

Welsh Masters Athletic Association Minutes for Meeting held at  
Leckwith, Cardiff on 22<sup>nd</sup> January 2014

Present	Mel James Rachel Matthews Sue Hooper Eirian Arwyn Cath Alford John Davies John Collins John Townsend	Chairman Min. sec
Apologies	Brian Webb John Gardener Derek Osborne Rob Hooper	

1.	Opening address	The chairman thanked everyone for attending. The last meeting was some time ago following the AGM in October so there will be quite a lot for discussion this time.	
2.	Acceptance of minutes	One amendment to 3. XC selection, other than that minutes accepted as true record. Proposer: Sue Hooper Seconded: John Collins	
3.	Matters arising	WMAA outdoor track and field champs now confirmed for 15 June.  Regarding the suggestion of holding The BMAF Throws Pentathlon within our champs – these are now being held on 20/21 Sept as part of the multi-events so no need to consider including within ours.  Kit – this was a bit of an issue again in the B&I Cross Country international, however got by and athletes cooperated by bringing old kit.	
4.	Reports	<b><u>Membership secretary's report (Sue Hooper)</u></b>  We finished 2013 with 353 members. Of the 2012 members 68 have failed to renew. I have not counted the members at the moment as it is early days but we have received a fair amount of renewals and new members.  I have received 1 refer to draw, and have contacted the members concerned for alternative payments; unfortunately it was a new member.  Received 2 membership applications that I had to collect from the sorting office, not enough postage on the envelopes, informed both members to be aware of this for future postage. One member has since sent a cheque for £5.00 with an apology. I have not banked the cheque as I feel it is too much and would like to shred it. (Committee agreed to this).  BMAF have contacted me with regards to the magazine, there will	

now only be 3 and not 4 issues, due to costs. I need to inform them of members by the beginning of February for April issue, so if anyone has not renewed they will not be on the listings thus will miss that issue.

### **Treasurer's Report (John Townsend)**

The accounts have now been audited up to statement 41. Having received statement 53 I am now preparing accounts to be audited for a full year. Compared with last year's statement we are only down by a reasonable amount considering the additional outgoings we have had this year (e.g. cross country international and the new website) so the association has done well. Membership has been a positive factor generating a good sum.

Some of the main costs this year:

Website

Summer league

Inter-regional events

International cross country

In conclusion, the association's present financial position is good considering all of the outlays this year.

### **Chairman's report**

#### **British and Irish Cross Country International, Cardiff**

The chairman expressed his thanks to everyone involved in the Cross Country International and apologised in advance if he has left anyone out. He thanked Eirian and John for management and the rest of the committee for their help on the day. John Townsend's work in dealing with the finances was invaluable and Rachel's help with liaising with the hotels and team managers regarding accommodation.

Mel ran through the various costs involved in hosting the international and we managed to make some good savings in certain areas which enabled the costs to be less than anticipated.

Ian McDonald (San Domenico) did an excellent job processing the results on the day. The committee wished to send him a donation as a thank you for his hard work. **Action - £100 cheque to be sent to Ian – by John T?**

The committee also extended a big thank you to the Chairman for all his hard work which was crucial for this very successful event.

John Collins thanked Rachel for her help dealing with all the last minute hotel bookings and making sure it all went smoothly for the team's accommodation.

Future internationals – the committee agreed it would be good to start putting "feelers" out for people to get involved with future WMAA hosted internationals. Sue Sayer had expressed disappointment in North Wales missing out on this year's. **Action – Rachel send letter to Sue Sayer acknowledging her interest**

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		<p><b>and regarding the potential for North Wales to host the next one.</b></p> <p>Mel reported that the proposals for new age groups (70+ women and 75+ men) in next year's international were unanimously accepted by delegates at the B&amp;I XC manager's meeting, however they will need to be passed at the next BMAF Committee meeting on 9 Feb.</p> <p><u>Old Father Time WMAA 5 mile champs</u> Mel reported that this went well this year. He had a stock of medals we could use this time which helped cut our costs this year.</p>	Rachel
5.	Correspondence	<p>Marcel Gray emailed Sue expressing interest in doing the track and field rankings. Also, Terry Lally corresponded with Cath with regards to doing rankings for the field. <b>Action – Rachel get back to Terry and Marcel and accept their offers suggesting that Terry do the field and Marcel the track rankings.</b></p> <p>Email received from Bridget Cushen (secretary, BMAF) – Inviting WMAA representatives to a free Mock Trial run by a legal firm of a Public Liability Claim made against a coach / official / administrator etc. being held Thurs 27 Feb, 9.30am at Edgbaston Stadium. Mel James has replied to her to attend. <b>Action – Mel will do a report on this</b></p> <p>Dick Evans correspondence to Mel – Welsh Masters team for European mountain running champs – Mel suggested approach Welsh Athletics. We would sanction sending a team but not at expense to our association. <b>Action - John Collins to contact Adrian Woods and get more information on this.</b></p>	<p>Rachel</p> <p>Mel</p> <p>John C</p>
6.	Indoor inter-area challenge	<p>The WMAA have entered the indoor inter-area on 23 Feb in Lee Valley and a message has been posted on the website looking for a men's and a women's team manager. Roger Garland has contacted Sue expressing his interest in the role of women's team manager. The committee agreed to accept Roger's kind offer. Mel proposed that all those who have shown an interest can be offered a place in the team, any clashes over events to go to selection process. In terms of travel arrangements, team members will need to make their own, team managers to promote car-sharing.</p> <p><b>Action – Rachel email Roger to inform him, ask if he would like to take on the men's team too and check he is happy for his contact details to go on the website.</b></p>	Rachel



