

**WELSH ATHLETICS ROAD/CROSS COUNTRY COMMITTEE  
2023/2024 SEASON**

**MINUTES TEAMS MEETING WED 27<sup>th</sup> NOV 2024 5.15PM**

**ATTENDEES: -**

Paul Adams, Alex Donald, Alaw Evans, Graham Finlayson, Martin Green, Steve Jones, Sharon Leech, Kevin Tobin

**APOLOGIES :** Nikki Haines , Steve Mitchell

**DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:** None

**ACTIONS FROM PREVIOUS MEETING (23<sup>rd</sup> OCT 2024)**

- *Welsh XC Championships: has venue been confirmed?* AD was enquiring re Singleton Park, however this has been confirmed as being unavailable. It has been very difficult to find a venue this year and given the lateness of notification regarding Singleton, AD proposed to use Pembrey for this year and then choose another venue which will be the host venue for the following three years. The Committee agreed with this, as Pembrey has been a successful host venue in the past, the ground will be unaffected by excessive rain and infrastructure is good. AD will look to use an alternative course to previous years. There was an alternative option of using Brecon again, however the date of the 25<sup>th</sup> was unavailable and so the event would have needed to be on the Sunday 26<sup>th</sup>. The Committee felt that Pembrey on the Saturday would be best

Recent results:

- *Welsh Inter Schools/ Inter Regional 16<sup>th</sup> Nov'24 senior results:* Callum Champion SM, Lauren Cooper SW. AD confirmed that the event was a success, results were fine for the IR element, however there were some errors in the IS results, which caused some (understandable) upset among the school staff and the athletes involved. WA are looking to implement a better system so that this does not happen again. SJ stated that there are two proposals currently by WSAA for either a stand alone IS event as it stands, with a full timetable, or a stand alone school relay event. AD is dubious it would work as schools are currently not particularly

supportive. SJ stated that it would be on a Wednesday, which may help boost the numbers. Proposals will be shared with school districts to see what the reaction is and gauge interest

- *Liverpool Cross Challenge*: Following the Liverpool Cross Challenge in November, Cari Hughes and Dafydd Jones have been selected for the Euro Cross Country in Italy on 8<sup>th</sup> December

## **CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED**

- SM held an information session regarding the Performance pathway (focus on endurance), recording of the discussion available from SM

## **DISCUSSIONS**

- Welsh Cross has been discussed above, as has the proposal for the IR/IS event being split

## **FIXTURES**

### DOMESTIC

- Welsh XC Championships 25<sup>th</sup> January 2025 Pembrey

### REPRESENTATIVE

- Valencia Marathon 1<sup>st</sup> Dec 2024
- Home Nations/Celtic XC Leeds 8<sup>th</sup> February 2025 (U17-Senior) (selection meeting Wed 29<sup>th</sup> Jan)
- Armagh 13<sup>th</sup> Feb 2025 (U20) (selection meeting Wed 15<sup>th</sup> Jan)
- Race Walk 22<sup>nd</sup> March Dudinska 2025 (selection meeting Wed 22<sup>nd</sup> Jan)
- Trafford 10K March 2025 (U23) (selection meeting Wed 29<sup>th</sup> Jan)
- WA Road Relays 29<sup>th</sup> March 2025 (Seniors and Masters)
- Mini Marathon 26<sup>th</sup> April 2025 (selection meeting Wed 12<sup>th</sup> March)
- ACP 100K Ultra 3<sup>rd</sup> May 2025
- Podium 5K date tbc 2025 (selection meeting Wed 6<sup>th</sup> August)
- WA Road Relays September 2025 (Juniors)
- Valencia Marathon Dec 2025 (selection meeting Wed 25<sup>th</sup> June)

### SCHOOLS

- Welsh Schools XC Championships 19<sup>th</sup> February Brecon
- SIAB Scotland 22<sup>nd</sup> March 2025

### **PERFORMANCE**

- SM not present, however has passed on his congratulations to Cari and Dafydd on their selection for the GB team at the Euro Cross
- SL and either KT or PA to be involved with the selection for the Home Nations/ Celtic XC
- AD has booked Pembrey for 29<sup>th</sup> March 2025 for Senior and Master Road Relays, the junior road relays will likely be held in September, date to be confirmed at a later date, following discussion with SM

### **AOB**

- A very Merry Christmas to all and a Happy New Year
- SL: (Additional note from SM re selection meeting dates received post meeting, but prior to minutes being finalised. Dates for selection meetings have now been added to the list of fixtures)

### **DATE & TIME OF NEXT MEETING**

- Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> February 5.15pm. Microsoft Teams invite will be sent to members for a virtual meeting, minutes will be available on WA website (emailed to [elleanor.cartlidge@welshathletics.org](mailto:elleanor.cartlidge@welshathletics.org) and [media@welshathletics.org](mailto:media@welshathletics.org)) and emailed to members