

**WELSH ATHLETICS ROAD/CROSS COUNTRY COMMITTEE**

**ACTION**

**MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY 19<sup>th</sup> SEPTEMBER 2018 AT J43 HOLIDAY INN EXPRESS SWANSEA**

**PRESENT: -**

Alex Donald, Graham Finlayson, Martin Green (by telephone), Nikki Haines, Steve Jones, Sharon Leech, Kevin Tobin

**APOLOGIES : -**

Chris Jones, Peter Sowerby

**MATTERS ARISING FROM LAST MEETING (ref. 13<sup>th</sup> JUNE 2018)**

- *IR Champs – still no application from a race. Committee suggest that the advert is put on the website again.* AD updated the committee today that a site at Llandrindod Wells has been identified, the course is over four fields and free access has been given for the use of the fields. The bottom fields are flat for the younger athletes, the two upper fields are hillier for the older age-groups. Car parking will be shared on various sites which will be slightly more complex, but up to 500 cars can be parked within about 500-800m of the site. DP will do some groundwork prior to the event. The Showground can't be used at Builth as the favoured course is unavailable and too much concrete would have to be used. The Committee agree that Llandrindod is to be the venue of the IR for 2018. Regional reps to inform the regions
- *SJ and CJ were to attend a schools' meeting – SJ updated that various issues must now go to the AGM before any changes can be made, so the Inter-Schools will have to continue as a stand-alone event in November at Brecon and not be incorporated in the IR at Llandrindod, as was originally hoped*

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**CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED**

- Confirmation received that Martin Green is the North Wales Road/Cross committee regional representative. SL has invited him to attend or be available via conference call or Skype for this meeting
- PB has asked if a Welsh team(s) will be at the Inter Area match held within the Telford 10K 9 Dec. NW sent a team last year. SL forwarded email to CJ to respond 28 Aug. CJ wishes the matter to be discussed at the meeting, with the proposal that either separate regional teams or one IR team is sent to the event, if the Committee agrees. A standard time would need to be set (race elite standards are sub 31 and sub 36 M/F) if a Welsh team was to be sent and regions informed so that athletes can be selected. CJ proposes regional leads receive expressions of

