



Welsh Athletics Track and Field Committee. Minutes of Meeting held on Wednesday 18th September 2019

Venue: Welsh Institute of Sport, Sophia Gardens

Present

Lynne Brier (LB), Joyce Tomala (JT), Rhiannon Linington-Payne (RLP), Lynette Harries (LH)

1. Apologies

1.1 Crispin Backshall (CB), Kath Elias (KE), Judith Gooding (JG), Darren Williams (DW), Chris Jones (CJ), Alan Currie (AC), Jake Morgan (JM).

2. Matters Arising from Last Meeting on 16th May 2019

2.1 Following the decision to hold U23 age group records both indoors and outdoors, it was agreed that AC would be invited to the next meeting to share updates from the 2019 season with the committee.

2.2 It was confirmed that LB and RLP had met up to read all applications forms for team managers and staff for future internationals. A shortlist of suitable candidates was drawn up and RLP was to contact the successful applicants.

3. Review of Inter Regional and Regional Championships

3.1 JT expressed concern that a report had been written about the Inter-Regional by an individual who hadn't been present on the day of the competition.

3.2 LH, who was present at the Inter-Regional Championships, confirmed that she has written a report for James Williams, with suggestions on how the competition can be improved moving forward.

3.3 JT and LH expressed concern that on the Monday before the Inter-Regional Championships, there was still a lack of officials who had made themselves available for this competition and a lot of work needed to be done to gather extra volunteers. It was welcoming to see so many newcomers present to help with officiating. However, the lack of meeting manager on the day made

officiating more challenging and more clarity was needed on the day as to who was assigned to different officiating roles. LH praised the work done by Welsh Athletics to ensure the success of the Inter-Regional competition. It was agreed that it would be a shame if the competition disappeared.

A discussion followed as to whether or not the Inter-Regional competition should be rotated around the regions in future with the designated region hosting the event, or whether or not there should be a central venue, with each region taking turns to host the event.

3.4 It was proposed that all regions should provide the following:

- 8 x field officials, of whom at least two must be at Level 2.
- 2 x track officials
- 2 x timekeepers
- Additional officials to cover specific events

3.5 It was proposed that events for the championships cater for the following age categories: two per event for both U13 and U15. For older athletes there shall be one U17 per event, plus one other who may be U17, U20 or senior.

3.6 It was agreed that there should be no returning to a full timetable of events for every age group.

3.7 Action – All regions will be asked to discuss the above proposals for a definitive solution to be decided upon at the next Track and Field committee meeting on the 20th November.

3.8 JT confirmed that the South and East regions have agreed to joint host the Regional Championships once again next year, with clubs being allocated specific events to cover. The two regions will meet again on November 6th and this will be their second joint championships meeting.

4. Officials, Co-ordinators, Clubs

4.1 Concern submitted by JE for discussion at the Track and Field meeting that smaller clubs may be struggling for individuals to offer their support with officiating. JE suggested that the use of a shared officials co-ordinator between two or more clubs could be beneficial. It was agreed that this should be discussed at the next officials committee meeting on September 19th.

5. Welsh Athletics Governance Calendar

- 5.1** It was confirmed that Welsh Athletics Governance meetings take place on the third Monday of each month.
- 5.2** General Council meetings take place on the first week of each month, alternating between Tuesdays and Thursdays. All committee secretaries should be encouraged to attend these meetings.
- 5.3** Future dates for Track and Field committee meetings are as follows:
- 20.11.19
05.02.20
08.04.20
03.06.20
05.08.20
07.10.20
02.12.20
- 5.4** Action – LB to find out whether or not CB and JM continue to be the representatives for the North and West and if so, the possibility of them finding somebody to represent them if they cannot be present.

6. Any Other Business

- 6.1** LH asked whether or not there were any plans to review the structure of the Welsh League. RLP confirmed that there would be a meeting with clubs involved to discuss potential structure changes. Consideration will have to be given to regional and inter-regional decisions about age-groups, when discussing structure changes to Welsh League matches. LH suggested that members of the Track and Field committee should be invited to take part in discussions on this matter. LH went on to say that the Welsh League Cup Final went very well in her opinion, as did the Junior Welsh League match that was held at Cardiff Met.
- 6.2** RLP confirmed the date for the outdoor debrief as Wednesday 9th October at 6pm in Sophia Gardens. JT said that she would be happy to attend this meeting and Bethan Akanbi-Mortimer would also be invited as she has expressed an interest. RLP to ask Jacqueline Brace to book this date. It was also agreed that LB would invite Bethan Akanbi-Mortimer to be a co-opted member of the Track and Field committee.

6.3 RLP confirmed the following indoor dates:

3rd November 2019 – Combined Events

1st December 2019 – Welsh Athletics Junior Open Meeting

5th January 2020 - Welsh Athletics Junior Open Meeting

25th January 2020 – Welsh Senior Championships

1st and 2nd February 2020 – Welsh Junior Championships

1st March 2020 – Welsh Indoor International (TBC)

The meeting ended at 19:45.

Date and venue of next meeting – 20.11.19 at Welsh Institute of Sport, Sophia Gardens.