

**WELSH ATHLETICS ROAD/CROSS COUNTRY COMMITTEE**

**ACTION**

**MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY 24<sup>th</sup> JANUARY 2018 AT J43 HOLIDAY INN EXPRESS SWANSEA**

**PRESENT: -**

Sharon Leech, Kevin Tobin, Steve Jones, Nikki Haines, Graham Finlayson, Alex Donald, Pete Sowerby

**APOLOGIES : -**

Chris Jones

**MATTERS ARISING FROM LAST MEETING (ref. 15<sup>th</sup> NOV 2017)**

- It was decided that the XC Inter Regional Champs would have to be cancelled this year. Originally postponed due to weather conditions, it was then deemed too complicated to incorporate within another event and the calendar is too congested for it to be held as a stand-alone event
- Thanks to Graham, John and Nikki for travelling with the team to Antrim earlier this month as Team Management
- JW confirmed that the North Wales rep would have to be nominated by the Regional Committee
- Arwel Lewis and Paul Brooks have both agreed to select the team for the Anglo Celtic Plate 100km International

**CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED**

- Paul Brooks agreed to continue with coordinating the IR 10K Champs (this year in Llandudno). He has also emailed with concerns that not many have entered the Champs. It is the Regions who need to send in their team declarations. JW suggested at GC meeting that athletes disappointed at cancellation of XC IR could be encouraged to run at the road Champs instead on 11<sup>th</sup> Feb, regional reps to pass this on to their region (and then to clubs)
- Consultation evenings organized by WA, Club members, athletes, coaches, parents encouraged to attend
- GC meeting attended by SL. Again important that good communication links exist between committees, the Regions and Clubs. Regional Reps to feedback after meeting
- AD sent an email regarding Championship venues, there is a procedure to follow, whereby a race must apply to host the Champs (whatever the distance) and certain criteria must be

<p>met. GF recommendations at last meeting noted. Some of the dates set are already decided for 2018 as set 2 years in advance. Races need to apply and the committee will choose for the next cycle.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>AD also gave an update on the 2018 road relays. There was a possibility of them being in the Spring, but now it's more likely to be on the 22<sup>nd</sup> September 2018 as the April date was not available at the venue. <b>CJ and JW need to decide on this</b>, so that arrangements can be made. There is a possibility that the cross country relays will be moved to January, perhaps in the free weekend where in the past the Cardiff Cross Challenge has been held. This needs to be decided and also the nature of the relay event may also be changed. The committee agreed that having both road and cross country relays in the same month was not ideal, therefore splitting them in the calendar would be better. There is little room in the calendar apart from in January. Although again in January there are issues such as the weather and Indoor competitions. Having them in the Spring is also not ideal as for Juniors their racing calendar is congested at this time of year, with school and international cross country, as well as the mini-marathon for some. Finalising the fixture calendar will be something that needs to be done soon</li> <li>SL to contact the North Wales region to see if they have discussed the selection of a road and cross country committee meeting representative, as it's come to the committee's attention that two candidates are willing to take on the responsibility. They may, however, not have told their Region</li> <li>AD has had correspondence from an athlete asking about a half marathon opportunity. This was discussed previously, CJ to respond. A possibility mentioned at the meeting is the London Half on 4<sup>th</sup> March. A request was made that the team would include other athletes as well as those preparing for the Commonwealth. This needs to be decided soon, so that athletes can prepare. Otherwise a race in September may be an option, to prepare athletes for an autumn marathon. A decision also needs to be made about a representative 10K race – are we sending a team to a race in the summer? SL to email CJ so that a decision can be made and put on the website to inform athletes. CJ can contact committee by email if need be</li> <li>GF reminded committee members to tell their regional committee (and so the Clubs) that athletes need to enter the</li> </ul>	<p><b>CJ/JW</b></p> <p><b>CJ</b></p> <p><b>SL</b></p> <p><b>CJ</b></p> <p><b>SL/CJ</b></p> <p><b>KT/PS/GF</b></p>
---	---

Welsh 5K Champs at Whitchurch in May, as spaces are filling up very quickly

### **2017/18 ROAD & CROSS COUNTRY COMPETITIONS PROGRAMME**

#### **Domestic fixtures:**

- Welsh 10K Champs 11<sup>th</sup> February
- Welsh Cross Country Champs 24<sup>th</sup> February
- Welsh Schools Cross Country 7<sup>th</sup> March
- Welsh Marathon Champs London 22<sup>nd</sup> April
- Welsh 5K Champs 6<sup>th</sup> May

#### **Representative fixtures:**

- Armagh 15<sup>th</sup> Feb
- SIAB/HCI Nottingham 24<sup>th</sup> March

### **TEAM SELECTION & MANAGEMENT**

- Armagh team has been selected for 15<sup>th</sup> February, athletes have been informed
- A discussion was had about Antrim and the behaviour of some of the athletes. A code of conduct is recommended for athletes to sign before they accept selection, therefore if rules are broken it is a clear breach of the rules. This needs to come from WA
- Nikki Haines will be Team Manager at Armagh
- HCI teams to be selected at next meeting, SIAB will be selected after the Schools Championships

**WA**

### **AOB**

- Congratulations to GF, winner of Nation Radio Sports Awards 'Outstanding Contribution to Sport', well deserved
- PS gave feedback from East region that the regional athletes were disappointed at the cancellation of the IR

#### **DATE & TIME OF NEXT MEETING**

- 28<sup>th</sup> February, 7pm, Holiday Inn Express Swansea East SA10 6GZ