

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE GWENT CROSS COUNTRY LEAGUE HELD AT THE BRIDGENT AC CLUBHOUSE FRIDAY THE 2ND JUNE 2017

PRESENT

Roland Sherwood (Secretary), Pat Sherwood (Minute Secretary), Jeff Aston (Statistician), John Davies (Treasurer/Port Talbot Harriers), Neil Miller (Westbury Harriers), Graham Finlayson (Cardiff AAC, Ian Swanson (Port Talbot Harriers, Owain Jones (Bristol & West AC, Alex Donald (Cardiff AAC0, Derek Osborn (Brecon AC0, Geraint Torrington (Westbury Harriers), Darryn Mc Atee (Newport Harriers)

APOLOGIES for ABSENCE

The Secretary read an email he had received from John Griffiths, to say that John Collins was very poorly in hospital, and the meeting asked for their best wishes to be passed on the John and his family.

John Davies showed the Trophy that had been purchased for John H Collins for his continues service to the Gwent Cross Country.

Minutes of the last AGM, were on the web site and passed round the meeting.
Agreed by Neil Miller, approved by Alex Donald.

Matters Arising.

Pages 1, 2, 3 No Amendment

Page 4, Malkin to be substituted for Makin

Page 5, No Amendment

4a, Confirmation of 2016-16 Results Agreed.

4b, Gwent League – Cardiff Cross Challenge

James Williams spoke about this event which they hoped would be the first fixture to incorporate into the Gwent League. Jeff Aston had been to a meeting about this. Darren wanted to know how the results would be achieved, Jeff one is chipped (Cross0, and the other by hand (Gwent).

He asked how the funnels would work. Entries close for the Cross Challenge before the event, Gwent will be on the day.

Roland Sherwood said it had been discussed by the Committee and agreed to go ahead with this, we would struggle to get a permit for that fixture.

The event would be at Llandaff Fields.

4c, Fixtures for the coming Season

1st 14th October, Llandaff Fields

2nd, 11th November, Brecon

3rd, December, See if Pembrey will take it, if not then Newport

4th, February, Pontypool has shown an interest, Owain Jones asked if Bristol & West could hold one, but it would depend on the budget allowed them. Owain Jones asked if £2000 was too much, which Roland Sherwood said was. Neil read from the Treasurers report on budget for venues. Pat Sherwood suggested we provide the information he wanted and consider them for next season.

5th, March, Blaise Castle, Bristol.

4d, Awards at last fixture, agree we stay the same for the Junior Results.

Alex Donald and James Williams, left the meeting.

4e, Novice to Under 20, 4 fixtures out of 5, towards total results. Neil Miller spoke on this, Derrek Osborn likes the idea. The Secretary said we need to put this on the Agenda about changing the points structure. Agreed it would be Agenda next year.

4f, Cost of Chip Timing
Owain Jones had spoken to someone, perhaps about £800 for an event. Gram Finlayson said it works in other Cross Country Leagues. Meeting with Jeff and somebody about chipping to see how it can be implemented. To put on the web site that we will be looking at pre-entries.

4g, Succession of Officers
Looking for more people to help. Officials needed. Geraint Torrington will be doing this a different way, as he wants to run.

4h, Safety Officer, Graham Finlayson will stand in as and when.

4i, Electronic Timing – is it working OK
Geraint Torrington, says yes it is working well, Roland Sherwood agreed.

4j, Pre-Entries at each event.
Already covered, to go on the web site again.

4k, Gwent Cross Country Hand Book

Geraint Torrington, asked for the Constitution.

5, STATISTICIANS REPORT
See Attached.

6, TREASURERS REPORT.

John Davies, when through the report. Photocopying machine, can we get rid of it. Derek Osborn asked about purchasing vest or T shirts for people finishing in the top ten in each race, but only one per season. Jeff Aston to put it on the web site, if good enough response, could be yes.

Owain Jones asked about spending more money on toilets and car parking. Derek Osborn said at his event the toilets were destroyed and had to negotiate with the company, as they wanted to charge Brecon Ac £2000. Finally agreed to pay them the excess, it was agreed they should be reimbursed. Neil Miller had a similar problem.

Graham Finlayson said a minimum of 6 toilets, agreed.

Proposed correct by the Treasurer, John Davies, seconded Neil Miller, and approved.

- 6a, Race Fees, seniors £4, Juniors £1, no increase.
- 6b, Extra for Guests, even if they are Affiliated, Derek Osborn proposed Guests should pay £1 extra, none Affiliated £3, agreed.
- 6c, Cost of Host Fees, John Davies proposed it goes up to £500, all agreed.
- 7. Sheila Crump Award – Volunteer, Brian Fox was the only from outside, proposed by Roland Sherwood, Seconded by Graham Finlayson, agreed.
- 8. Gilbert Legge Memorial, Bridgend AC, Brecon AC, Newport, Sportsmanship, Endeavour and Achievement. Parc Gwyn Fach was suggested from the floor by Geraint Torrington and Derek Osborn, all agreed.

ELECTION of OFFICERS, 2018 - 2019

Jeff Aston, President
Vice President, Jeff Aston Nominated Pat Sherwood, Neil Miller Seconded, Carried
Chairman, Pat Sherwood Nominated Roland Sherwood, Seconded Darren Mc Atee, Carried
Vice Chairman, Derek Osborne
Secretary, Pat Sherwood
Treasurer, John Davies
Statistician, Jeff Aston
Officials Co-ordinator, Geraint Torrington
Darren Mc Tee and Neil Miller offered to do the Junior Results, Neil Miller said he would do them both.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Owain Jones asked about an e-mail list
Owain Jones Said parking needs to be reviewed. Some venues do not have sufficient parking. We can only go with club/venues that want to host an event.

Awards Officer was suggested by John Collins, invite nominations.

Graham Finlayson suggested we should name some sort of Trophy after John Collins, ie, Best Masters.

Meeting Closed 21:50