

East Wales Regional Council.

Report from the Welsh Athletics General Council held on 14 March 2023.

Actions from previous meeting and updates from the CEO.

- JW reported that several attempts had been made to arrange a meeting relating to welfare matters but this had proved impossible during March.
- Kays comprehensive document relating to the role of Regional Councils was moved for a fuller discussion later in the agenda.
- JW reported that Regional Councils were not eligible to apply for Active Wales grants. It was determined that Welsh Athletics funding to the Regions be further explored and that reasons for ineligibility be clarified.
- It was reported that no Board Minutes had not been posted on the website since September 2022. There were also a number of committee reports missing e.g., there were no Track & Field reports since February 2022. JW agreed to ensure that all committee minutes posted on the website would be updated immediately.
- JW updated the Council on UKA Anti-Doping arrangements and Officials Education (see items for discussion below).
- A learning platform is being established where all athletics disciplines will be placed in one portal.
- Competition providers will in future be responsible for providing officials for their events.
- An online kit portal is being established for athletics in Wales; details will be provided in the coming weeks.

Staff changes:

- Rhiannon will leave Welsh Athletics at the end of May to head athletics at Cardiff Metropolitan University. Alex Donald will lead on Summer Events.
- Amy Edwards is now fully operational as network officer in North Wales.
- Andrew Jenkins will undertake additional duties relating to Welsh Schools.
- Chris Moss will be released from UKA to support new initiatives in Wales,
- New posts/staff changes will be announced soon.

Items for discussion.

Anti-Doping.

By joining a club an athlete must agree to adhere to the UKA Anti-Doping rules and sign up to this requirement. This will become mandatory in 2024. The Articles of Welsh Athletics Ltd will have to be updated at the next AGM to accommodate this new requirement.

Officials Education.

From April 1st a fee for attending Officials Education courses will be reintroduced. This will coincide with the transfer of Officials Education from UKA to Welsh Athletics. Hopefully this will encourage clubs to access the cost of course fees from Active Wales to cover the cost of course fees. The benefits of moving Officials Education to the Home Countries means that they can influence the structure and the delivery of courses.

Officials Expenses.

It was reported that there was a delay in paying officials expenses; the CEO was requested to address this this matter ASAP.

The roles of Regional Councils.

Kay was congratulated on the delivery of a comprehensive document, the council confirmed that it was now 'ready to go'. This will be forwarded to the Board of Directors for their approval and inclusion on the agenda for the 2023 AGM.

General Council Administration.

The position of secretary for the General Council is still vacant; until the position is filled a request should be made to Welsh Athletics for secretarial support.

It was also determined that a vice chair be appointed ASAP.

Lynette