

**AGM & Meeting of East Wales Regional Athletics Council,
Wednesday 26 June at Newport Stadium
AGM 6:30pm start - followed by EWRAC meeting**

Present:

Joyce Tomala, Christine Vorrés, Paul Adams, Kieron Hearne, Lynette Harries, Nicola Brunnock, Peter Hitchings, Emma Wookey, Craig Williams, Martyn Jenkins, Tom Meredith, Becky Bell.

Apologies: Keith Matthews, Sandra Chipper, Deb Howells, Lorraine Clark.

Agenda Item	Discussion	Action Points
1. Acceptance of Minutes of 2023 AGM	The minutes of the 202 AGM had been distributed earlier by email and were available to view in hard copy at the meeting. They were passed as true and accurate.	
2. Reports a. Chair's report b. Finance Report c. Secretary's report	<p>a. Chairs Report – Joyce thanked everyone for their continued support and stressed that the East is one of the most successful regions and WA recognise the input of the region</p> <p>b. The Finance Report is not published but is sent to members via email. Thanks to Keith for his hard work producing comprehensive reports. Note the extra £1k from WA. Grant money is ringfenced for specific development items. The members voted to agree to funds being transferred from deposit account to c/a for interest. Joyce reminded members that East Wales polo shirts were available for officials.</p> <p>c. Secretary's report – Christine mentioned that communication between members and the committee has improved as more people become aware of the influence the region has on decision making at WA.</p>	
3. Notices of Motions	None	
4. Election of Officers	<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>	
5. Election of Committee Representatives	<p>h. WA General Council – Joyce Tomala and Lynette Harries</p> <p>i. WA Track & Field – Joyce Tomala</p> <p>j. Cross country/Road –Darryn McAtee and Paul Adams</p> <p>k. WA Trail/Fell – Tom Meredith</p>	

	l. Officials track and field - Becky Gibbs m. Officials Endurance – Christine Vorrés n. Sportshall – Gareth Oldham	
The AGM concluded at 6.50pm Joyce thanked everyone for attending. Minutes written by Christine Vorrés 02/07/2024		

Chair’s report 2024 AGM

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the officers of the region and some of our key volunteers. Christine does a splendid job of maintaining the website which is easy to navigate and in her role as Secretary continues to provide up to date information relating to all disciplines, as well as producing comprehensive minutes and regularly communicates with our clubs. In his role as Regional Finance Officer Keith looks after the region’s finances and produces reports; including bi-monthly and detailed end of year accounts; ensuring the region is in a healthy financial position. Kieron is our Regional Welfare and Safeguarding Officer. He provides reports regularly, doing a superb job as our regional welfare officer. Lynette has produced comprehensive reports relating to items discussed at General Council. Derek has attended some Cross Country and Road meetings, highlighting key issues for the region. Tom has once again worked tirelessly to ensure that members of the region are kept fully up to date with Mountain, Fell and Trail running across the region, regularly providing reports and updates to members of the Region. Paul continues to do a sterling job in promoting and coordinating the East Wales Clubs Road Race Championships

As the team manager for East Wales YDL and Regional track and field events I know how many hours of work our regional team managers; all of whom are volunteers; put in to ensure that they engage with athletes to ensure we have quality teams across all disciplines.

I would particularly like to thank Darryn McAtee and Claire Barraclough who assisted me as team managers at this year’s Inter-Regional Track & Field Championships held in Deeside and the officials who were a valuable part of our East Wales team. Chris Boswell, Mark Boswell, Bev Hurley, Chris Price, Amy Price, Jasmine Barraclough, Kieron Hearne, Ian Mulvaney, Deb Howells, David Gilbert, and Jane Goode as well as all the athletes who travelled to North Wales. We are also grateful to other officials who alongside those listed above have supported us this year at our Track and Field Championships and YDL matches. David Paris, Charles Northey, Becky Bell, Richie Jenkins, Sue Hooper, Rob Hooper, Rhian Loudon, Steve Leach, Colin Bradley, Keith Matthews, Nathan Jones.

I would like to express my gratitude to all officials and Team Managers who have supported our Endurance/off track regional events across all disciplines this year. Christine Vorrés, Tom Meredith, Darryn McAtee, James Blore, Sandra Chipper and Paul Adams, without your support we would not be able to provide licenced competitions for our athletes.

My thanks also go to regional representatives who sit on Welsh Athletics committees. They continue to embrace virtual meetings and ensure we’re kept up to date with activities, competition, and information from Welsh Athletics.

My thanks go to all athletes who attended the Youth Development League (YDL) Upper Age Group matches, representing East Wales many of whom have gained Pbs during the season and either lead or are featured in Power of 10 rankings.

Many East Wales athletes have attended regional events and represented the region in inter-regional events this year; including, Cross Country, Mountain and Fell, Road, Track and Field and Trail. Their continued support and that of their coaches and other volunteers is vital to the future development of our region.

East Wales continues to be highly regarded in terms of our commitment to engaging with our clubs, trying new initiatives, and developing the region. We hope that more of you will join us at committee meetings and both Track & Field and Endurance meetings in the future.

Joyce Tomala, Chair EWRAC