



MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE
John H Collins GWENT CROSS COUNTRY LEAGUE
HELD AT THE BRIDGEND AC CLUBHOUSE FRIDAY THE 1 JUNE 2018

PRESENT:

Roland Sherwood (Chairman), Pat Sherwood (Secretary/Vice President) Jeff Aston (Statistician/President), John Davies (Treasurer/Port Talbot Harriers), Brian Fox,(Swansea Harriers), Luke Morris (BGAC), Rachel Dennington (BGAC), Graham Finlayson (Cardiff AAC), Alex Donald (Cardiff AAC) Liz Collins, Lesley Storrie (Swansea Harriers), Leslie Cuthbert (Swansea Harriers), Jeff Aston, Derek Osborne (Vice Chairman Brecon), Geraint Torrington (Westbury Harriers), Tom Marley (Welsh Athletics), Neil Miller (Westbury Harriers)., Owain Jones (Bristol & West AC),

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Hedydd Davies (Carmarthen Harriers)
Lisa Cleary (Penarth & Dinas)
Neil G Thomas, (Carmarthen Harriers)

MATTERS ARISING

- 4a Confirmation of 2017-18 – Results
- 4b Gwent League (Cardiff Cross Challenge).
- 4c Derek liked the idea of Parc Bryn Bach.

Proposer: Neil Miller Westbury Harriers, seconded Owen Jones (Bristol & West)

Under 17 girls one issue said Neil the first and second girls were wrong way round overall.

Alex said they were happy with the way it went. More could be made of Gwent League but it was felt things that caused a problem could be changed.. The results that came through to Neil were very selective Neil said. Far easier if they got everything. We ran out of numbers provided CC. Competition Manager felt it went well and complications could be sorted. Various things were mentioned but these are things that can be sorted.

2018

13 October Cardiff, with Cross Challenge.

11th November (Carmarthen Harriers) Pembrey Park, check there is nothing else on. Last year was a problem with people getting in to the Park, some athletes missing their event.

1st December

2019

9 February

2nd March Blaise

Letter from Welsh Athletics asking would the Gwent League move to four events, or to a January fixture. A general discussion took place This is for the 2020-21.

4d Awards at last fixture. –fixture cancelled due to bad weather.

4e Novice up to under 20, 4 fixtures out of 5. Neil apologised as he was unable to get something in by e-mail.

Presentation at last fixture, the best of three out of the 4 to count (should be at the last one) must compete at the last one 4 out of 5

Whether teams all 5 should count or whether 3 should apply. **What happened to 4?**

Neil to put that proposal and perhaps we can get a shadow set of results.

Owain should we do the same for seniors. Jeff said they should be able to make up their own minds if they do all 5.

4f Cancelled Fixtures

Jeff in the event of fixture being cancelled, the final score in the seniors shall be the results. The final fixture that took place is the result.

4g Cost of Chip timing.

Chairman – The way we run it with Geraint using multi timing watches is working well, Neil agreed.

Graham spoke to Chipping company and they said about 65p per chip.

This was discussed fully.

Geraint said they would have to be done on entries online

Someone talked about alternative method by company who don't use chip.

Letter going around to all team managers about registering online.

4h Succession of Officers

4i Safety Officer – two named have come forward.

Geraint said he couldn't find anything about it.

Lesley has looked at risk assessments. Hasn't seen anything that people are doing proper risk assessments.

Alex said there is a handbook around. There will be new licensing in place. Adjudicators/Referee will make sure everything is okay.

Do we require a Health and Safety Officer. Lesley Stowe said yes. Graham said the reason he gave the job up because nobody took any notice.

Owain said do we have to have one. If not should we have one.

Derek asked if both candidates could do the job. Agreed. Contact the second one.

Find out about the Road Runners format for Health and Safety.

4k Trophy named after John Collins.

Jeff proposed best junior award is given. Perhaps the best senior or masters. Jeff to compile a list and circulate amongst committee. Liz said Masters would be fine. Buy Trophy. "John H Collins Trophy (founder Chairman of Gwent XC)"

Liz change of name from Gwent to Collins and Crump Cross Country League.

John H Collins Gwent Cross Country League, Brian Fox and second Graham.

Will need to change cheques books and website.

4m Matting on bare tarmac. Owain mentioned in particular Pontypool. Should Gwent league buy it.

About £100 for 10 by 6 if a venue needs one we will arrange it, but someone must look after it, If only one venue, then that venue will look after it.

Both Geraint and Owain asked about the constitution and Roland said one existed, but maybe not in electronic format, but that one would be available.

Statisticians report

See attached.

Treasurers report

Race fees Seniors £4 Juniors £1

Extra fee for Guest £1 attached, £3 unattached

Uni fees (U23). charging £4.00 and then giving £2.00 back, seems to make no sense.

Agreed by Jeff that we charge them the full price, seconded by John Davies. Carried.

Copier – Agreed to get rid of it.

6e A cap on League funds and management of excess funds?. Derek look at re-branding, Lesley asked if they could have a long jacket weather proofed. Direct Sources do them say Graham. He will check with Direct Sources.

Owain was advised that re-branding, flags, chips etc, and mats would go towards it, the extra money in the League, plus maybe the web site.

Owain suggested money could be used for better venues which would in turn attract more runners, for example, Chepstow Racecourse.

Neil disagreed that we should get rid of all the money in the savings account at once.

Neil said tax man could come knocking.

John read his report on finances for the season, in view of the discussion about the surplus.

Geraint mentioned that as the last fixture was cancelled at Blaise, was there any expenditure that needed to be paid. Neil will find out.

Derek brought up about t-shirts, Yes – agreed to reintroduce a top 10% award – T-shirts not the previous vest.

Roland suggested finding a Branding Company. To design a new logo.

Proposed correct by John Davies, seconded, Neil – agreed.

Sheila Crump Award

Volunteer - Geraint Torrington

Proposed Neil

Seconded – Derek Osborne

Gilbert Legge Memorial Award

Carmarthen agreed.

Fast Tracking working well.

Election of Officers, All current officers were re-elected.

10.20

