

Minutes of the Executive held on 11th September 2018 at Pontyclun Athletics Club

Time	Agenda Item	Person to Feedback
6:30pm	(1) Welcome & Apologies of Absence	Dai Williams
6:35pm	(2) Selection Criteria Policy	Dai Williams, Dan Bodman & group discussion
7:00pm	(3) Constitution Review	Pete Morris & Group
7:15pm	(4) "Where, how, when?" Working towards a development plan for the region (including Welcome Pack & Mission Statement)	Hanna Pretty & group discussion
7:45pm	(5) Key officer updates – Any actions needed	All key representatives to provide a 2-minute update on their areas (strictly 2 minutes!)
8:00pm	AOB (6.1) Two-minute reporting slots are unrealistic (PM) (6.2) Reports on the Welsh Inter Regional Track & Field championships (PM) (6.3) Update on matters from AGM (PM) (6.4) Minutes of the 2016 & 17 AGM (PM) (6.5) Items for WA AGM (PM) (6.6) South Regional Schools XC (PM)	Dai Williams & Group
8:15pm	(7) Confirm dates of next meeting & close	Dai Williams

Present:

Jamie Clode (Bridgend AC), Dai Williams (Bridgend AC), Bernie Plain (Cardiff AAC), Graham Webb (Life member), Ron Morris (San Dom), Ian McDonald (San Dom), Geraint Evans (Pontyclun AC), Georgina Fraser (Cornelly S), Vicky Mead (Pontyclun RR), Jamie Williams (Pontyclun AC), Hannah Pretty (Welsh Athletics), Philip Goffin (Barry & Vale Harriers), Fred Malkin (Barry & Vale Harriers), Lucy Archer (Bridgend AC), Chris Pratt (Ogmore PR), Dan Bodman (Aberdare).

Apologies for absence

1. Liz Davies, John Elward, Darran Williams, Graham Finlayson, Jen Stone.
2. We need to formulate a selection policy, T&F can be confusing. It's difficult as a team manager. We need to get the athletes willing and wanting to run. XC people are keen, T&F less keen. Road champs have been a challenge to get a team to go. Other regions also struggle, so we need to get a policy formulised.

T&F should be first past post and then one other in regional champs. Regional champs are best selector and then others used to supplement. Fred Malkin (**FM**) advised Coaches often not wanting people to run. Schools, children need to be WA registered. Athletes should make known that they are injured if possible. Inter-regional is only 10k for road, often up north and clashes.



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The proposed road policy sounds fine. Discussion was held around Could we remove 20's and seniors from track and bring in 13's for inter regionals. Masters teams are always popular.

Ron Morris (**RM**) – North wales for road a challenge to get people to. So many races around. Courses are not always the fastest courses to, so long travel time also.

The region is more than happy to support the travel costs from the South area to other regions for races. Need to sort fixture clashes. Phil Cooks event (The Night of Endurance) is good, but we need more opportunity for athletes to compete. Maybe need more events at a greater frequency, like the old open meets to encourage participation and increase selection pool.

Pete Morris (**PM**) – Find it off putting that results are only available on the day online. Should also be available in hard copy. Could it be a tablet are the other alternatives that could be used.

PM – why are we great for XC and but are not able to submit teams of equal quality and quantity for T&F? Dai reiterated that seniors end season, clashed with Bedford. Selection policy was mentioned again and that may help.

Action – Merge Dan Bodman (DB) to merge policy with detail prepared by Dai Williams (DW)

3. Constitution Review – No progress – Not needed as everything is covered in the Bye Laws, so no requirement to complete.
4. Group activity with 3 different area's discussed and shared around the room. Each group reviewed and added to what had been previously discussed. Final task was the group to add post it notes to a sheet on wall about what the key priorities should be.

Action – Hannah Pretty (HP), DW and Jamie Clode (JC) to collate all noted items and produce a plan.

5. Welfare officers are needed and Steve Jones has a large number to work through. All clubs will need to have a male and female welfare officer. At present as a region don't have either, they are going straight to Steve and not being managed in between. Bernie Plain (**BP**), it has been discussed at board level. Clubs are appointing a welfare officer and not training. FM, clubs needs to know exactly what the person needs to be and how to operate this role. Needs some direction from Welsh Athletics. A lot of welfare cases are also between adults these days and these need more focus to. We have a duty of care. HP, new coaches will be requested to do an online safeguarding course also when any DBS expire and are to be renewed. Steve Jones Is looking how transferable skills are managed and those who maybe have these qualifications in other roles. Club constitution should have correct procedures in place to accommodate this. FM – WA should lead on this and give more direction.

Action - DW will get a role description.

- 6.2 Only reports on region, we won under U15 and senior men come second.
Lots of items to be addressed from the regions. Lack of first aid, being addressed. No food, no first aid. Parking was dire. Whole event being reviewed, there were great performances on the day.
- 6.6 South regional champs will and should be held in South Wales. Will be in first fixture which is Cardiff this year. British athletics cross challenge, use their numbers.



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Every club submits the team declaration and then after results DB can go through a regional result. But clubs must submit prior to the race. Medals will be distributed accordingly. What qualifies you for south regional champs? Its birth and residence.

UKA rules and WA Bye laws differ in selection. Also not competed for another region in X. Only declarations prior to event will count.

HP Schools can use Newbridge fields on the 24th. Region should pay for the first aid. It's a regional schools champs, all entry fees go to region. U17/U20 need to remain as part of this. HP will book St Johns. Medals should follow the structure outlined in document since 2003 said PM. Room agrees that the medals should be same as always as helps encourage the kids to participate. Confusion that silver shared between 2 & 3, 4-8 get bronze.

Action – Lucy Archer (LA) will post in the Bridgend community pages and direct people to HP to help out.

WA Hall of fame dinner end of this month. Very successful for the region. Going forward its 12 months to nominate and clubs should let the region know.

Aberdare track will open officially on 12th October. Schools events during day.

Barry & Vale – are currently competing in the Louise Arthur League and had two events not allowed on PO10 which is a disgrace. Is electronic timing in use in the SE league. Children not getting PB's as cannot add to the PO10. Somebody in Welsh Athletics needs to help address that. 3 clubs in the region affected.

7 Dates for next meeting, will get a report from General Council (**GC**) and then next meeting will be in time to allow for submission to next GC.

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