

Group name:	North Wales Regional Athletics Council
Date/Time:	7.00pm on 14.12.2023 by Microsoft Teams
Attendees:	Kay Hatton (K.H.), Paul Brooks (P.B.), John Hatton (J.H.), Amy Edwards (A.E.), Tracy Weetman (T.W.), Arwel Lewis (A.L.) and Richard Eccles (R.E.).
Apologies:	Crispin Backshall
Secretariat:	Paul Brooks

Declarations of interest: None

Update on Actions reviewed from previous meeting (previous items numbers in brackets):

1. (2) P.B. had presented the Hall of Fame to Kim Norman as agreed previously.
2. (3) K.H. had forwarded the photograph of Sabrina Fortune receiving her award to the webmaster and it was now on the website.
3. (4) P.B. has spoken to the organiser of the Llanrug 5km at the Marathon Eryri, but no response had been received; he will email him again with our comments on this year's event.
4. (5) Twin Piers 10km: the event is now going ahead on Saturday 13th January next.
5. K.H. reported that eligibility documents have been updated on our website.
6. The minutes of the meeting held on 19th October were agreed.

Key Points discussed /Decisions made:

1. As reported previously, the sum of £640.80p has been paid to Blend Telecom for the sim card for the next 24 months; R.E. reported that to date only Wrexham have paid the agreed contribution of £200 per Club. Colwyn Bay have agreed and will be paying £200 into the NWRAC account. KH will contact Deeside, Menai and Maldwyn to request that their contributions are made.
2. The application for funding of £4284 from the Gwynt y Mor Fund had been made via Colwyn Bay A.C. for EDM equipment, and provided that some preconditions are met regarding where the equipment is to be used and a copy of the Club's constitution conforms to specification, the application has been successful.
3. N. Wales Development (t&f) League: A.E. reported that while 4 dates have been allocated, the North will only hold 3 meetings in Deeside, Menai and Wrexham. Dates for such will be discussed at the next meeting of the t&f sub-committee.
4. Mentoring of officials: P.B. reported that he has now received a list of endurance officials in the Region.

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Key points discussed /Decisions made:

1. Welsh Athletics Annual Awards:

The meeting congratulated Crispin Backshall (Volunteer of the year), Menai t&f (Development

Club of the year), and Barry Edwards (Meritorious Service award). The decision not to award Ian Broadhurst the Award of Honour was discussed and it was agreed that P.B. will write to Graham Finlayson, on behalf of N.W.R.A.C officials, asking the committee to reconsider and to supply him with the requisite information needed for such: P.B. will also inform him that we will be re-nominating Ian Robinson for the Performance Coach of the Year award in 2024.

2. Equipment:

Eirias Park have confirmed that they have space to house a container for our equipment; the basic cost of such a storage unit is £2000, but this will need to be insulated which will be an additional sum. There is still no up to date list of our equipment, but we do need tablets for our t&f officials. The estimated cost of each is in the region of £369. We will be seeking grant funding for both in the new year.

3. Mentoring:

T.W. reported that consideration is being given to a possible proposal that t&f officials could be able to complete records of work undertaken at events, rather than chief officials doing so. Nothing further.

4. Budget Update:

R.E. and K.H. reported on the current financial status: (a) balances remaining for the main account and the individual disciplines were given (b) it was agreed that any money not spent by trail running and/or fell and mountain running, would be carried over to the next financial year(c) Helen Blair, our auditor, has signed off the accounts for the financial year 2022/2023.

5. Competition Officer and track and field:

(a) A.E. reported that the Christmas Indoor t&f meeting had gone well. (b) Another indoor evening for sprints is to be held on 21st February. (c) The Regional indoor championships are set for the 20th of January; the outdoor championships will be held on 18th May, venue t.b.c. (d) The Inter Region championships will be held at Wrexham, date t.b.c. (e) J.H. will get quotes for a Regional banner/s.

6. Road Running:

(a) P.B. reported that he felt that the selection of athletes for the Telford 10km had resulted in our strongest teams yet; the Region has now been added to the Inter Area WhatsApp group and we received results for the match for the first time. Tom Wood (Eryri) and Tracy Rogers (Buckley) were our first finishers (b) Regional championships will be held at the Twin Piers 10km on 13th January and the Rhyl 10 miles on 25th February.

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7. Mountain and Fell Running:

A.L. (a) had sent a report covering forthcoming Wales opportunities in 2024, with details of qualifying criteria. They included: Senior Home Countries international, 11th May, uphill only, Glenshee, Scotland; Inter Celtic Challenge, 18th & 19th May, Brittany in France; WMRA international u/18 mountain running cup, 20-23 June, Aguilar de Campoo and Barruelo de Santullán in Spain; 47th Snowdon international race, 20th July, Llanberis; 67th Trofeo Vanani and relays, 27th October, Morbegno in Italy; 24th British and Irish mountain running championships, 14th September, Glendalough, Ireland; Anglo Celtic Plate British 100km championships, 24th March, Perth, Scotland. (b) He also reported that probable financial cutbacks will mean it will not be possible to attend one of the senior events. (c) a planned development day in the Region is to be held in April; date and venue t.b.c.

8. Recruitment:

Nothing further.

9. A.O.B.:

(a) K.H. had sent a list of dates and venues to the webmaster for the website (b) it was agreed that the cost of Regional vests will rise to £18 each; P.B. will notify Bernie Jones of this (c) vests should be purchased before an event takes place i.e. not on the day of an event. (d) K.H. reported that at the W.A. A.G.M. it was agreed that the annual affiliation fee in 2024/5 for clubs will rise to £150 and to individual athletes to £21 (senior), £13 (junior); there will be further agreed increases in the two following years.

New Actions arising	Owner	Due Date
1. An update on the equipment stock	CB	Next Meeting
2. Mentoring	TW & PB	Next Meeting
3. Budget revisions	KH, RE & PB	Next Meeting

10. Date and venue of the next meeting: Online only via Teams, Thursday 15th February, starting at 19.00 p.m.

