



Carmarthen and District Harriers Committee Meeting – Ivy Bush Hotel – Carmarthen Wednesday 10th January 2017

Present: Hedydd Davies, Nathan Jones, Jake Morgan, Jane Batten, Hayley John, Neil Thomas, Edward Morgan, Dorrien Thomas, Steve Glynn & Andrew Lloyd-Hughes (Network Officer)

Apologies: from Kevin Evans, Cressy Morgan, Alison Thomas, Rhian Glynn & Ralph Siggery

The minutes of meeting held on 8th November 2017 were checked for accuracy. In agreement, the minutes were accepted as a true record.

Minutes arising from the meeting:

- Track Condition: There's money available for the track to be re-surfaced in the future with the council support. There's discussion with Welsh Athletics & West Wales over bringing in electronic timing as a development. If going ahead, there will be a need to find people to be trained in using and operating the equipment.
- High Jump & Pole Vault equipment should be looked at and as it is a county facility, where new stands in particular are needed. Important to maintain facility.
- Notice Board at Leisure Centre: The notice board isn't positioned in the best of places inside the Leisure Centre. Jake to follow up on moving notice board closer to public entrance.
- Let's Run Carmarthen social group have started meeting inside the track before going out on the road for their session. 4 members represented the club in Pembrey in December.
- The club has purchased a set of communication radios which will help develop communication at events hosted by the club.

Financial Report

Current Total in the bank: £42,984.71

(As on 20th January 2018)

Income includes Membership & Registration Fees, Sale of Vests, Training Levy, Sale of Refreshments, Grants, Gate Money and Entry fees collected at events.

Expenditure includes Coaching, Hire of buses, Hire of track for training at the track, sportshall and primary school events at the Showground, St John Ambulance, Purchase of vests and Welsh Athletics Registration Fees.

Chairman's Report

The Chairman thanked all team managers and coaches for their continued work and efforts during training and competition days. The bowls evening at Xcel Bowling before Christmas was a good great success with a group photograph in the local papers the Wednesday after. Hayley/Rhian was thanked for their work.

3 Gwent League fixtures have been held since October at Cardiff, Brecon and Pembrey. A big thank you to everyone from the Chairman, including Jake and Neil as well as all the volunteers who helped at Pembrey. The Under 11 athletes in particular are performing excellently at present.

Unfortunately, the Welsh Inter-Regional Cross Country Championships at Brecon were cancelled due to the adverse weather conditions and will not be re-run. A lot of work went into getting a West Wales team of around 200 out. A new team co-ordinator needed next year.

The club have been successful in receiving a community chest grant thanks to Hayley for the work.

Jake Morgan discussed the club constitution and committee roles and role descriptions and that a small group consisting of Kevin Evans, Steve Glynn, Jake Morgan, Neil Thomas and Jane Batten met up with Chris Moss and Andrew Lloyd-Hughes (Welsh Athletics) on club modernisation with those in attendance agreeing that the advice was very useful.

It is clear that people need to be aware of the role descriptions before agreeing to take on any responsibility (this has now been changed to include full information on each role).

A suggestion was that a pay administrator is introduced in employment terms with West Wales/County Council to help spread out the numerous roles.

A copy of the club constitution and a draft of the roles and responsibility were circulated in paper and online. Any changes or feedback from the papers was welcome. The committee thanked Jake for his work and any ideas anyone has should go directly to Jake. A small group are planned to meet up a few days before the AGM to prepare.

A number of roles need to be filled at the AGM and it is hoped that several people will come forward to fill any of these tasks once they understand what each role entails and the support they can provide to the club.

Any other Business

- *Correspondence was received from Aled Price requesting a first claim transfer to Swansea in order for him to compete at the highest level available. It was agreed by the committee and a letter of thanks was sent to Aled.*

- *70th Anniversary Dinner: Provisional date booked for Friday 2nd November 2018 at the Ivy Bush. A group will come together to organize the dinner including guest speaker.*
- *Neil reported that the Welsh Road Relays would likely come to Pembrey Country Park again and is a good sign of the hard work put in last year.*
- *The bid for the Pembrey Gwent League will again be put in for December as this seems as the best time to host the meeting in West Wales. The Gwent League AGM will be held in July.*
- *Neville Sillitoe and his group of Australian athletes have been in touch regarding plans for June 2018. The Committee all agreed not to invite the group this year due to welfare and other concerns.*
- *Congratulations to Ben Thomas who has been shortlisted in the Carmarthenshire Sports Awards next month. The Carmarthen Town finalists have not yet been revealed.*
- *Congratulations to Frank Morgan (U13) who won the Antrim Cross Country International in Antrim last weekend and currently sits in 2nd overall in the Cross Challenge.*
- *A provisional fixture list of events in 2018 is available.*
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Date of next meeting:

Annual General Meeting: Wednesday 7th February 2018, 7.00pm at the Ivy Bush Hotel

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