



South Wales Regional Athletics Council

Date: Tuesday, 10 June 2025

START: 6:30pm

END: 9:00pm

Venue: Cardiff International Sports Complex, Leckwith Road, Cardiff

Chair: Kyle Perry (Secretary)

Regular Meeting Minutes

Attendees: Kyle Perry (**Barry & Vale / Secretary**), Ron Morris (**President**), Pete Morris (**Life Member / Cardiff & Vale Schools**), Fred Malkin (**Barry & Vale Harriers**), Michelle Evans (**Rhondda AC**), Rowland Williams (**Pontyclun AC**), Chris Pratt (**Ogmore Phoenix**)

Apologies: Jo Gwynne (**Pontypridd Rodents**), David C (**Pegasus**), Spiro (**Heath Massive**), Claire Davies (**Aberdare - technical issues**), Lorraine Price (**Cardiff Athletics**), Stewart Harding (**CDF Runners**)

1. Chairman's Review of Development Plan (11.3(i))

- No development plan in place for 2024/25.
- Competitions sub-committee's setup for both T&F and endurance groups with good progress made in all disciplines.

2. Competition Officer Reports (11.3.a.ii)

- Cross Country

Endurance clubs have been meeting outside of main council meetings every 3-4 months and have been a positive experience to bring in more clubs into the regional fold. We've been able to focus on endurance club issues and opportunities, and build relationships between clubs.

This year, we have agreed to take on the responsibilities surrounding XC results and selection, as well as organising regional championship races. There was talk of organising a separate XC Championship race, but this unfortunately has not been

able to happen due to a congested schedule and lack of willing organisers. Selection for the regional team will take place at the first Gwent League fixture in Pembrey. I am happy to take on the SW Champs results and distribute medals to clubs at following XC fixtures. There has been no discussion yet of team captains for the inter-regional race.

The first 3 regional races (fell, 10k and trail) have been successful at getting medals to runners immediately after finishing. We have asked runners to register themselves before each race, and not assumed eligibility. We hoped this approach would make runners more proactive in seeking out a regional championship place, and that next time they will be more familiar with the process and can spread the word within their clubs. 17 clubs have received medals in these 3 races which is a fantastic spread across the region. A big thank you to Penarth & Dinas Runners who integrated regional entry into their registration and results system, as well as awarding medals on the day.

The inter-regional match at the Caerphilly 10k was also a successful day for the region, with the men's team winning and the women taking second place. We had more than 30 applications for the 12 places, which was very encouraging and a further move to pass the responsibility to clubs and runners to put themselves forward rather than team captains chase people. Many runners were enthusiastic for the next inter-regional race and I think these would be very popular, though there was some disappointment at a lack of medals.

- Track & Field

Junior Development League

The junior league competitions have just passed with positivity coming from all clubs involved, there was some improvements that have been identified and will be carried forward into the next meetings ready for 2026.

Over the 3 fixtures there were 843 athletes competing with an average attendance of 281 per event.

We unfortunately were unable to fulfil the requirements of the licence in which to meet the threshold of qualified officials to meet Power of 10 for some track events but on a positive note were able to meet all field event quota's and as such all events reached Power of 10 status.

Regional Championships

Event took place with 314 athletes taking part across both South and East Wales. The events went smoothly with all events being officiated by the correct quota of qualified officials.

There were some technical issues with registration that meant that some athletes were unable to attend and the early closing date was also an issue as it was out of sync with the other 3 regions.

Inter-Regional Championships

1st choice athletes have received their invitation to compete with a large number of athletes accepting their place and 2nd choice athletes are in the process of being chosen in the coming days.

A number of officials have agreed to attend and represent South Wales but there are a few more that are required. A request has been put out to clubs for their input.

3. Officials Administrator Report (11.3.iii)

- **Endurance** - No reports requested nor provided.
- **Track & Field** - VACANT position - no report.

4. Secretary Report (11.3.c)

- 2024/25 has been a real challenge with the uncertainty of the chairpersons position being vacant, however, the support provided by Stewart Harding with the endurance side of the sport has taken a huge load off and has allowed for the JDL events to take precedence.
- 2025/26 will not be managed in the same way as 2024/25 with the focus for the secretary being on the Junior League Track & Field and supporting with the purchasing of stock for regional events.

5. To receive the annual statement of accounts and consider treasurer report (11.3.b)

- Report provided and to be sent around to the Council and its members following the meeting.
- **BALANCE** of regional funds as of 10.06.25 is £13,704.
- The regional account is still in place and is due to start paying fees for the use of the account and the Treasurer has been unable to identify a new account without fees so far but continues to be a focus moving forward.
- Junior League fixtures are bringing in up to £2000 per event and consideration for the use of the funds are needed to enhance the quality of the events and kit the region has.

6. Election of officers to Council (11.3.c)

- **President** (Ron Morris)
- **Chair** (VACANT)
- **Secretary** (Kyle Perry)
- **Treasurer** (Jen Stone)

- **T&F Competitions Officer** (Committee)
- **Cross Country Competitions Officer** (Committee)
- **Road Running Competitions Officer** (Committee)
- **Hill & Mountain Competitions Officer** (Committee)
- **Trail Competitions Officer** (Committee)
- **Officials Administrator** (Endurance - Fiona Campbell)
- **Officials Administrator** (VACANT)
- **Welfare Officer** (Male - Paul Davies?????) Yet to confirm continuation in role.
- **Welfare Officer** (Female - Dawne Meynell-Western?????) Yet to confirm continuation in role.

7. To appoint representatives to external bodies including regions members to Welsh Athletics, representatives to General Council and Athletics Committee's (11.3.d)

- **General Council** - Christ Pratt
- **Welsh Athletics AGM** - Kyle Perry
- **UK CAU AGM** - VACANT
- **Track & Field Committee** - Rowland Williams
- **Road Running Committee** - VACANT
- **Trail, Fell & Mountain Committee** - VACANT
- **Officials Committee (Endurance)** - Fiona Campbell
- **Officials Committee (Track & Field)** - VACANT

8. To consider amendments to constitution (11.3.e)

- None

9. To consider tabled items of business (11.3.f)

- None

10. To consider individuals for election as life members of the Council. (11.3.g)

- None

11. To consider nominations for service awards to be forwarded to Welsh Athletics (11.3.h)

- None

12. **AOB**

- Consideration for the purchase of iPad's for results entry. To be looked into.
- Officials expenses discussed as we should be making sure that no official attending to support the region are out of pocket, especially given the large distance that can be travelled.
- Stop watches would be a great investment so that we as a region have the opportunity to have timekeepers.

13. **Date and venue of next meeting**

- Tues 19th Aug @ 6:30pm - Cardiff International Sports Complex & Online