

ITEMS OF ORDINARY BUSINESS

1 Appointment of Scrutineers

- 1.1 Chris Moss, Andrew Thomas and Eleanor Cartlidge [online], all non-vote holders, were appointed scrutineers

2 Report of the Board of Directors

- 2.1 James Williams presented on behalf of the Board of Directors.
- 2.2 James Williams presented departmental updates on behalf of department leads: Chris Type, Zoe Holloway, Chris Moss, Hannah Baulch, Jozie Postles and Andrew Thomas.
- 2.3 There was a question from Steve Hames regarding the results of the Road Relays, the frustration was acknowledged by James Williams with the hopes of splitting events to avoid challenges.
- 2.4 There was a question from Joyce Tomala regarding cost of hiring tracks and what Welsh Athletics are doing to tackle this. The level of facility investments helps with certain levels of access to facilities as well as reduction in costs for events, but facilities ultimately need to get to a point where they can generate enough income, so operators invest themselves.

The report of the Board of Directors was unanimously accepted.

3 Financial Report, Accounts and Audit Findings

- 3.1 James Williams presented the financial report on behalf of Chris Gough [Chair of the Finance Sub-Group]. Key points were presented including the struggling financial climate and the reduction in expenditure.
- 3.2 The financial reports were accepted and are now available on the Welsh Athletics website

The reports were accepted.

4 General Council Report

- 4.1 Lynne Brier [Chair of General Council] presented on behalf of the General Council.
- 4.2 Lynette Harries asked for a closer relationship between the General Council and the Board as well as the improvement of communications of the General Council to the community.

There were no objections.

5 Appointment of Accountants

- 5.1 It was agreed to appoint O'Brien and Partners as accountants, and HSJ Audit Ltd. as our financial auditors for the ensuing year and authorise the Board to fix their remuneration.

There were no objections.

6 Appointment of Patrons

- 6.1. Lynn Davies CBE was re-appointed as Patron of the company.
- 6.2. Colin Jackson CBE was re-appointed as Patron of the company.

There were no objections.

7 To appoint the following positions

- 7.1 Members of the Awards & Heritage Panel

This is revisited as a notice of motion (see 11.1)

- 7.2 Honorary President of Welsh Athletics- - Graham Finlayson
- 7.3 Vice President of Welsh Athletics – Ian Griffiths (to extend term by 1 year)

There were no objections.

8 Appointment of Delegates to organisations on which the Company is entitled to be represented

- 8.1 Delegate to the Commonwealth Games Council for Wales Executive Committee – *James Williams*
- 8.2 Delegates (3) to the Commonwealth Games Council - *Steve Perks, James Williams, Chris Type*
- 8.3 Delegate to the Welsh Sports Association – *James Williams*

There were no objections.

9 Determination of Annual Registration and Affiliation Fees

- 9.1 To receive a proposal to alter the fee structure for Club Affiliation
- 9.2 To confirm the athlete registration fee

10 Consideration of the Report of the Service Awards Panel

- 10.1 To receive and accept the recommendations for the Appointment of Life Members. No life members were appointed.
- 10.2 To receive and accept the recommendations for the Award Of Honour. The following were externally nominated and/or recommended by members of the Panel:

Glyn Pugh**, Cath Alford, Philip Walker, Andy Bowyer, Dai Williams, Kim Griffiths, Gareth Oldham, Ian Griffiths, Arwel Lewis, Ian Broadhurst, Amanda Broadhurst
- 10.3 To receive and accept the recommendations for the Meritorious Award. The following were externally nominated and/or recommended by members of the Panel:

Kevin Clark, Jo Warner, Michael Davis, Duncan Longley, Susan Griffiths, Steve Ingram, Gareth Jones, Carina Jones
- 10.4 To receive and accept the recommendations for the Athlete Achievement Award. No athlete achievement awards were given.

11 Notices of Motion

11.1 To merge the two Awards panels and create an Awards and Heritage panel.

11.1.1 Steve Perks presented the notice of motion which can be found on the Welsh Athletics website. There were no questions.

11.2 To amend the club affiliation fee structure.

11.2.1 Chris Moss presented the proposal found on the Welsh Athletics website on the club affiliation fee structure. The new agreement will mean a £100 affiliation fee plus £1 per member.

11.2.2 There was a question regarding a cap on the fee structure. There was a discussion in the room on the fairness of this as it is proportionate.

11.2.3 There were questions regarding who counts towards the figure and how this will be tracked. Chris Moss proposes a review twice a year of club membership figures.

11.2.4 There was a question regarding who is responsible for removing athletes from Trinity – UKA.

All the above motions were accepted.

12 Date and venue of 2024 General Meeting

25th October 2025, Sport Wales, Cardiff.

THE ABOVE MINUTES ARE PROVISIONAL AND SUBJECT TO CONFIRMATION AT THE NEXT ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING.