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| **Group name:** | Welsh Athletics Track and Field Officials Committees |
| **Date/Time:** | Wednesday 14th June 2022. 6pm |
| **Attendees:** | Sue Maughan (SM), Sue Hooper (SH), Alan Currie (AC), Zoe Holloway (ZH), Phil James (PJ) Jeff Mapps (JM) Becky Gibbs (BG) Rhiannon Linnington-Payne (RLP)  (In part, for discussion session – Joyce Tomala (JT) |
| **Apologies:** | Geoff Wickens (GW) John Elward (JE) |
| **Secretary:** | Sue Hooper |

Declared Conflicts: None

SM welcomed BG to the committee as the East Region Rep.

Update on Actions reviewed from previous meeting:

* ZH to speak to Rob Sage about Code of Conduct. Updated on website/portal
* SH to contact Andrew Hopkins (UKA) about championship reports on trinity and L4P reports. Closed
* SH to ask for clarification from T&F committee as to where post event reports go and actions & learning followed through. RHL to go back to UKA as issues around getting hold of reports.

Key Points discussed/Decisions made

1. JT joined the discussion around the Junior League from an officiating point. Various committee members who attended the 1st junior development league gave insight into it.

Enjoyable for the younger age groups at grass roots.

Was difficult to get all disciplines covered for 3 meetings.

Clubs not buying into the concept of it being a development for officials/parents as well as athletes.

Officials/parents who were there worked well and was an enjoyable day.

We have 3 more meetings over the next few months and JT is in talks with James Williams to see about extra funding for clubs to put the meetings on. Various excuses were offered by clubs that did not provide officials. Unsure on how we get clubs to step forward in taking ownership of this league, maybe education within clubs, different format of league meetings.

1. Club/Regional Officials Recruitment

Regional development days in the South/East & West face to face have been held. Some clubs were looking at doing in house development events on club nights**.** The key could be to have experienced officials on hand to support potential officials to give support. Clubs need to be proactive in recruitment from parents. Going in to schools/colleges/universities, maybe advertise in local magazines/newspapers, flyers at meetings given out. Selling the sport to the younger element as what they can get out of the sport.

1. Discussions on Senior/U15 Champs

**SH**. Weather great, few technical issues on the Saturday, running sprints on the back straight benefited athletes. Call room to small. Generate was disturbing for the start and fumes from it.

**AC.** Few hold ups with delays on the Saturday; protests need to be handled in private. Athletes need to know the rules of competition in heats and finals and withdrawing. Sunday went well.

**SM**. Coach and athlete education on rules are they shared and maybe education to both. Late entries. Time line for Time Tables out to chiefs. Proof reading of paperwork. Back cage a safety issue.

**JM**. Back straight running not good for TJ’s or athletes running with a + wind as times may not be acceptable. Breakfast event on the Sunday very well received and a lovely touch.

**BG**. Saturday very short on Field officials. Sunday was better in terms of numbers. Availability needed to go onto the UKA form and earlier. Outside events no coverage of athletes line ups and live results.

**PJ**. Stadium opening hours, not earlier enough to set all equipment up.

**RLP.** Athlete feedback form, high standard of athletes, officials welcoming and polite, great engagement with spectators along with the atmosphere and music, speedy results, TV coverage. Call room times are they to long.

**AOB SH.** Officials for forth coming meetings an issue due to lack of. Need a TM for the Welsh Schools.

**SM**. Early drive for officials for the Junior Champs due to certain officials at the CWG. Discussion for officials with intellectual impairments. Do UKA or other home countries have policys.

**AC**. Insurance for “older” officials are they covered. No age limit on Insurance.

**PJ.** Away until the middle of August at overseas meetings.

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| **New Actions arising** | **Owner** | **Due Date** |
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**Risks**

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Next meeting **October 11th 2022 6pm**