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| **Present:** Jo Warner (WSAA Chair), Steve Jones (WSAA Vice Chair), Dai Williams (WSAA Treasurer), Gwilym Williams (WSAA President), Gareth Oldham (Powys), Peter Morris (Cardiff & the Vale), Gerald Davies (WSAA Immediate Past Chair).   1. Chairs opening remarks including review of recent events.   JW welcomed those attending and invited all to pay respects with a short silence for former WSAA Chair, Tesni Davies who recently passed.  JW also thanked all at WA and our volunteers for their time and effort in running the events, Thanks to Rhiannon Hawker and Phil Warwicker at Cardiff Met University for the combined events International and to Nathan Jones for his work with the social media platforms.   1. Apologies for absence:   **Sarah Moore (Cardiff & the Vale), Alex Donald (Welsh Athletics), Andrew Jenkins (Welsh Athletics), Zane Maynard (WSAA International Secretary).**   1. Approval of the minutes of the last Executive Meeting (held on 21st February, 2023).   Item 2 (Apologies), PM queried the listing of Sharon Leech amongst the apologies for absence (had not been listed on the day). SJ confirmed that SL had been added late (failed to get onto call).  PM also queried that an apology made by SJ around the 2021 WSAA Awards was not minuted. This was accepted and SJ / JW will revisit award allocation and order. PM also questioned whether a proposal to hold an Executive meeting in October 2023 should have appeared in minutes.  The meeting accepted these changes with the minutes accepted as an accurate record.   1. Discussion and confirmation of the new WSAA Logo including feedback from Districts and Athletes   JW shared feedback from School Districts around the design of the new WSAA logo. SJ shared information gathered by Andrew Jenkins from the athletes representing the Association in Dublin that there was a strong preference (27 to 12) around the more traditional dragon motif. It was AGREED, by the meeting to move forward with the dragon from the current badge whilst making the text smaller. JW to get this actioned with WA and final badge send out to districts for approval and a quick turnaround. SJ raised the question of retaining the current medal with Athletics instead of Athletic (some already have this),it was agreed that ribbons will also need updating.   1. Preview of the 2024 fixtures    1. National Championships   AD not at the meeting so SJ outlined recent meeting with James Willaims re logistics for summer champs. Sub committee to meet and entry information to go to districts by mid-May. Newsletter for WA to go out soon with dates of all district’s competitions (AJ to action). PM asked for it to be noted that the licensing application for schools’ events needs to be addressed and simplified alongside a basic officials award for school staff to support the delivery of the events. JW to contact Cardiff Met to see if they can support district events.   * 1. Cup and Plate competition.   Wednesday 10th July 12pm start with SJ leading on organising. Site visit with GO planned (25th April) for Brecon to check facilities available including pavilion and PA equipment. Entry information to Districts once venue is confirmed. Revert to old recording system (Excel not open track) districts to be given single number (cup) double number (plate). Participation medals to all athletes given to staff on registration. Medals to first 3 teams in each age group, cup and plate, and trophy to winning team for retention by the school. GO chasing NASUWT grant for 2024, still to be confirmed.   * 1. Indoor Multi Events   JW reported that this event is under threat due to WA funding difficulties and discussions are ongoing with Cardiff Met University with respect to taking this on. International looks like it will revert back to Scotland. WSAA still hopeful that this event may become rotational (around 4 countries) at some point in the future.   * 1. Inter Schools Cross Country   Proposed date Saturday 16th Nov 2024. SJ reported that Road and XC meeting on May 15th. will discuss this further with more detail to follow.     1. Preview of SIAB meetings 2024    1. Track and Field: Carmarthen including funding, sponsorship, invites and general logistics.   SJ confirmed the logistical arrangements so far for SIAB. There is an upcoming meeting with Alex Donald/James Willaims to confirm final arrangements and budget. JW and GW to put together a provisional list of VIP invitees for the event. This will be finalised and sent out to districts to confirm and add to if needed. VIP buffet venue to be decided. WSAA expressed its’ gratitude for the funding contribution from both Dyfed Schools and personally from Hedydd Davies, Thanks to be sent officially by JW and GW. SJ reported favourable talks with another potential sponsor for this event (as well as the Nationals) discussions ongoing.     1. Finance / Trustees report   SJ reported that Charity commission accounts submitted (April 5th.). It remains unclear whether application has been made to HMRC around Gift Aid. DW reported that no accounts have been received from WA. Request to be made again. SJ reported that the Trustees information on the Charity Commission site is up to date but that our governance documentation (ie new constitution) needs to be updated. DW confirmed a balance on the Trustees Account of £40,000+.   1. AOB including date of next meeting.   **Provisional date for next meeting set for Saturday 23rd Nov 2024, this will be the Association AGM for 2024.**  SJ reported communication with Chris Moss and requested attendance at a presentation on 30th April for Denys Gumbley’s posthumous Meritorious Award. JW agreed to attend on behalf of WSAA. PM confirmed attendance from Cardiff & the Vale. Welsh Athletics President Graham Finlayson will also attend.  PM requested the event program and running orders for the mixed relays from the SIAB XC. SJ to action.  DW gave advanced notice of stepping down from WSAA at the AGM. This will include his role as Treasurer, SIAB delegate and Team Manager. The meeting thanked him for his years of service as well as the early warning of his departure. This will be a tough act to follow.  GO asked for the future of the Sportshall program to be discussed at a future meeting, this to involve looking at participation and date clashes going forward. This was AGREED.  **Meeting Closed at 12:18pm with thanks to JW for Chairing.** |
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