

<b>Group name:</b>	North Wales Regional Athletics Council
<b>Date/Time:</b>	6.30pm on 17.2.2023 by Microsoft T
<b>Attendees:</b>	Kay Hatton, Paul Brooks, John Hatton, David Peters, Barry Edwards, Crispin Backshall and Richard Eccles
<b>Apologies:</b>	Nigel Parr, Paul Povey, Mike Blake and Arwel Lewis
<b>Secretariat:</b>	Paul Brooks

**Declarations of interest:** None

**Update on Actions reviewed from previous meeting:**

1. Crispin Backshall will continue in the role of track and field officials secretary until a replacement can be found. A “taster” session was included within the indoor Regional track and field championships in January. CB reported that 7 potential officials attended a morning session. Zoe Holloway oversaw this and some level 3 and 4 officials from Cheshire also assisted. The morning session included jumps and throws; The afternoon session included the track races. CB also reported that qualifying for level 1 officials has been amended so that potential officials can begin the process of attending 3 events and then complete the course immediately rather than starting after the season has ended.
2. KH reported that her document on the role of Regional Council Post Holders has been circulated to the General Council members and to Regional Chairs. She reported that online courses by UKA have become mandatory for coaches and officials at all levels at the time they renew their courses. PB reported that he had been unable to find a suitable date for an endurance meeting due to a very busy calendar of events.
3. CB reported that with reference to the audit of track and field equipment, WA are to supply the Region with 2 new laptops; he will update item this at the next meeting.
4. It was agreed that the Fairy Freckled Cow trail race, organised by Denbigh Harriers, should again host the Regional trail championships. Date in July tbc. CBAC have confirmed that the Twin Piers 10km will not now take place this year, due to ongoing works along the seafront. It was agreed that this event will retain the Regional championships when held in 2024. PB will contact Arwel Lewis to offer this year’s championships to the Caernarfon 10km, to be held on 20.8.2023. Both these actions are in line with our stated policy of giving Club races priority.

The minutes of 9.12.2022 were agreed as a true record.

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**Key Points discussed /Decisions made:**

1. Kay had received responses from each discipline's representative, and they had submitted their draft budget proposal for 2023/4. She presented a spreadsheet showing detail which the meeting agreed, apart from the t&f figure where a fourth bus will be added to expenditure. She was thanked for her work on this.
2. RE presented a spreadsheet showing the accounts for this year so far, and the current balances. He commented that most disciplines had remained within the agreed budgets.
3. BE reported that he had been unable to raise the necessary funds to send a team to the Sportshall finals this year. It was agreed that £500 be granted for this; WA have agreed to provide £1,000 of support, but this still leaves a shortfall of £500. CB felt that the team should represent the whole of the Region, rather than just the North West. KH will find out if it is intended to send a team from the north East.
4. PB reported that Jayne Lloyd, the organiser of the Snowdonia marathon had met with James Williams (CEO of WA) to discuss the matter of 2 runners who had swapped a number without permission, one of whom had been rude and abusive to staff at the event. While the race intends to report the matter to Carl Williams, who handles disciplinary issues at the WA office in Cardiff, JW has agreed to set up a nationwide register of event organisers so that details of this type of offending and the persons involved can be shared.
5. Regional t&f indoor championships: the invoices for Running Imp and the use of the Deeside sportshall have been paid; there is still one more invoice due for lunches for officials. WA have confirmed income from entry fees of £876.08, which is due to be paid into our account on 3<sup>rd</sup> March. BE will forward a report for the website and KH reported that the t&f records have been updated on the website. CB confirmed that the Regional outdoor t&f championships will be held at Wrexham on 14<sup>th</sup> May. The Region will also be involved in the Welsh-Inter Club Challenge and the Inter Region championships will be held on 16<sup>th</sup> July in Aberdare.
6. Regional championship medals for U/11 athletes: this was discussed following the presentation of such at the Regional cross country championships at Wrexham. The meeting decided that Regional medals for this age-group should not be given to this age-group across all the disciplines, as this was not UKA recognised category, and that where events do cater for U/11 athletes, they should receive different medals.
7. The Regional medal order has been confirmed to Darren Williams as 355 gold, 305 silver and 205 bronze. A shortfall of £58 will be paid by the Region as we receive as we receive a grant for the first £1,250 of the order.
8. Charges for updating the website are now £50 per hour.
9. Paul Povey, Regional welfare officer, was not able to attend the meeting, due to work commitments, but had written to say that all Clubs should now have at least one welfare officer. All run leaders, coaches and officials now must complete an online safeguarding course. PB had thanked Paul and confirmed that we would be grateful if he would continue in his role.

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10. CB questioned the refunding of course fees that officials are now required to undertake. All present confirmed that Clubs had previously been willing to refund such to their members.

The meeting was closed and RE thanked for setting up the link.

<b>New Actions arising</b>	<b>Owner</b>	<b>Due Date</b>
1. KH will arrange for the Inter County junior and senior fell running championships to be added to the website. A mountain race has not yet been chosen due to licensing issues.	KH/AL	Next meeting
2. T&F team to continue with volunteer recruitment and look at Tempo scheme.	CB	Next meeting
3. Steve Mitchell to be invited to give a presentation at our next meeting in April.	KH	Next meeting
4. CB to liaise further with Darran Williams on the audit of our stock of T&F equipment.	CB	Next meeting

**Date and venue of next meeting: Exact date in April to be confirmed.**