

Minutes of Track & Field Committee

Wednesday 23rd April 2025



WELSH ATHLETICS
ATHLETAU CYMRU

Present:

Lynne Brier (LB), Joyce Tomala (JT), Darran Williams (DW), Crispin Backshall (CB), Lisa Campion (LC), Dai Williams (DaW), Lee Hayward (LeH), Lynette Harries (LH)

Apologies: Euan Coney (EC),

Conflicts of Interest: None declared.

1. WA Updates:

a. Competition Update

i. Outdoor updates 2025

1. Senior Championships

DW confirmed that there are no changes from the last meeting. Senior Championships are still to be held on 28th and 29th June in Cardiff and entries are now open.

2. Junior Championships

DW confirmed that the junior championship are still planned for 14th and 15th June.

DW said that there could be some concerns about the site, with the pavilion being demolished imminently. Registration and refreshments will have to be moved.

LB said that there is space for officials in the new block at the side of the track.

DW will carry out a site inspection prior to the event.

Photo finish may also be on the side of the track for these championships.

LB shared EC report that he submitted in his absence, with regard to both championships.

3. Regional Championships

JT and DW confirmed that they are all still to be held on 10th May.

LC confirmed that everything is going to plan in West Wales.

CB confirmed that everything was going to plan in North Wales, although the track at Treboeth had suffered minor storm damage.

DW shared some up-to-date entry numbers.

ii. Inter-Regional T & F Championships 2025 –West Wales host region

DW confirmed that everything was going to plan with the championships being held as planned in Carmarthen on July 12th.

LC said that Rob Campion had been working on licences etc.

DW said that everything would be run on Open Track.

CB said that the trophies were in very poor condition.

DW said that we needed new trophies.

Action: It was decided that new trophies would be purchased next year when the age groups change.

iii. Event Specific Meetings

LB shared the contents of EC report on the

DW confirmed that Cardiff AC are to host two 'Run with the Wind' meetings on May 21st and June 4th. Welsh Athletics will host a 'Run with the Wind' event on 16th July. There will also be three BMC events in Aberdare, which will also incorporate some throws events. These are to be held on 3rd June, 22nd July and 12th August.

iv. Welsh Throws League

LeH confirmed the dates for this league as 26th April, 17th May and 7th June. The last match in July had to be cancelled due to a clash of dates. LeH will look at an alternative date in August.

LeH confirmed that events will range from U11 to Masters age groups and will also include some disability events.

LeH will liaise with DW for support with general administrative support.

v. Welsh Junior Competitions

DW confirmed that Welsh Junior Open competitions are well underway, with the first competitions already taken place on 13th April for North, South and East Wales.

DW confirmed the following dates and venues:

18th May – South and East Wales in Hereford

18th May – West Wales in Brecon

7th June- North Wales to be held at Deeside. This will coincide with Deeside's 50th anniversary and will also incorporate an open meeting.

7th June – West Wales in Swansea

8th June – South and East Wales in Cardiff

2nd August - West Wales in Carmarthen

JT asked about officials and DW confirmed that there are concerns about the numbers of officials being available for some matches.

b. WA Performance update

Chris Type was not available to provide an update on performance because he is currently on the Welsh Athletics training camp in Portugal.

Action: Chris Type to be invited to the next meeting.

2. DISCUSSION

a. Organising Competitions document

JT and DW have put a document together and requested feedback on the document.

LeH said that the information provided in the document was very useful for new event-organisers, but felt that some minor elements were missing.

DW shared a link to any additional information that could be added to the document as a point of reference.

LC and LH said that it was a good document that will be useful moving forward in West Wales.

Once the document is complete, it will be placed on Welsh Athletics website.

b. Proposed Age Group changes Indoor Regional Champs

Track and Field committee agreed that James William's presentation to them about the age group changes in the previous meeting was very informative.

DW said that James Williams was keen that the new age groups should begin in Wales on September 1st.

Track and Field committee agreed with DW that the new age groups should begin on September 1st. this will affect all indoor meetings, including indoor regional championships.

Current age groups will cease to exist on August 31st 2025.

There was a discussion surrounding javelins in the new age groups, specifically The Under 18 age group. Malcolm Rogers from UKA has circulated an email stating that the old javelins can be used this year and athletes should change to the new javelins next year. The weight is the same (700g) but the balance will be different on the new javelins.

3. REPORTS:

a. Welsh Schools

DaW confirmed that the Welsh Schools meeting will be held in Aberdare on July 5th.

DaW confirmed that the Cup and Plate is to be held the following Wednesday on July 9th. The venue is yet to be confirmed.

b. Regional Issues

There was no further information from any of the regions,
Most regions have not held their annual general meetings yet.

c. Officials Committee

There was nobody present for the officials committee and no report was submitted.

DW suggested that Zoe Holloway is invited to the next meeting.

4. Any Other Business.

JT suggested that the President of Welsh Athletics is invited to future meetings.

JT reminded the committee that we should be inviting an athlete representative to the meetings. Several names were put forward as suitable candidates.

LB reminded the committee that there is an athlete forum that we could select from to attend meetings.

a. **Date of Next Meeting:** 6pm Wednesday 11th June 2025

b. **Dates of Future Meetings: All meetings commence at 6pm**

Wednesday 6th August '25

Wednesday 1st October '25

Wednesday 10th December '25