<p>interest and that PB co-ordinates/ supports regional teams. Committee to decide. The Committee discussed the fact that the timing of the race is not ideal as it's the day after the IR XC and it's hoped that the IR XC will be well supported by athletes across the regions. MG confirmed that the North will send a team as not all will travel to the XC but the Committee agreed that no other region will, so that regional teams are not affected for the IR XC. MG will report to PB</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• CJ also proposes a team be sent to Leeds, this is on 4 November so would need to be advertised soon. The Committee thought it was a bit late to advertise for a team now. It also clashes with the Richard Burton 10K, therefore another 10K representative opportunity will be offered at a later date</li> <li>• PB has asked if the Masters WA Championships will be held within the Snowdon Marathon in October. SL emailed AD and JW to check. This was confirmed. Apart from the marathon all other Masters road events are included within senior Welsh Champs. Athletics are overseen by Welsh Masters, a separate body. JW suggested that WA would set up a sub-committee to oversee Masters events. The Committee doesn't wish the Welsh Masters Association to be a part of Welsh Athletics as there are complications, including the fact that South West of England are included. Should a sub-committee be formed, CJ would have to be involved as the money would be coming from the road/xc budget. AD suggests the Masters Champs remain as they are within the Senior Champs, however perhaps a sub-committee/ a working group with certain individuals is put together to put some proposals forward, in order to offer more opportunities for Masters. Perhaps more media coverage could also be used to promote events for Masters. JW to confirm which direction he wants to go, SL to email him</li> <li>• KT received correspondence from CJ regarding Abbotstown XC. KT suggests that CJ puts the information on the WA website so that athletes can apply of their own accord if they are interested. The organiser pays towards travel costs, if criteria are met. The date is 21<sup>st</sup> October 2018</li> </ul> <p><b>2018/19 ROAD &amp; CROSS COUNTRY COMPETITIONS PROGRAMME</b></p> <p>Domestic fixtures:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Road Relays 22<sup>nd</sup> September Pembrey 2018</li> <li>• Welsh Half Marathon Champs Cardiff 7<sup>th</sup> October 2018</li> <li>• Welsh Cross Challenge Cardiff (inc John Collins Gwent League) 13<sup>th</sup> October 2018</li> <li>• Masters Marathon Championships, Snowdon 28<sup>th</sup> October</li> <li>• Inter-Schools XC Champs at Brecon, 17<sup>th</sup> November</li> <li>• British and Irish Masters International 17<sup>th</sup> November Swansea</li> </ul>	<p><b>MG</b></p> <p><b>SL/JW</b></p> <p><b>CJ</b></p>
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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• IR Champs at Llandrindod 8<sup>th</sup> December 2018</li> <li>• Welsh Cross Country Championships 23<sup>rd</sup> February 2019, Pembrey</li> <li>• Welsh 10K Champs 31<sup>st</sup> March 2019, Cardiff Bay</li> <li>• Welsh Marathon Champs 28<sup>th</sup> April 2019, London</li> <li>• Welsh 5K Champs 5<sup>th</sup> May 2019, Whitchurch</li> </ul> <p>Representative fixtures:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Commonwealth Half Marathon Cardiff 7<sup>th</sup> October 2018 (senior)</li> <li>• Burgos Cross Country 11<sup>th</sup> November 2018 (junior and senior)</li> <li>• Liverpool Cross Country 24<sup>th</sup> November 2018 (junior and senior)</li> <li>• HCI at Antrim Cross Challenge 19<sup>th</sup> January 2019 (U20 and senior)</li> <li>• Armagh Road 3K and 5K 14<sup>th</sup> February 2018 (development and senior)</li> <li>• SIAB 23<sup>rd</sup> March 2019 Dublin</li> <li>• Mini-Marathon London 28<sup>th</sup> April 2019</li> </ul> <p>Committee propose further representative opportunities for road competitions, such as the Barcelona Half 10<sup>th</sup> February and a 10K, possibly at Dublin (date of that race to be checked). CJ to confirm by the next meeting in October</p> <p><b>SCHOOLS</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• SJ updated that Welsh Schools XC Champs likely to be brought forward to February, tbc</li> <li>• SIAB and HCI will be separate this year due to HCI being in January</li> <li>• Selection criteria for the Mini-marathon to be confirmed soon</li> </ul> <p><b>TEAM SELECTION AND MANAGEMENT</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• KT had an email from CJ regarding team selection for Burgos : a proposal from CJ (Committee agreed) is the 1<sup>st</sup> Senior male and female at the Cardiff Cross Challenge and three others based on current form, for the Juniors the first two at the Cardiff Cross and one or two others based on current form. EW to put on the website, KT to email EW</li> <li>• Liverpool: up to six Juniors male and female and four Senior male and female. Seniors: current form and those looking to make the European team. Juniors: first four at Cardiff Cross and two on current form.</li> <li>• HCI selection policy to be confirmed at the next meeting</li> </ul>	<p>CJ</p> <p>SJ</p> <p>KT/EW</p>
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**BUDGET AND FINANCE**

- CJ not in attendance to update

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- SL proposes that a bank of athletes are contacted directly for each representative event, to ensure they are aware of the fixture and to confirm their interest and/or availability. It could make selection easier as only those available would be selected. Committee agreed this in principle, but expressions of interest could also be put on the website . Committee need to decide on who would draw up the list
- SL attended the GC committee 13.9.18. Feedback given
- MG gave feedback about why NW don't put their XC dates at the same time as other League races, due to the fact that they also compete at the Staffordshire League. MG agreed that regional races shouldn't clash with Welsh Championship events

**DATE & TIME OF NEXT MEETING**

- Wed 17<sup>th</sup> Oct, 7pm, Holiday Inn Express Swansea East SA10 6GZ

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