

WMAA Minutes from meeting 27 January 2016 at the Sandmartin, Leckwith

Present: Mel James (Chair), Cath Alford, Sue Hooper, Rob Hooper, Eirian Arwyn, Brett Davis (minutes), Brian Webb.

Apologies: Rachel Matthews

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

Matters Arising:

See actions table for updates to existing actions.

Chairman's report:

Road inter-area – agreed in principle, combined with Cardiff 10km in September. Mel had attended meeting. Graham Finlayson had stated that it would be free if all the nations wanted to take part. Agreed to try it this year, particularly as no financial risk. Mel to get an estimated liability form.

Indoor championships – although successful (Glyn Sutton equaled the world M70 60m record and Len Tew set a British M80 800m indoors record), the issue was raised of how do you get more people to assist on the day, as most members who attend just compete. Welsh Athletics want us to pay for the medals for alternate 5 year age groups for the cross country. James Williams to meet with Rob Hooper and Brett Davis at Cardiff track in late February/early March.

Agreed that Track and field committee should as well as reviewing the track and field standards proposed by Brett Davis, set the rulings relating to e.g. setting of triple jump boards.

Membership secretary's report:

Sue Hooper was patiently working through the processing of members on the new system. There had been many challenges but she was getting there. WMAA will have to decide at some point when we want to progress to being on the new system for everything i.e. registration and the entry of Welsh competitions.

Treasurer's report:

Rob Hooper distributed his report and the Committee briefly ran through the report.

Track and Field:

All of the summer fixtures have been booked.

Mel James asked that his name was removed from the website as being a kit supplier, as you can go direct to the supplier. Tracksuits were considered but were regarded as too problematic. A badge was also considered.

He will bring kit to Lee Valley and purchasers can collect at the event.

It was agreed that minibus transport for the inter-area indoors was very expensive, only covered a small part of the team and that there were challenges with having sufficient drivers. There were insufficient numbers that would take up the even more expensive option of a coach. So it was proposed to try a car-share option for those members unable to drive. It was agreed that WMAA would pay any member driving from Wales £10 per team member transported and a lesser amount if driving the lesser distance from England, although acknowledging that there were less likely to be such arrangements occurring.

These payments would be in addition to whatever the driver agreed with their passengers.

Brett Davis queried how the summer league track schedules were designed to achieve a balance for sprinters, middle distance and longer distance. Eirian Arwyn explained the principles and it was agreed to email the proposed schedule to the committee.

AOB: None

Date of next meeting: April 6th @ 6:30 in the Sandmartin, Leckwith

Annex A

Record of Actions

<u>ID</u>	<u>Action</u>	<u>Progress</u>	<u>Status</u>
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.	Potentially ongoing but the issue has cooled off for now.	Closed
20/05/2	T&F committee to finalise standards and then get them out on the website. Eirian to email sent to Brett for analysis then present to Committee for approval.	Ongoing. Draft set to be presented at next committee meeting for approval (25/11/15). T&F committee to meet soon to discuss.	Open
20/05/2	Eirian ask Huw Roberts if he can audit the association's accounts.	Huw agreed. Accounts taken by Eirian to give to Huw. Huw ready to take accounts in Feb.	Open
30/09/2	Mel/John liaise with Swansea Council regarding hosting the 2018 Masters Cross Country International.	Talks are ongoing. Application made to Swansea council. Mel has checklist from 2015 of items to do.	Open
30/09/4	Clerk of the course / meeting manager required for Championships and League matches. Advertise in advance for volunteers for these roles.	Ongoing - We have had an offer for assistance. Committee to agree job description / checklist of responsibilities to discuss with the volunteer. Gwyn	Open

		Jones mentioned as being as a potential Clerk of the course.	
27/01/1	T&F committee to produce and email League T&F schedule to committee	New Action	New Action