

Group name:	Welsh Athletics Track and Field Officials Committees
Date/Time:	Wednesday 23 rd February 2022. 6pm
Attendees:	Sue Maughan (SM), Sue Hooper (SH), Alan Currie (AC), Zoe Holloway (ZH), Geoff Wickens (GW), John Elward (JE), (In part, for discussion session - Peter Gregson (PG))
Apologies:	Phil James (PJ), Jeff Mapps (JM), Rhiannon Linnington-Payne (RLP) Eban Geal (EB) no longer North Rep, Joyce Tomala (JT) no longer T&F Rep or East Region Rep
Secretary:	Sue Hooper

Declared Conflicts: None

Update on Actions reviewed from previous meeting:

- SM/ZH will discuss priorities for future meetings identifying appropriate co-opted members
- Welsh official's selections for specific roles at the indoor Senior/Junior Champs. **Closed**
- Field request reports will be looked at within Outdoor events.
- Official's courses to be on line with local based face to face courses.
- Conference ideas to ZH/SM/SH. **Closed**
- SH has spoken to DM regarding TR roles at outdoor meetings. **Closed**
- Succession planning. JT took to GC. **Closed**
- Course costs. ZH to ask JM to address at Regional meetings.
- ZH/SH are reviewing Athlete to Coach Programme.

Key Points discussed/Decisions made

- 1 Concern over low Officials Conference numbers. Another social media/web push to increase numbers. Top tips from various disciplines along with TM/COC roles to be presented. DSW presentation regarding Autism awareness.
- 2 Officials/Volunteer development day updates
 - a. South & East Region are holding a joint day on the 20th March at Aberdare, ZH & Joyce Tomala will be the main points of contact.
 - b. West Region will be holding their event within the Swansea Open on April 3rd, JE will be inviting parents to come along to work alongside experienced officials.
 - c. ZH confirmed that one will also be held in the North on the 13th March.
- 3 Reports for officials to be looked at from availability forms sent through.
- 4 Clarification sought on feedback loop from main WA events that Officials submit, where do they go. They were previously on Trinity like the UKA events.

- 5 Peter Gregson (CAAC) attended the meeting to help inform a discussion on recruiting officials at grass roots. Very difficult at the moment but parents are starting to drift back. Ideas included:
- o From CAAC: discount membership scheme, official's kit, official's clipboard/pens.
 - o For consideration by WA in leagues: Points system for the number of officials a club supplies pro-rata based on club size (rather than deductions). Could be accumulated leading to a prize at the end of the season eg trophy/voucher for equipment.

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JE asked for confirmation as to who supplies officials for various competitions

- WA: Championships/Internationals/Event specifics.
- Clubs: League & YDL events
- Regions: Regional Championships

AC asked if all officials will receive the new rule book - ZH confirmed they would. AC requested a black winter jacket.

SH will be sending out the summer availability link in the next few days.

SM questioned if WA planned to celebrate the selection of the 5 WA officials for the CWG's. ZH confirmed that WA is doing 100 days out announcement for the CWG's.

Ready ref cards to be given to new L1 officials.

New Actions arising	Owner	Due Date
1. ZH to speak to Rob Sage about Code of Conduct	ZH	June 22
2. SH to contact Andrew Hopkins (UKA) about championship reports on trinity and L4P reports.	SH	April 22
3. SH to ask for clarification from T&F committee as to where post event reports go and actions & learning followed through	SM	06/04/22

Risks

Risks identified	Level	Mitigations
1.		

Next meeting **14th June 2022 6pm**