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| **Group name:** | North Wales Regional Athletics Council |
| **Date/Time:** | 7.00pm on 17.10.2024 by Microsoft Teams |
| **Attendees:** | Kay Hatton (K.H.), Paul Brooks (P.B.), John Hatton (J.H.), Arwel Lewis (A.L.), Amy Edwards (A.E.), Tracey Wheetman (T.W.), Mike Blake (M.B.), Kevin Clark (K.C.), Anna Drinkwater (A.D.) and David Peters (D.P.). |
| **Apologies:** | Nigel Parr, Yricka Gardner and Crispin Backshall |
| **Secretariat:** | Paul Brooks |

**Declarations of interest:** None

1. **Update on Actions reviewed from previous meeting (previous items numbers in brackets):**

(1) The laptop for the EDM equipment will be purchased by Crispin Backshall using ring-fenced t&f funds.

(2) The question of Regional vests being paid for in advance of an event has not been resolved in relation to cross country and Bernie Jones. It was agreed to buy new stock of vests costing £1780.00p.

(2c) K.H. had written to James Williams regarding iRunWales, the online “Club” and the matter has now been added to the agenda for the next General Council meeting. It was also noted that Welsh Athletics (W.A.) scrim had been lent to Beaumaris R.C., who had organised a half marathon there; the Club are not affiliated to W.A. and none of their members are registered with the National Body. K.H. had been told that any Licensed event can apply to borrow these items.

(2d) The meeting congratulated Bernie Jones for being awarded Volunteer of the Year 2024 and Sabrina Fortune for being awarded Athlete of the Year.; both awards were made by W.A.

(2ei) It was agreed that the issue of under-11 athletes competing in Regional championships will be looked at again in January next year.

(3a) The remaining balance in the Sherion a/c has been paid into the general a/c, and the former will be closed.

(3b) The annual grant of £500 has been sent to N.W.C.C.A. and the spike for our feather flag has been purchased.

(7) Colwyn Bay A.C. have agreed that the Twin Piers race will host the Regional championships for the distance in 2025, on Saturday 18th January.

**2. Key points discussed /Decisions made:**

(1) The minutes of 15th August were read and approved without amendment.

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**3. Budget Update and Treasurer’s report:**

(a)J.H. reported on the overall balance and the remaining amounts in individual disciplines’ budget. (b) He also reported that we have received a quote for the medals for 2025/6, of £2143 from Running Imp and a quote from Bernie Jones’ source of £1600; both figures are inclusive of VAT. Based on the on the anticipated annual grant from W.A. £750 remaining the same for 2025/6 and including the balance of this year’s grant currently standing at £496.33p, this would produce a shortfall of £897 from the Running Imp quote and £354 for the second quote. It will be necessary to first see a sample from the second supplier before a decision is made. However it was agreed that any shortfall for 2025 could be absorbed by the current funds available; the situation for 2026/7 will be discussed at a meeting next year, which will consider the funds available next year. (c) £893 has been received from vest sales.

**4. Competition Officer:** A.E. reported on (a) the N. Wales Junior Development League: there had been 3 meetings, at Deeside, Treborth and Wrexham, with numbers participating increasing over the duration of the three. She has plans in hand for the League to host meeting in 2025 at Colwyn Bay, Treborth and Deeside, the first at Eirias Park possibly in Early April. (b) The indoor Open meeting is being reviewed, may possibly be held in an evening and with a limited number of events. There is also a possibility of holding some evening indoor open meetings at the same venue next year. (c) The cross country relays will be held in Colwyn Bay on Saturday 14th December. Teams will and of 4 runners, 2 male and 2 female. Cost per team will be £10. (d) The Regional indoor championships will be held on Saturday 11th January at N.W.I.A.C., Coleg Cambria.

**5. Track and Field Report:** K.H. reported that photo finish equipment will cost in the region of £16,000 and the largest grant available would only cover half of that sum. It was agreed to discuss this further at the next meeting.

1. **Pathway for Officials:** T.W. reported that details of the new pathways for officials are now on the W.A. website.
2. **Regional road running championships 2025:** The dates for the 5km and 5 miles championships in 2025 have not yet been received. P.B. will contact the organisers of both races for updates.
3. **Road running:** (a) P.B. reported that our women’s team had won, and the men’s team had placed second, at the Inter County match within the Guilden Sutton 10km on 15th September. Tracy Rogers placed second overall and Daniel Kashi was third overall. (b) the next Inter County match will be within the Flying Fox 10 miles race in Staffs on 3rd November (c) The organiser of the Telford 10km on Sunday 15th December has confirmed that we will again be permitted to enter teams of 5 men and 5 women into the Inter Area match within the race. He will post details of the top 10 men’s and women’s times for the distance on our Facebook page; this is in line with our agreed criteria, using the period 1st November 2023 to 31st October 2024. (d) the Welsh Inter Region 10km championships will be held within the Caerphilly 10km on Sunday 11th May 2025. Teams will consist of 6 men and 6 women, the first 5 in each will score.

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**9. Officials Secretaries Report:** (a) T.W. had nothing further (b) PB had attended a meeting on 7th October. Discussion included a report from Zoe Holloway on courses held and planned, and officials who needed to renew their risk awareness credentials. The minutes are on the W.A. website and the next meeting is planned for 2nd December.

**10. Mountain and Fell Running:** (1)M.B. reported on the Peris Horseshoe racewhich had included the British championships, and which had over 200 entries, a record for the event. (2) A.L. had sent a written report which had been circulated, concerning:(a) The Region will be sending teams to the Vanoni relays in Morbegno, Italy, on 27th October and has sourced jackets and t-shirts for our athletes for the event. He gave details of the selected athletes for the team. (b) details of events in 2025, including: (i) the senior Home countries international in Keswick on 17th August 2025; (ii) the Inter-Celtic Challenge in Brittany, France, on 7th and 8th June 2025; (iii) the 18th annual WMRA international under-18 mountain running cup in Bratislava, Slovakia, on 14th-15th June (iv) 48th International Snowdon race Llanberis on 19th July; (v) the 68th Trofeo Vanoni and Vanoni women’s relays in Morbegno, Italy, October, date tbc; (vi) 25th British and Irish mountain running championships in Aberystwyth on 13th September (date tbc); (vii) Anglo Celtic Plate 100km British championships in Mallory park, Leicestershire on 3rd May – this is a ultra distance road race (viii) a calendar of key 2025 event dates for fell and hill, mountain and trail, with details of the Pen-y-Gent course in Yorkshire on 14th June; this event includes the British Inter Counties and British mountain running championships.

**11. Trail running:** Nothing further.

**12. A.O.B.:** (a) the W.A. A.G.M. will be held on Saturday 26th October; (b) the Inter Region cross country championships will be held at Newtown on 16th November; this clashes with the Masters’ international cross country in Belfast, which is to be held on the same day. K.H. has received an explanation from Alex Donald (c) It was agreed to reimburse M.B. £102.00p for fuel to the Junior Inter Counties mountain championships.

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| **New Actions arising** | **Owner** | **Due Date** |
| 1. **Mentoring** | **TW & PB** | **Next Meeting** |
| 1. **Budget revisions** | **KH & JH** | **Next Meeting** |
| 1. **Medals KH & JH Next Meeting** | | |

Next Meeting: Thursday 12th December, online only, starting at 19.00 p.m.