

WEST WALES REGIONAL ATHLETICS COUNCIL

Pilot Online Zoom Meeting - West Wales Regional Athletics Council Wednesday 23rd September 2020.

PRESENT:

Hedydd Davies, Andrew Jenkins, Rob Champion, Steve Hames, Sue Alvey, Nathan Jones and (Dic Evans)

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:

Apologies were received on behalf of Les Cuthbert and Tony Clements

REGIONAL MATTERS & INTER REGIONAL MATTERS

- Carmarthen Leisure Athletics Track Refurbishment Work is currently ongoing and contractors continue to be on site at the track and the Leisure Centre (field hospital being dismantled); it is hoped that it will be completed in mid-October (weather depending etc)
- Cross Country Competitions in Wales this side of Christmas is looking unlikely at the present time.
- West Wales Indoor Athletics Championships - normally staged in January is looking unlikely in January 2021 at the present time.
- Possibility to host a regional cross-country championships for West athletes/limited numbers in the New Year (should outdoor gathering restrictions change and Welsh Athletics guidance allows)
- West Wales Outdoor Athletics Championships – it was agreed to provisionally hold the May 2021 (if it can go ahead next summer) at Carmarthen. In the event that the track is unavailable, Neath track provisionally confirmed as reserve and a final decision made by March 1st.
- Two meetings have been held between the four regions regarding the Welsh Athletics Inter-Regional Athletics Championships and views discussed by the region at the February meeting were included (discussions such as age groups involved, rotation of events, allocation of officials, rotation of regions to host and assist). West Wales are due to host at Swansea in August next year. We will await further developments and decisions in the coming months.
- The regional council decided to give a joint award in the West Wales Gerry Batty Memorial Award to Jessica Lee (Carmarthen) and Lucy Wintle (Pembrokeshire Harriers). Arrangements will be made in due course to present this award as it would be too long to wait until next year's championships.
- Welsh Athletics Annual General Meeting will be held as a webinar on the final Saturday in October.

CLUB NETWORK OFFICER

Andrew Jenkins has been on furlough and now returned to his role part time. Contacted key officers of the clubs and discussions to be had around virtual Welsh Schools activities.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING

West Wales Regional Athletics Council Annual General Meeting at 7:00pm on Wednesday 25th November.

Nathan Jones Hon Secretary