

**AGM & Meeting of East Wales Regional Athletics Council,
Wednesday 14th September 2022, via Microsoft Teams.
AGM 6:30pm start followed by EWRAC meeting**

Present:

Joyce Tomala, Christine Vorres, Becky Gibbs, Charlotte Moran, Paul Adams, Lorraine Clarke, Derek Osbourne, James Blore, Kieron, Lynette Harries, Nicola Brunnock, Tom Cole, Lisa Riley, Tom Meredith, Keiron Hearne, Dawn Gully.

Apologies: Bethan Akanbi-Mortimer, Jeanette and Martyn Jenkins

Agenda Item	Discussion	Action Points
1. Acceptance of Minutes of 2021 AGM	The minutes of the 2021 AGM were distributed earlier by email. Proposed as accurate by Lorraine, Seconded by Christine.	
2. Reports a. Finance Report b. Chair's report	a. The Finance Report is not published but is sent to members via email. The Annual Finance report is valid until March 2022. b. Chair's report forwarded by email. Joyce thanked everyone for their hard work and stated that it had been an excellent season for East Wales athletes. She apologised to anyone that she may have missed in her report. Reports Proposed as accepted by Lorraine and seconded by Keiron	
3. Notices of Motions	none	
4. Election of Officers	Joyce informed the members that Bethan had stepped down as Secretary as of Tuesday 13 th . September. a. Chair- Joyce Tomala b. Vice Chair – tbc c. Treasurer – Keith Mathews d. Secretary – Christine Vorres e. WA member – Christine Vorres f. Welfare Officer – Jeanette Jenkins g. Social Media Officer – Christine Vorres	
5. Election of Committee Representatives	h. WA General Council – Joyce Tomala and Lynette Harries i. WA Track & Field – Joyce Tomala j. Cross country/Road – Derek Osbourne and Darryn McAtee k. WA Trail/Fell – Tom Meredith l. Officials track and field - Becky Gibbs m. Officials Endurance – Christine Vorres n. Sportshall – Gareth Oldham	
The AGM concluded at 7pm Joyce thanked everyone for attending. Minutes written by Christine Vorres 16/09/2022		

EW Rac Meeting 14 September 2022 6.30pm via Teams

Agenda Item	Discussion	Action Points
1. Apologies:	Bethan, Jeanette, Martyn	
2. Conflict of Interest	Joyce explained the definition of 'conflict of interest' to the members present. None stated	
3. Discussion Points i. Cross Country Regional Champs (DO/DM) ii. Road Championships (PA) iii. Trail, Mountain and Fell Championships (TM)	<p>i. XC Regional Champs: Use first Gwent League in Cardiff on 15th October. Discussion regarding charging entry – suggested charge £1 per member, invoiced to clubs after event.</p> <p>Distribute medals at next inter-regional event</p> <p>ii. Road Champs. Joyce thanked Paul for stepping in and organising. Paul told the members participation in races is still low following the pandemic, and the rushed nature of organising and communicating hindered sign up. Consequently, there were no b or c teams in the results. Feedback received suggests getting races and dates out early and use local clubs and charity events.</p> <p>iii. Many successful events for trail and mountain, and lots of interest. Events for future champs in discussion. Feedback received is that there needs to be more notice for the inter-county events to avoid clashes. Combined senior and junior events have provided successful.</p> <p>All athletes MUST be WA registered. To bring in line with Track, and now cross country, athletes will be charged £1 per runner, on the day, to take part in the Championship.</p> <p>Tom will organise team selection in conjunction with selectors</p> <p>Dawn asked about Regional Development Days – these are organised by WA for talented athletes. EW has funding (part of development grant) to organise development days to attract new EW athletes and to train new officials too.</p>	<p>Joyce Contact Darryn to email clubs</p> <p>Paul to select events and email to Christine for promoting to clubs</p>
4 Reports i. Network Officers Update	<p>i. Regional development days are being communicated to clubs and athletes. WA have been contacting clubs regarding safeguarding qualifications for Welfare Officers.</p> <p>Christine stated that just 4 months after taking the course Carl Williams asked a club officer to do, he is now being told to do a different, additional one for the club to remain affiliated.</p> <p>Derek also stated that an inappropriate email from WA had been received at Brecon Club.</p> <p>Tom updated the members that the My Athletics portal is being developed further and workshops are being introduced to help the members navigate the changes. There was concern expressed that the time</p>	<p>Tom – feedback concerns regarding courses and tone of emails back to WA.</p> <p>Joyce & Lynette – take to General Council that affiliation needs to be less time consuming and easier for volunteer officer to manage</p>

	it takes to affiliate clubs at renewal is too onerous and time consuming.	Joyce – Invite Carl Williams to a future meeting.
ii. WA General Council (JT)	<p>Joyce informed the committee that few people attended the last meeting.</p> <p>Rob Sage is leaving WA.</p> <p>WA are seeking more non-executive directors</p> <p>The WA AGM will be a hybrid meeting.</p> <p>Nominations for service awards need to in by 14th September.</p> <p>WA want to obtain ideas from clubs on how to engage more officials as there is a need to recruit more.</p> <p>Members agreed that every club should have officials, as they have coaches.</p> <p>Paul and Derek suggested the qualification process could be made simpler.</p> <p>Development days could be used to help officials gain experience.</p>	Joyce/Lynette feed back to GC that courses may need to be simplified.
iii.Track & Field (JT)	<p>Karl Williams attended the Track and Field meeting where the Regional Champs was discussed as there have been instances of parents becoming abusive towards volunteer officials and he is very keen to stamp it out. Abuse received has been horrendous.</p> <p>The members discussed issues about abusive behaviour – Joyce reminded everyone that as our regional welfare officer, Jeanette needs to be told of any incidents.</p> <p>U15 Triple Jumpers – the rule regarding the 10 metre run up has been retracted however competitions will be monitored and a further review to be carried out at the end of 2023 season.</p> <p>Indoor dates for T & F will be sent out shortly to officials.</p> <p>JT will contact clubs requesting for volunteers for indoor regional championships.</p>	
iv. Cross Country/Road	No additional report to discussion point	
v. Trail and Mountain	No additional report to discussion point	
vi Website	No new report.	
AOB	<p>i. Service Awards: Joyce urged everyone to consider nominating anyone that fits the criteria and deserves an award</p> <p>ii. James asked about team selection for endurance events and the members discussed selection criteria. James is happy to</p>	Christine to contact Sandra Chipper to ask if she is happy to continue to help with team selection

	help Tom and Joyce suggested forming a group to work together.	Tom M to coordinate Fell working group
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ii. Joyce told the members that not all the funding requested for development was granted so there may not be as much available for development days as hoped. iii. A volunteer to take on the role of applying for grants for the region would be helpful as there are grants available. iv. James Williams would like to attend the next EWRAC meeting. 	

The meeting closed at 7.45pm.

Date of next Meeting: Wednesday 14th December

Date of Future meetings: tbc after WA AGM