

WMAA Minutes from meeting 18 November 2015 at the Sandmartin, Leckwith

Present: Mel James (Chair), Cath Alford, Sue Hooper, Eirian Arwyn, Rachel Matthews (minutes), Brett Davis, Brian Webb and Peter Kennedy (BMAF)

Apologies: John Collins, Rob Hooper

Opening Address: The chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting and thanked Peter who had come all the way from Sussex at short notice.

New BMAF system Opentrack to replace AREG early December. Peter Kennedy, on behalf of the BMAF, was given the floor for the start of the meeting to run through their proposals for modernising and integrating the BMAF membership and competition entry systems using a company called "ReportLab". This would enable a "one-stop shop" for members to access their membership details, enter competitions and request magazine subscriptions. Peter outlined 3 stages to WMAA in our committing to the use of the new "Opentrack" system:

1. Members can view their data (as submitted to BMAF by WMAA membership secretary)
2. Members can log on to the system to amend their data as necessary
3. Members can pay their membership through the system

The committee voted in favour for steps 1. and 2. However step 3. will be considered at a later date. Therefore, membership is still to be paid directly to the WMAA. This new system is to be partly funded by the European Community to promote the use of technology in grassroots sports.

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

Matters Arising:

WMAA vests – Mel ordered 32 vests for the Cross Country International. 27 Vests were sold and the money has been passed to the treasurer, remaining vests (5) are with Brian Webb.

Audit of WMAA accounts – Huw Roberts in the process of auditing.

2018 XC International – talks are ongoing regarding Swansea, it is very likely to take place there.

Road inter-area – no further correspondence as yet from Paul Brooks, however Welsh Athletics website posted a notice calling on race directors to come forward to host a home countries international so it looks like the ball is rolling.

Indoor track and field Inter-area – 28 February 2016 is the confirmed date at Lee Valley.

Meeting manager / clerk of course – Lesley Stow has shown an interest in this role. This is good news but we need to be clear on what the role involves. **Action** – Sue to draw up a "checklist" / job description for the role and circulate to the committee so it can be finalised and discussed with Lesley.

Chairman's report:

Brett and Mel attended the recent BMAF council meeting and reported back:

- Kit contract has been annulled due to the quality and delivery commitments being unfulfilled. Talks with Ron Hill now ongoing to produce new kit in same design. It's mandatory to wear the new design from the Perth world champs onwards.
- Dates for diary: 28 Feb – Indoor Inter Area; 14/21 Feb – Area Indoor competitions, open to guests; 17 July – pencilled in for BMAF outdoor champs. (see BMAF website for details).

Membership secretary's report:

We currently have 386 members. I will be sending emails out in the next few weeks to remind members that the 2016 membership is due on January 1st 2016. For those with no email address they will get a form in the post. I have put a 2016 form on the website and this has the new prices on it as agreed at the AGM in June 2015.

Treasurer's report:

Sue distributed and the Committee briefly ran through the typed up report covering the period 29 Dec 14 to 29 Oct 15, bank statements 83 plus accruals.

Correspondence:

An enquiry was made to WA regarding whether the Welsh Masters Cross Country Champs were taking place within the Inter-regionals in Builth Wells. Alex Donald replied to confirm that changes had been made following their committee meeting and the Masters champs would now take place within the Welsh Senior champs on 27 Feb at Singleton Park in Swansea.

Track and Field:

Indoor Championships

Sue has continued communications with James Thie of Cardiff MET regarding holding the champs within the GP meetings and the confirmed dates are: 10 Jan and 23 Jan. Masters entries are to be sent directly to Sue in the post. The fees agreed by the committee are: £7 for 1 event; £13 for 2 events and £18 for 3 events. Entries for each meeting are to be separate. Sue will seed the races as in previous years. MET will provide a photo finish and the results.

Outdoor league and championships

Cath, Derek and Eirian have looked at the dates. The league matches will all take place on a Weds and the proposed dates are:

27 April – League match 1 in Newport
18 May – League match 2 in Swansea
8 June – League match 3 in Brecon
3 July – Championships in Brecon
10 Aug – League match 4 in Swansea

Unfortunately for the time being we have been priced out of holding the matches in Cardiff as hire costs have almost doubled.

Cross Country:

Mel reported back from the Cross Country International in Dublin. The older age groups did well in getting team medals. For the women: W55 - silver, W65 – bronze; W70 – bronze. Individual performances which stood out: 4th Cath Wheeler W55; 5th Ann Nixon W55 and 5th Chris Birch W65. For the men there was one team medal of bronze for the M50 category. Individual outstanding performances – 5th Huw Evans M40; 2nd Austin Davies M50; 3rd Ifan Lloyd M55 and 3rd Richard Marks M65. Mel expressed his thanks to the excellent work of the team managers Bernie and Ali.

AOB:

Proposed new standards – Brett Davis distributed and briefly presented the proposed new standards.

Date of next meeting: 27th January 2016, 6.30pm at the Sandmartin pub, 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.	Open
20/05/2	T&F committee to finalise standards and then get them out on the website. Eirian to email set 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).	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. Await results of his audit.	Open
30/09/1	Sue put notice on website to explain situation regarding the BMAF magazine. i.e. once a new editor is appointed it will be available online with the option for a paid subscription for those who want a hard copy.		Closed
30/09/2	Mel/John liaise with Swansea Council regarding hosting the 2018 Masters Cross Country International.	Talks are ongoing.	Open
30/09/3	Rachel reply to letter from Paul Brooks regarding the proposed Masters International 10K Road Race.		Closed
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.	Open
30/09/5	Indoor Champs – Sue to report back from WA officials meeting regarding potential to collaborate with WA.		Closed
30/09/6	Sue update membership form to capture people's home and mobile numbers. Put notice on web for		Closed

	members to inform us if change to contacts details.		
30/09/7	Eirian email Rachel men's 3000m (race 15) results from Brecon match to update sheet.		Closed