

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE GWENT CROSS COUNTRY LEAGUE
HELD IN BRIDGEND AC CLUB HOUSE, HELD ON
FRIDAY 21ST JULY 2016**

PRESENT:

John Collins (Chairman), Derek Williams (Treasurer), Roland Sherwood (Secretary)
Jeff Aston (Statistician), Pat Sherwood (Minute Secretary), John Davies (Port Talbot
Harriers), Ian Swanson (Port Talbot Harriers), Graham Finlayson (Referee), Geraint
Torrington (Westbury Harriers), Mel James (Les Croupiers), Stuart Davidson
(Bridgend), Ian Swanson (Port Talbot Harriers)

See list

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Derek Osborn (Brecon AC), Dean Turner (Blaenau Gwent)

CHAIRMAN'S WELCOME AND OPENING COMMENTS

JC thanked those present for attending and a special thanks to Bridgend for the venue
and food.

Sponsors: successful

Five matches thanks to hosts and officials. Thanks to DW, who is stepping down.
Arthur Davies also stepping down – going to give some awards to those stepping
down and one or two other officials. Geraint took over as official co-ordinator and
did a splendid job.

Looking to the future – need to look on to an electric time keeping.

Minutes of the last AGM were passed round the meeting.

Any amendments.

Page 1 – correction Mel James was present but was absent from the minutes.

Nothing on Page 2, and 3.

Page 4. not co-ordinator (take out).

Geraint approved, Mel seconded and Minutes approved.

Matters arising -- none

SECRETARY'S REPORT

Fixtures Monmouth – we lost on this as extra charges for parking of cars (Very wet day).

Fixtures dates for 2016/17

October 15/16th Letter from Bridgend asking for 1st Fixtures.

Another letter from GF asking for 1st fixture.

Graham withdraw his request Thanks to GF for withdrawing

Approved: Bridgend on the Sunday

Voting : 5 all JC decided Bridgend

2nd Fixture on November 12 – Blaenau Gwent at Chepstow Racecourse (East Wales Championship to be included) and Brecon wanted this.

DW made the Committee aware that the cost of Monmouth ~Show Ground. was considerable.

After a discussion it was decided that the 2nd Fixture goes go Brecon - Saturday

JF – suggested Brecon and we ask Blaenau to do more costing on their event and will be considered for next year.

Neil Miller said he thought we should be looking for different places

Vote 4 – 3 to Brecon 5 abstentions

3rd venue – December 3rd/4th or February Westbury (If Westbury Saturday

4th venue -

5th venue – March offer from Pontypool accepted

GW to telephone Neil from Blaenau Gwent to see if they would take 4th venue

AWARDS – (to be dealt with later)

Nominating two members from each club to help – JC said it didn't work. Strike this out and ask for it to be put on web

Slower runners – taking double the time. .

Jeff extend the rule to the Referee's discretion but also at the discretion of the time keeper and put on web..

Succession of officials

JC mentoring can be done for officials seeking to upgrade.

AGE CATEGORIES AND DISTANCES (SEE NOTE)

Proposal – that M65 can run in a team competition - see notes Discussion paper

Westbury Harriers proposal that for the junior age groups, Novice to under 2) that the best 4 of 5 fixture results count towards the overall totals. Reasons for proposal (SEE ATTACHED PAPER from Geraint Torrington)

General discussion on this

Defer put this on Agenda for next year, as it would appear there are no clashes for the forthcoming season.

ELECTRONIC TIMING

Not at present- Enquire of chip companies – Agenda for next year.

Work a watch in conjunction with races next year and see how it works.

Tell officials we don't want them to check the club shirt . Perhaps occasionally checking only.

STATISTICANS REPORTS

To be attached to the Minutes.

TREASURER'S REPORT

DW proposed we don't increase the entry fees affiliation fees , various between £450.00 to £500 so we had better be careful in the future.

Stuart from Bridgend brought up about host fees going up put on AGENDA for next meeting. Still £4. Seniors and £1.00 juniors.

See attached list

Proposed correct by Mel seconded by Stuart and approved. Together with various people present with thanks to Derek.

Still available for official work including referee.

SHEILA CRUMP AWARD

From, Fred Makin – Barry & Vale. Agreed.

GILBERT LEGGE MEMORIAL AWARD

Nominations Avon Valley and Cardiff Archers

Agreed Avon Valley

Roland we should only take nominations prior to meeting but not from the floor unless there are no nominations

REGISTRATION AND FAST TRACK

Fast Track seems to be working.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS 2016-17

Chairman – agree

Vice-Chairman – Arthur

Secretary –Roland

Treasurer – Derek standing down - Derek nominted John Davies yes. Agreed.

Statistican – Jeff

Safety Officer – Graham Finlayson - Does not want to stand again. DW stats when he is refereed it is his decision on whether the meeting goes on or not.

Geraint wanted to know what the job description was. . Put it on the web on what we are looking for. Referee to do it in the meantime.

Committee Member: Pat (Minutes Secretary)

Committee Member : Geraint Torrington

Official Representative – No Arthur but yes to David Jones.

Mandate forms will be put in place.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

GW Can we update the web site. Jeff will look at it.

Meting closed at 9.35 pm