

Minutes of the meeting of the General Council (GC)

Held on Tuesday 6th November 2018

Sport Wales National Centre, Cardiff, video linked to Plas Menai National Outdoor Centre, Caernarfon*

<i>Present:</i>	Sue Alvey	(SA)	Chair of General Council
	Lynette Harries	(LH)	President of Welsh Athletics Ltd.
	Arwel Lewis	(AL)*	Secretary of Mountain Running & Trail Committee
	Jeff Marsden	(JM)	Track & Field Officials Committee
	Sharon Leech	(SL)	Secretary of Road and Cross Country Committee
	Joyce Tomala	(JT)	Regional Representative – East Wales
	John Hatton	(JH)*	Regional Representative – North Wales
	Dai Williams	(DW)	Regional Representative – South Wales
	Gerald Davies	(GD)	Welsh Schools Athletic Association
	Dai Williams	(DWSc)	Welsh Schools Athletic Association
	James Williams	(JW)	Head of Operations, Welsh Athletics (Minutes)
	Chris Moss	(CM)	Club Network Manager, Welsh Athletics

Papers circulated in advance:

Club Development	Item 2
Head of Operations Update November 2018	Item 4
September Management Reports	Item 4
Final Minutes GC 8 th May 2018	Item 8

SA started the meeting by thanking Lyn Cushing for her work as GC Secretary over the past 2 years. Lyn stepped down at the recent AGM.

SA also thanked Graham Webb who chaired the previous meeting in her absence.

Nominations were requested for Vice Chair of GC – decision deferred to next meeting.

1. Apologies for Absence

Received from; Lucy Archer, Judith Gooding, Tony Clements, Graham Webb

2. Club Development (CM)

CM presented an update on recent activities on Club Development. Main points included Club Portal, changes to club affiliation process, Run Wales social running programme and club officers. Full presentation to be circulated to members.

CM also provided an update on the upcoming clubs conference and safeguarding courses that are being rolled out across Wales.

Finally CM provided an update on the new development strategy for the sport.

3. Grassroots Grant (SA &CM)

CM led discussions around future usage of the grass roots grants process – asked whether the funding should be aligned to the modernisation process and to avoid funding the same applications year after year.

JW stressed the need for clubs to access community chest and development grants.

ACTION It was agreed for CM to look at reviewing the grant criteria and to report back to the committee via email with a recommendation.

It was agreed to rename the fund to promote the need for innovation and modernisation.

4. Head of Operations Update (JW)

JW gave a verbal update on the report circulated prior to the meeting. Including; Performance, Organisational / Structure and Facilities.

DWSc enquired about WSAA communication regarding fixtures.

JM stated that he was disappointed that the West Wales Regional Council had outsourced photo-finish from an external contractor.

5. Regional Matters

No Regional matters submitted.

6. Athletics Committees and Task Group Issues

DWSc provided a verbal update on WSAA activities – including combined events International results – in particular Zac Wall's gold medal.

Update provided by Arwel Lewis on Mountain Running fixtures – will be circulated electronically to members.

SA asked for each committee to forward info on activity in each committee.

JT stated her disappointment that T&F committee is not represented at this meeting, JT stressed that she was not representing T&F committee.

Serious concerns were expressed about the West Wales Regional Council. It was noted that they have no representatives on several committees. SA stated how can the clubs concern be addressed if the region is not being represented at the committees. Concern was also raised at the lack of clubs attending the West Wales Regional Council meetings.

DWSc stated the process WSAA have followed in attempting to improve links with the School District.

DW highlighted how the South Wales Regional Council have used social media to attract new clubs to the Regional meetings.

JW mentioned that clubs must see a reason to attend the Regional meetings

JH stated could we use webinars to improve communication.

ACTION – to pilot this in North Wales

ACTION – SA to write to the West Wales Regional Council to request a meeting to discuss the issues

7. Correspondence

No correspondence received prior to the meeting.

8. Minutes of the 13th September & matters arising

JM commented that, at the joint meeting, the lack of officials was a major talking point and concern for the sport. JW stated that this topic was very much a focus of the Home Country meeting held last week and that a HC representative focus group would be established to try and address some of these issues. Long and productive discussion ensued.

9. AOB

None.

10. Date of Next Meeting

Proposed dates for future meetings;

8th January 2019

7th March 2019

7th May 2019

Meeting of the Welsh Athletics General Council; Tuesday 6th November 2018, Dydd Mawrth 6Tachwedd 2018

11th July – Joint meeting

3rd September 2019

7th November 2019

Meeting concluded at 8.06pm.

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