

**Minutes of the Gwent Cross Country League at The Village Hotel Cardiff
June 18th 2021**

ATTENDANCE

Roland Sherwood (Chairman), Pat Sherwood (Secretary) Jeff Aston (Statistician), Derek Osborne (V/Chairman ,Brecon AC), Neil Miller, Westbury Harriers, Committee Member, Gareth Elliott (Safety Officer/ Pembrokeshire Harriers), Graham Finlayson, (Cardiff AAC), Alex Donald, (Welsh Athletics), Rhiannon Linnington-Pane),Welsh Athletics, Brian & Kay Fox, (Swansea Harriers), Stephen Hames, (Neath Harriers), Peter Burton, (Great Western Runners/Senior Results), Kelly Dicks, (Great Western Runners), Nadia Kottegoda, (Great Western Runners) and Matthew Jacklin, (Aberdare Valley AAC). Bob Elliott (Pembrokeshire Harriers)

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Neil Thomas from Carmarthen Harriers and Benedict Westhenry, Bristol & West AC

1. CHAIRMAN'S WELCOME AND OPENING REMARKS

The Chairman welcomed those in attendance to the meeting. He went on to say that he would like to begin the meeting by making a presentation to Jeff Aston who was standing down as Senior Results compiler and Web Master, and thanked Jeff for all his hard work over the years. He was pleased to be able to confirm that Jeff had agreed to continue with his work as a Statistician.

The Chairman also confirmed that the Treasurer, John Davies, had decided to stand down due to various personal commitments and Geraint Torrington had also decided to stand down. At the present time no applicants had come forward for the position of Treasurer and we would continue to push it on the internet.

He also mentioned that he would like to hold an Extraordinary Meeting in September when things will be more up to date with Covid.

2. MINUTES OF THE 2018 AGM

The Minutes were handed round and after careful consideration it was proposed by Brian Fox, seconded by Graham Finlayson, that they be approved. This was agreed by all present.

3. MATTERS ARISING

There were no matters arising except that the Chairman mentioned that the T Shirts had gone down particularly well and thanked Derek for all his hard work in sorting these out.

4. SECRETARY'S REPORT

4a *Confirmation of 2019/20 Results*

Jeff and Neil both confirmed that there had been no problem with the results.

4b, *Gwent Cross Challenge.*

The Cardiff Cross Challenge had resented fewer problem this year partly due to us doing our own result.

4c. *Under 11 to Under 20 – 4 fixtures out of 5*

This had gone down well. The only problem had been the cancellation of the final fixture. It was proposed by Neil that the final fixtures is the final fixture that takes place, seconded by Stephen and approved.

Chip Timing was brought up again. Graham Finlayson to arrange a meeting with FR Systems, who do the timing for the Cross Challenge, to include the results compilers.

4d. *Fixtures Dates for 2021/2020*

2021

16 October Cardiff Cross Challenge -
13 November -
4 December - Carmarthen Harriers

2022

16 February - Westbury Harriers, Blaise Castle (Neil to check)
19 March - Swansea- Stephen said Neath would help out.

It was noted that all of the above are subject to Welsh Assembly Covid guidelines.

There were some issues with the Cardiff Cross Challenge but hopefully these will be resolved.

Graham suggested that perhaps Bridgend could be asked if they wanted to have a venue and a suggestion of Monmouth was also made.

5. COVID 19

Rhiannon said that as the law stands in Wales at the moment 4,000 were allowed per fixtures, so there should be no problem with holding these events and felt we should crack on. Hopefully by September/October we should know more.

6. SAFETY OFFICER – Gareth

Gareth had a number of concerns as follow:

There had been issues at Chepstow

Races should start earlier

Widen finishing areas- this was discussed, and it was agreed that this should be down to who is organising the venue but should be looked at.

Risk Assessment needed- Agreed

Not enough toilets in some venues – to be looked into

Parking – not enough in some areas -

Catering facilities poor in some venue. *He mentioned Pembrey in particular. The Chairman will speak to Neil from Carmarthen.*
There should be a 4 by 4 vehicle

GARETH IS SENDING HIS CONCERNS IN THE POST

7. STATISTICIAN'S REPORT

Jeff passed round copies of his report and went through it very briefly.

8. TREASURER'S REPORT.

The Chairman advised that due to the Treasurer standing down, he had to deal with the bank who were proving problematic. He handed round brief accounts which were not up-to-date due to the failure of the bank to let him have any current statements. At the meeting in September, a more comprehensive set of accounts would be available. Under the circumstances it was agreed that these accounts should not be signed off.

The Chairman asked that he try and get a bank card so as to pay in moneys after a fixture, also draw the money for official's expenses.

The question of raising fees was brought up at this point and it was felt that there was no need at the present time. Proposed by Jeff, seconded by Neil and approved.

9. GWENT LEAGUE AWARDS

Sheila Crump Award

A nomination from Neil for Jeff Aston to receive this award, seconded by Brian and approved.

Gilbert Legge Award

A nomination by Neil for North Somerset to receive this award, seconded by Kelly and approved.

John Collins Award

This was to go to Les Croupiers.

RESULTS OF THE SURVEY ON THE GWENT LEAGUE

The Survey on the whole showed that most runners who replied were happy with the way the League is run, a few problems were indicated and will be looked into. Equal distance between genders.

A vote by Neil to Geraint for all his hard work. It was felt that we should contact clubs about the conclusions.

The Chairman to write to Geraint with the Gwent Leagues thanks for is work and it was suggested that perhaps we could ask if he would be prepared to re-consider his decision of standing down.

11. OPTIONS FOR EQUAL DISTANCES IN BOTH SENIOR GWENT LEAGUE RACES.

The Options are being sent by email and should be inserted on arrival.

12 ELECTION OF OFFICERS 2020/21

President: **Val Davidson** – proposed by Neil, seconded by Brian and agreed
Vice President: **Brian Fox** – proposed by Pat, seconded by Graham and approved.
Chairman: **Roland Sherwood** – proposed by Neil, seconded by Brian and approved.
Vice Chairman:- **Derek Osborne** – proposed by Neil, seconded by Brian and approved
Secretary: **Patricia Sherwood** – proposed by Neil, seconded by Brian and approved.
Treasurer: Vacant
Statistician: **Jeff Aston**
Safety Officer: **Gareth Elliott**
Committee Member: **Neil Miller**
Co-opted: **Peter Burton**

It was proposed by Jeff, seconded by Gareth and approved that a Trophy Officer be sort,

It was further suggested that co-ordinator be appointed but it first was suggested that Geraint be asked to reconsider his decision to stand down.

ANY OTHER MATTERS

Derek thanked Neil for his work on the web site and Bob thanked Neil, Roland and Pat.

Meeting Closed at 22.15 pm

Signed
CHAIRMAN