

Welsh Athletics Endurance Officials Meeting Minutes

Held on the Monday 4 December 2023

Meeting held remotely via video link

Present: Nigel Jones (Chair) Christine Vorres, Jacqueline Brace, Zoe Holloway. Paul Brooks,

Apologies: Alex Donald

Actions from meeting

Item Number	ACTIONS	Person responsible
3a	Nigel feedback to James agreed cap on expenses	NJ
3a	Organise 2 Risk Awareness Courses and invite Officials who need to complete this element to attend	ZH and CV

1. Declaration of Interest – None declared

3. Decisions

a) Matters arising from previous meeting:-

- Nigel told the members that James Williams is warm to an increase in Official's mileage payments to maybe 35p per mile - but would like us to set a cap on the maximum amount that can be claimed. Zoe advised the meeting what other home counties do, and reminded the members that whatever is decided will have to be applied to T & F Officials too. It was agreed that a cap be set at 300 miles, with any mileage after that paid at a lower rate of perhaps 25p. Exceptions may be made for higher lever officials (Level 3 and above) travelling further to help at prestigious events.
- Zoe told the meeting that she had been 'cleansing' the database of Officials, and that there were 9 Officials that need to complete their Risk Awareness course. She will organise 2 dates to offer these officials and Christine will contact them and stress that they **MUST** complete one of them in order to remain licensed.

4. Discussion

4a – Officials Selections for February XC Events.

Zoe – 14 responses received so far for Welsh Champs and 9 for Schools event. The members discussed officials and allocated their roles for the events - whilst trying to help their development by giving them roles that they may not have done before.

4b – 2024 Virtual Endurance Officials Conference

The members agreed on 9 March 2024 at 11am.

4c – Feedback from General Council Meeting

Christine fed back discussion from the GC Meeting held on 22 November – there had been comments that the Officials progression pathways were too complicated and relied too heavily on additional tasks to be completed by volunteers. This was the consensus of both Endurance and T & Field officers. Zoe will be invited to the next meeting in January by the Chair of the Gen Council Lynne Brier. Zoe responded that they are using the feedback from the recent Officials Survey to review the current processes and make changes. These will be communicated in good time.

4d – Runners swopping numbers when transfers no longer allowed

Paul notified the meeting about the problems encountered at recent events when runners are running with someone else's number and requested that WA support a ban on these athletes as it happens too often.

Unfortunately, Paul's internet connection failed and he was unable to contribute during the discussion – but everyone agreed that it is very problematic, especially when trying to collate results. The committee members all agreed that it is a very real problem, but it is down to each race organiser to do what they can to prevent it – it would be impossible for any race organiser or WA to police a ban on athletes caught. The most that can be done is to remove their results.

5. Correspondence – None

6. AOB:

6a – Jacqueline told the members that there is no update on the new licensing platform in anticipation of Run Britain shutting down. Races up to Sept 2024 have already registered on the Run Britain platform.

6b -Zoe told the members that nearly 90% of officials have accepted the new terms and conditions.

The meeting ended at 7.20pm .

Future meetings:

5th February 2024,

April 8th 2024

June 3rd 2024

August 5th 2024

October 7th 2024

December 2nd 2024

Minutes written by Chris Vorrés. 5th December 2023