WELSH ATHLETICS ROAD/CROSS COUNTRY COMMITTEE MINUTES OF VIRTUAL MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY 26 <sup>th</sup> MAY 2021  PRESENT: - Alaw Beynon-Thomas, Graham Finlayson, Martin Green, Nikki Haines,	ACTION
Steve Jones, Sharon Leech, Kevin Tobin  APOLOGIES: - Rhiannon Linnington-Payne, Alex Donald	
MATTERS ARISING (from previous meeting of 14 <sup>th</sup> April 2021)	
<ul> <li>Update on XC equalisation of distances survey (see correspondence)</li> <li>AP to confirm budget request re Leeds Inter Area and other proposed fixtures. SL emailed AP to ask for an advert on WA for the Inter Area match at Whitchurch 5K (senior and U20). Selection criteria sent to AP. AP replied that a meeting needs to be arranged to discuss, Committee proposed the Performance team attend the start of next month's meeting to discuss further</li> <li>WA to host 5K events at Pembrey and Rhyl, the first of which is 29<sup>th</sup> May 2021. Possibly a 10K event at Barmouth, RLP/AD to confirm</li> </ul>	AP RLP/AD
CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED	
<ul> <li>PS emailed following the East Regional meeting, to confirm that the Region would support a team attending the Inter-Area Leeds Abbey Dash 10K match in Leeds. MG, GF and KT will take to the North, South and West Regions respectively to ask to support a team, offering some financial support</li> <li>CJ sent a report summarising the findings of the survey undertaken, regarding the equalisation of distances for cross country. It has been decided that there will be no changes to the current distances for M and F athletes</li> </ul>	MG, GF, KT
2020 ROAD & CROSS COUNTRY COMPETITIONS PROGRAMME	
<ul> <li>Domestic:</li> <li>Inter-Area Relay match, Brownlee Centre Leeds, 15<sup>th</sup> August 2021 (Male and Female teams of 5, 2mile legs). Committee agreed to send teams (provisional until confirmed)</li> <li>Welsh 5K Championships, Whitchurch Cardiff, 29<sup>th</sup> August 2021 (inc Inter Area match Sen/U20)</li> </ul>	???

Leeds Abbey Dash, 24<sup>th</sup> October (inc Inter Area match).
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### International:

 Unlikely to see much travelling abroad for competitions due to quarantine restrictions upon return

# **SCHOOLS**:

- Future competitions scheduled as follows:
  - WSAA T&F Trial event July 3<sup>rd</sup>, Brecon. Athletes invited based on Po10 rankings
  - SIAB T & F, Saturday September 25<sup>th</sup> (Derby).
     School years will be honoured as per previous school year
  - SIAB cross country will not be held in February as hoped, it will instead be on Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> March (Wales to host, venue tbc)

#### **PERFORMANCE**

 Meeting to be arranged with Performance Team to discuss the fixture list and athlete pathway. Performance team will be given a 20 minute slot at the start of June's meeting, with 10 minutes for questions, before they then leave and Committee continues with meeting

SL/KT

- Committee raised concerns that their role is being diminished.
   Reference made to the byelaws (as of 2020 AGM):
  - 9.6.3.2 Terms of Reference: a) Agree the budget between the Committee Secretary, Programme Manager and National Talent Development Coordinator for Endurance of Welsh Athletics Ltd. b) Agree a fixture list of championship and representative events on an annual basis. c) Assist with the organisation and management of the annual Welsh Championships and other competitions promoted by Welsh Athletics Ltd, including joint promotions. d) Nominate two selectors to form part of the selection panel charged with selecting competitors for Welsh international matches (as defined in the strategic plan). Selection shall be made by a panel as outlined below. e) Select management personnel for any team of competitors selected as above, in line with Welsh Athletics Ltd Welfare Policy and other relevant policies and ensure that team management responsibilities are carried out in line with such policies. f) Review Team Managers' reports, including competition performance, organisation and any disciplinary or other issues arising. g) Liaise with UKA in all matters relating to cross country competition and provide representatives to UKA groups when required. h) Liaise with

other bodies in the UK which have responsibility for cross country competition and provide representation when required. i) Establish sub groups when appropriate to deal with specific matters.

### **AOB**

 GF updated that he has a further meeting with MM regarding the Whitchurch 5K. Entry lists have been circulated, a team will be selected following next month's meeting. In the meantime, WA will need to advertise upcoming representative opportunities

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# **DATE & TIME OF NEXT MEETING**

• Mon 28<sup>th</sup> June, 2021, <u>5.15pm</u>. Microsoft Teams invite will be sent to members for another virtual meeting