		<p> <b>Results</b> – agreed  <b>Medals</b> – agreed  <b>Timetable</b> – agreed  <b>Programme</b> – produce their own. Not ourselves.  <b>Trials</b> – agreed  <b>Entry fees</b> – sub committee to agree this issue. We won't take non-BMAF members as open competitors.  <b>Officials</b> – agreed  <b>Entry forms</b> – agreed  <b>Handling of entries</b> – each club handle own entries – agreed to this (WMAA take Welsh and Open entries, they take SWVAC)  <b>Finances</b> – to be discussed in sub-committee. A simple way to do it would be to split costs 50/50. (Costs = hire of track, officials expenses, etc not medals). So each association knows what they have to pay at the start and no calculations after the event. Committee decision to stand on this).  <b>Walks</b> – sub committee to decide this  <b>Pentathlon</b> – sub committee to discuss  <b>Throwing pools</b> – decide once timetable in place  <b>One hour / 10k</b> – not in agreement to holding this (<b><u>Action – Mel speak to Les Croups if want to contact SWVAC re. entering Les Croups one hour race</u></b>) </p> <p> Committee agreed would be good for them to come in with us.  <b>Action – Rachel email John Peratt informing him that we are in agreement with most of their suggestions however the T&amp;F sub-committee will be in touch with a detailed response.</b> </p>	<p>Mel</p> <p>Rachel T&amp;F sub</p>
9.	AOB	<p> <b><u>Meeting with Steve Brace</u></b>  Sue, Rob, Steve (WA) meet up on a Friday afternoon – Sue get back to Steve </p> <p> <b><u>Proposed Inter-area for the road</u></b>  Eirian – we have a track and field masters representative event, a cross country one. What about the road – could we suggest an inter-area for the road in the future? <b>Action – Eirian put a proposal together for this.</b> </p> <p> <b><u>Correct throws weights</u></b>  Cath – Indoor champs only had a 3.25 weight (so can't rank their throws, should have been a 3) – should make sure have the right weights for each competitor's age groups. </p> <p> <b><u>WMAA cross-country championships</u></b>  Given the confusions and problems with results in having the WMAA Cross Country championships within the inter-regionals it was suggested that we could hold the WMAA champs within the Welsh Senior champs instead.  <b>Action – Mel bring up in meeting with WA next month.</b> </p> <p> <b><u>Women's XC team manager</u></b>  Mel asked Eirian whether she wished to change her mind with regards to resigning the xc women's team manager role. Eirian to reconsider after team management protocol has been defined.  <b>Action – Mel draft the protocol</b> </p>	<p>Eirian</p> <p>Mel</p> <p>Mel</p>

10.	Date of next meeting	Weds 19 <sup>th</sup> March – venue TBC	

## Annex A

### Record of Actions

<u>ID</u>	<u>Action</u>	<u>Progress</u>	<u>Status</u>
17/10/12b	Rachel suggested the idea of having different featured athletes on the website as an inspiration to other members. Rachel to contact potential interviewees and produce an article for website	On-going. First interview done, Rachel to continue to do more interviews to expand this section of the website.	Open
28/11/11	Mel to produce list of queries for WA (e.g. medals at Road & XC events) and Rob to discuss with WA	Ongoing – particularly regarding the affiliation issue.	Open
26/06/9b	Track and field sub-committee discuss the current WMAA “standards” and report to committee. Any motions for changes to be put forward at AGM.		Open
26/06/11b	WMAA membership incentives – to be discussed by track and field sub committee		Open
28/08/6a	Track and field sub-committee to meet / correspond on various matters such as those discussed at meeting of 28 Aug 13 including appointing someone to attend the WA fixtures conference		Open
28/08/7	Website – Sue to show Rachel through the process of updating the website. Likewise, Mel to also be shown how to update it.		Open
28/08/8b	Social event proposed for mid January. Committee to discuss plans for this at meeting on 23 Oct 13.	Planned now for Sept 2014 and to sell tickets at league meetings from April onwards.	Ongoing
23/10/2	Regarding holding a throws pentathlon in the outdoor champs – Cath email Derek ideas for how this could be organised	Being held by BMAF later in the year.	Closed

23/10/3a	XC officers do a review of the selection process for the next B&I Cross Country international. Get the process in a document.		Open
22/01/4a	Send donation / thank you to Ian McDonald (John T?)		Open
22/01/4b	Rachel send letter to Sue Sayer regarding proposals for North Wales to host the next cross country international.		Open
22/01/5a	Rachel contact Terry Lally and Marcel Gray that's ok - accepting their proposals to do track and field rankings.		Open
22/01/5b	Mel report back to committee on the mock trial of a Public Liability Claim.		Open
22/01/5c	John Collins contact Adrian Woods for more details re. European mountain running championships		Open
22/01/6	Rachel email Roger Garland to confirm his role as women's team manager in the Indoor Inter –area and enquire re men's team management.		Closed
22/01/7a	Cath contact track and field sub-committee to organise a meeting date.		Closed
22/01/7b	T&F sub committee to speak to Sue and clarify protocol for paying officials at league meetings		Open
22/01/7c	Cath to email people to organise volunteers/officials from the clubs for the league meetings		Open



22/01/8a	Mel to contact Les Croups regarding SWVAC holding their 1 hour race within the Les Croups event		Mel
22/01/8b	Track and Field Sub-committee email John Peratt in response to SWVACs proposals on a joint outdoor champs.		T&F sub committee
22/01/9a	Eirian draft a proposal regarding a potential road inter-area event		Open
22/01/9b	Mel discuss with WA the idea of holding the WMAA Cross Country Champs in the Welsh Senior Champs (rather than inter-regionals)		Open