

Group name:	North Wales Regional Athletics Council
Date/Time:	7.00pm on 19.10.2023 by Microsoft Teams
Attendees:	Kay Hatton, Paul Brooks, John Hatton, Amy Edwards, Crispin Backshall and David Peters.
Apologies:	R. Eccles, J. Myles, J. Rogers and T. Weetman.
Secretariat:	Paul Brooks

Declarations of interest: None

Update on Actions reviewed from previous meeting (A.G.M.):

1. No report on the stock of equipment has been received. It was agreed to carry this forward onto the next meeting's agenda.
2. P.B. reported that he has arranged to meet with Kim Norman, Peter's daughter, on 31st October to present her with the Hall of Fame trophy.
3. P.B. will send the photograph of Sabrina Fortune receiving her award to K.H. to forward to the webmaster.
4. P.B. had written to the organiser of the Llanrug 5km race with the committee's comments on the 2022 event, which included the Regional championship. No reply has been received; he was instructed to write again to ensure that the email was received.
5. Twin Piers 10km: Russell Godwin is meeting this week with the contractors working on the seafront at Rhos on Sea. That work is now six months behind schedule. C.B. will liaise with Russell and report back at the next meeting.
6. T&F officials secretary: no report.
7. K.H. and Mike Blake had been paid their expenses claims. K.H. will meet with the auditor on Saturday 21st of October.
8. The minutes of the meeting held on 24th of August were agreed.

Key Points discussed /Decisions made:

1. The sum of £640.80p has been paid to Blend Telecom for the sim card for the next 24 months; this will be deducted from t&f ring-fenced funds. K.H. has written to the t&f Clubs involved asking for a contribution of £200 each towards this cost and for equipment repair costs.
2. An application for funding of £4824 from the Gwynt y Mor Fund has been made via Colwyn Bay A.C. for EDM equipment.
3. P.B. has made contact with the sponsor of the Sherion road running development scheme, who is in ill-health and unlikely to continue to provide financial assistance. He will continue to send that person updates on the events attended through that scheme.
4. Arwel Lewis has confirmed that following the cancellation of the Fairy Freckled Cow trail race, there will be no Regional championships for that discipline this year.

5. P.B. and T.W. have submitted nominations for the W.A. annual awards.

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6. N. Wales Development (t&f) League: C.B. reported that the Northern version of the League may vary from those of a similar scheme elsewhere in Wales, in that the results will not be sent to the Power of Ten. The intention is to provide short sharp meetings for U/11, U/13 and U/15 athletes, with a run, jump and throw for each athlete. There will be meetings in April, May and June at Deeside, Wrexham and Wrexham. This is to be discussed further at the next meeting of the t&f sub-committee.

7. Mentoring of officials: P.B. reported that he had not received any monthly updates from UKA, but he had written to Clubs with details of the mentoring available for level one endurance officials. K.H. reported that there is a lengthy document available on the W.A. website with further details.

Key points discussed /Decisions made:

Reports:

1.Budget: No report had been received from the treasurer, so K.H. gave details of (a) a payment has been made of £1182.60p to our Regional vest supplier. (b) she gave details of the amount spent so far this year by each discipline and the remaining balances; our admin budget of £600 has now been overspent by £100.

2. Amy Edwards: Competition Officer:

A.E. reported that the planned Open indoor meeting at NWIAC will go ahead on 9th December, there are ongoing works in the college, but she expects that they will not affect the planned event.

3) Secretary/Road running:

P.B. reported that Regional teams had attended Inter County matches at (a) the Farndon 10km, where the men's team had won, and the women's team were second; Tomos Roberts and Daniel Kashi were first and second in the men's event and Tracy Rogers was second in the women's event. (b) the Oswestry 10km, where the men's team had won and the women's team were second; Scott Nixon and Connor Rogers were second and third in the men's event, and Rachel Shipley had won the women's event. (c) the Regional 5 miles championships were held in Holyhead and were won by Simon Cole (Gog Tri) and Gemma Moore (Eryri). (d) the Regional half marathon championships were held at Caernarfon and were won by Martin Green and Rachel Shipley.

4) Mountain and trail:

Arwel Lewis had sent a report: the W.A. Mountain running championships took place in Llanberis on 5th August, comprising the Maesgwm Detour event, which was well organised by Mike Blake. The event was a B.F.R.A. counter and the Welsh Inter Region championships.

North Wales won both the male and female team gold medals and the Welsh male and female championships. Congratulations to the teams (male: Jez Brown, Sion Edwards, Gavin Roberts and Ivan Oldfield) (Female: Anna Drinkwater, Joanne Henderson and Kasia Osipowicz) and the individuals Gavin Roberts and Joanne Henderson.

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5) Track and Field: (a) There has been one query from Deeside A.C. to the letter that K. H. wrote to our t&f Clubs. K.H. has responded in further detail on the running costs of replacement equipment. D.P. asked for this to be forwarded to him for information and K.H. forwarded the email to him. (b) C.B. attended the Inter Region online review meeting on 13th September, and the championships will be hosted by the North in 2024 probably at Wrexham in May. Actual events and age-groups are yet to be decided. (c) Following the Gwynt y Mor application, C.B. and K.H. will start work on a Be Active Wales Fund application of £2-£3k for a storage container for all our t&f equipment. The container will need to be insulated and have shelving, and the proposal is to house it at Eirias Park. Colwyn Bay A.C. also require a photo-finish camera and NWRAC will look into tablets for officials within the grant application.

6) A.O.B.: (a) Website costs are increasing, and we need to consider lessons for officials on updating the website ourselves. (b) The Welsh Inter Regional cross country championships will take place at Dolerw Park, Newtown on 18th November. K.H. received all information from W.A. and this has been forwarded to Bernie Jones, cross country secretary. (c) K.H. and J.H. attended a UKA age-group webinar on an on-going consultation on possibly changing Junior Competition age-groups. The aim is to keep youngsters interested in the sport for longer and would tie in with other countries formats. It would be a club level only and not affect schools. (d) K.H. and J.H. attended a W.A. webinar on a consultation on increasing affiliation fees. The proposal is to increase club fees from £100 to £200 p.a. and for individuals to £21 p.a. from the first of April 2024. There would be further increase in 2025 and 2026. The final decision will be made at the W.A. A.G.M. on 22nd October. (e) The NWRAC eligibility documents are to be updated.

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

The meeting was closed, and Amy was thanked for setting up the link.



Date and venue of the next meeting: Thursday December 14th, starting at 19.00 p.m. and will be online only.