

WMAA Minutes from meeting 20 May 2015 at the Sandmartin, Leckwith

Present: Mel James, John Davies, Sue Hooper, Rob Hooper, Eirian Arwyn, Rachel Matthews, Brett Davis, Brian Webb

Apologies: John Collins, Cath Alford

Opening Address: The chairman thanked everyone for attending and welcomed Brett Davis who was attending for the first time.

Acceptance of minutes: The minutes of the previous meeting were accepted as a true record.
Proposer: Sue Hooper, Seconder: John Davies.

Matters Arising:

Medals –Numbers – Mel handed over the medal stock to Brian who will be managing it going forward. Remaining stock – Total 600 left: 141 gold; 244 silver; 215 bronze. Mel has ordered 500 more gold medals to add to it, therefore 2 years supply. Final stock count will be: Total 1100: 641 gold; 244 silver; 215 bronze. Brian has purchased 3 plastic boxes for storage.

Indoor Championships medals – a total of 104 medals given out, action – Rob Hooper to send an invoice to Welsh Athletics for 50% cost.

Vests – current stock = 8 vests. 3 ladies (1 small, 2 medium), 5 mens (1 small, 2 medium and 2 large). Action – Mel confirm stock count by email to Rob. Brian volunteered to keep the stock going forward.

Chairman's Report:

Mel reported back from the BMAF Executive meeting on 6 May:

- Cardiff Council bid to host the World Champs fell through, the BMAF are unable to underwrite the bid
- Manchester Uni Project now stopped recruiting
- The BMAF Indoor Champs incurred quite a significant loss financially
- Joint EVAC/ VAC pentathlon similarly suffered a financial loss
- There were profits for the road running events
- Maurice presented choices to combat losses could be – charge double the entry fee / reduce the number of officials. 635 competitors. Paid officials expenses, travelled from far afield.
- Issue of dual club membership – continue with this and pay 2 fees.
- 4,397 – current BMAF membership
- Proposal to increase membership fee by £2, yet to be passed at AGM. If it does then the WMAA fee would have to increase proportionately.
- Alexander Stadium, 30-40 Australians expected to compete as guests.
- 1 mile BMAF champs race to continue to be held in Cardiff this year. BMAF entries on line on BMAF website not WA.
- Extreme drop in the number of race walkers.
- Mel's report to the BMAF: BMAF Cross Country held in Ruthin in North Wales was a great event, made a profit too.
- BMAF kit, continuing problems, not produced yet, website says it is due "late May".
- Masters Athletics Magazine - debate whether it should be replaced by an entirely digital version. Another alternative would be to produce 3 rather than 4 issues per year.
- Northern Ireland Veterans have now changed their name to Northern Ireland Masters Athletics Association.

Membership secretary's report:

WMAA now up to 303 members (from 261 reported at the last committee meeting) which is on a par with this time last year. Sue confirmed that she is now sending Peter Kennedy updated lists every 6 weeks.

Treasurer's report:

Rob Hooper ran through the accounts 29 Dec 14 to 19 May 15. He stated that the association will be incurring extra costs for medals and the indoor inter-area. There will also be forthcoming coach costs for the outdoor inter-area in Solihull.

Correspondence:

- Email received from John Elward with concerns over the installation of a 3G pitch at Jenner Park and whether the works will affect the upcoming Masters league match. John also voiced how upsetting the whole business has been for Barry Harriers as the Council have not communicated with them on this. Action - Cath is checking with the track that all will go ahead as planned.
- Email from the BMAF Road and Trail secretary Walter, asking for our help in promoting the 2015 BMAF road championships to our members. Action – Sue to put the list up on WMAA website.
- Email from Peter Kennedy regarding the introduction of “MailChimp” to send emails to our members informing them of events and therefore help to increase participation. Committee initially expressed concerns over members’ agreement to receive emails however it was agreed subsequently to go ahead with MailChimp as Peter will give us the control over what is being sent out.

Track and Field:

Rachel expressed concern over the delay in getting a full sheet of results for the recent league match. Action – Rachel to type up the results and send through to Sue to upload onto the website / get put onto Power of 10.

Outdoor Championships:

- The entry form is on the website
- Committee agreed to give a Gold medal to the open winner
- Standards: T&F committee have a new draft set of standards, action – T&F committee finalise these and publicise.
- Hurdles: based upon the problems with track markings and hurdle heights at last year's championships Rob told the committee that the start team would be unable to set them up like they did last year and that the stewards at Brecon will need to do it. Action – Eirian speak to Derek to ensure stewards do their job.
- Officials: start team is covered however require at least 4 track judges and timekeepers.

AOB:

Audit of accounts due, Action – Eirian ask Huw Roberts

Going forward - put dates of committee meetings on the website.

The AGM will be held in the Pavilion at Brecon track following the championships on 14 June. Action – Sue put on website with request for proposals and nominees to be submitted in advance.

Proposals for the AGM suggested by committee today were:

- Brian Webb, nomination as President.
- Brett Davis, nomination as Vice-Chair and Men's Team Manager and elected representative at BMAF meetings.
- Fees – proposal to reflect the BMAF increase of £2 in the WMAA fees. Uplift from £13.50 to £16 for early payments, from £16.00 to £21.00 for late payments.

Date of next meeting: AGM – 14 June 2015, Penlan Athletics Track, Brecon

Annex A

Record of Actions

<u>ID</u>	<u>Action</u>	<u>Progress</u>	<u>Status</u>
30/04/5	Maintain communications with Sue Sayer and Gareth Hughes, North Wales Regional Athletics Council re. involvement in hosting B&I masters xc international in 2018		Ongoing
01/10/8a	Mel and Eirian discuss plans for an inter-area road match to potentially be held as part of the Cardiff half festival of running in October.		Open
01/10/8b	Sue put item on website calling members to form a discussion group on the future of WMAA with regards to WA affiliation.		Open
20/05/1	Rob raise invoice to WA for medals used at Indoor Champs (50% cost of 104 medals)		Open
20/05/2	T&F committee to finalise standards and then get them out on the website.		Open
20/05/2	Eirian ask Huw Roberts if he can audit the association's accounts.		Open