

**AGM & Meeting of East Wales Regional Athletics Council,  
Wednesday 21 June at Newport Stadium  
AGM 6:30pm start - followed by EWRAC meeting**

**Present:**

Joyce Tomala, Christine Vorrés, Charlotte Moran, Paul Adams, Lorraine Clarke, Derek Osbourne, Kieron Hearne, Lynette Harries, Nicola Brunnock, Peter Hitchings, Mike Heare, Michael Kelly, Nicola Kelly, Kate Jones, Haydn O'Reilly and Emma Wookey.

Apologies: Keith Matthews, Becky Gibbs, Tom Cole, Lorraine Clarke, Tom Meredith, Dawn Gully, Darryn McAtee

<b>Agenda Item</b>	<b>Discussion</b>	<b>Action Points</b>
<b>1. Acceptance of Minutes of 2022 AGM</b>	The minutes of the 2022 AGM were distributed earlier by email.	
<b>2. Reports</b> a. Finance Report b. Chair's report c. Secretary's report	<p>a. The Finance Report is not published but is sent to members via email. The Annual Finance report is valid until March 2023. Thanks to Keith for his continued support. Accounts not flush but the region is holding its own.</p> <p>b. Chair's report forwarded by email. Joyce thanked everyone for their hard work and stated volunteers are not thanked enough. Volunteering is very time consuming but is much appreciated. Joyce asked all clubs to take the thank you message back to their volunteers.</p> <p>c. Secretary's report gave an overview of the attendance at meetings, and the challenge faced to engage more clubs with the regional meetings. Grants are available to the clubs and urged clubs to make use of them. The region has been awarded £2,000 this year.</p>	
<b>3. Notices of Motions</b>	Adoption of EWRAC constitution. The members present unanimously agreed to accept the updated Constitution.	
<b>4. Election of Officers</b>	<p>a. Chair- Joyce Tomala</p> <p>b. Vice Chair – Paul Adams</p> <p>c. Treasurer – Keith Mathews</p> <p>d. Secretary – Christine Vorrés</p> <p>e. WA member – Christine Vorres</p> <p>f. Welfare Officer – Keiron Hearne</p> <p>g. Social Media Officer – Christine Vorrés</p>	
<b>5. Election of Committee Representatives</b>	<p>h. WA General Council – Joyce Tomala and Lynette Harries</p> <p>i. WA Track &amp; Field – Joyce Tomala</p> <p>j. Cross country/Road – Derek Osbourne and Darryn McAtee</p>	

	k. WA Trail/Fell – Tom Meredith l. Officials track and field - Becky Gibbs m. Officials Endurance – Christine Vorrés n. Sportshall – Gareth Oldham	
<b>The AGM concluded at 7.30 pm Joyce thanked everyone for attending.          Minutes written by Christine Vorrés 26/06/23</b>		

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<b>1. Apologies:</b>	Keith Matthews, Becky Gibbs, Tom Cole, Lorraine Clarke, Tom Meredith, Dawn Gully, Darryn McAtee	
<b>2. Conflict of Interest</b>	None stated	
<b>3. Grants update</b>	Tom Cole emailed all clubs a list of where/when they can apply for grants, but moving forward his role is changing due to WA removing the role of club developments officers.	
<b>4. Report from EWRAC Officers meeting with James William and Hannah Petty</b>	The meeting was essentially to discuss funding for the regions – and the message from WA is that there is no funding available. Most regions received £2,000. The members present discussed and speculated where the money goes that the clubs are charged by WA for affiliations, race fees, officials/coaching courses and also problems that they are experiencing trying to contact WA staff and obtaining required DBS Certificates.	CV to email clubs asking for their concerns to be collated and presented to WA.
<b>5. Actions from previous meeting</b>	CAU EX – the query from the previous meeting was why do entries have to be submitted so far in advance of the advent? Joyce has sent several requests for this information but has not yet received a response.	
<b>6. Reports</b> <b>i. Safeguarding</b> <b>ii. Finance</b> <b>iii. WA General Council</b> <b>iv. Track &amp; Field</b> <b>v. Cross Country/Road</b> <b>vi. Trail and Mountain</b> <b>vii. East Wales Road Race Champs</b> <b>viii. Officials</b>	i. Outgoing officer Jeanette Jenkins reported no ongoing issues. Keiron reported the same ii. Same as AGM iii. See report iv. See report – inter-regional champs 16 July and the East Team is almost ready v. No reports – need to email for confirmation of dates for XC Champs. vi. Tom Meredith provided a report vii. Paul updated the members on the current status and the next race. viii. No update ix. Updated regularly, remind clubs to forward their events for inclusion	CV – email Derek and Darryn for XC dates

ix. Website		
AOB	<p><b>Regional affiliation fees</b> Joyce asked how members present felt about the region collecting an affiliation fee from each club, this had been briefly discussed at the meeting with WA. The members discussed it briefly, but all agreed that there was no real appetite to raise funds in this way.</p> <p><b>Field Official's Course</b> Joyce asked if members would be interested in a field officials course if the dates were changed to accommodate club nights. Zoe Holloway arranges the courses and is offering field courses at 8:15 – 20:45pm on the dates below, attendees will have to complete both parts of the course. - Tuesday 11th July part 1 - Tuesday 25th July part 2 Registration <a href="https://www.athleticshub.co.uk/login?s_id=661eb99fb8462102e17324fef357ac9a">https://www.athleticshub.co.uk/login?s_id=661eb99fb8462102e17324fef357ac9a</a></p> <p><b>East Wales Road Race Team</b> East Wales team selection for road races – the members discussed how the team is selected. This year there has been a lack of expertise and it was all a bit last minute. There had been missed communications and the team captains are new to the role. There were no opportunities for U17 to compete at the moment.</p> <p><b>Club Engagement with the Region</b> The members briefly discussed what may be the reasons for so few clubs to engage and attend meetings. No conclusion.</p> <p><b>Regional Events</b> Christine had an idea that maybe the region could host events to raise money – there is a lot of expertise in the region to help. The members discussed the idea and the general opinion is that it is worth exploring further. Builth Wells may have a suitable event.</p>	CV to investigate further.

The meeting closed at 8.15pm Minutes written by Christine Vorrés 26/06/2023

Date of next Meeting: Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> August on-line 6.30pm

Date of Future meetings 18 October & 13 December.