

Notes on Zoom meeting relating to SW Conference

Meeting held on 20th September

In attendance: Richard Llewellyn-Eaton, Richard Ayling, Keith Reed, Fiona Edington

Apologies received from David Cooke, John Deaton, Paul D’Arcy, and Dave Varney.

It was confirmed that the conference will take place on Saturday 16th October in the afternoon. The SWAL AGM will be held in the morning. This is not an ideal day as it clashes with the Gwent League XC incorporating the UKA Cross Challenge in Cardiff.

Following discussion at the previous SW Council meeting and a brief dialogue it was decided to have three themes around volunteer development, diversity and inclusivity and developing the SW regions as a competition area. We would really like to attract many of the new clubs, coaches and officials who would benefit from information and guidance as well as the more traditional clubs and volunteers who could impart their experience,

The three theme will be as follows

1. Making our sport safe – this will include updates on safeguarding, welfare and health and safety
2. Making our sport happen- this will include volunteer development, club structures and what support can be offered for clubs, coaches and officials
3. Making competition happen – this will include a review of the competition structure, canvassing the views of both clubs and athletes and how we can ensure success for our athletes at every level.

Behind each one of these themes we need to ensure we look at diversity, inclusivity and sustainability.

The conference will run from 2 – 4pm. Each topic to run for 30 minutes using break out rooms for discussions. A brief introduction and close remarks will be included

Delegates will book on via email and state which modules they wish to attend.

All clubs and counties to be contacted using contacts available. Needs to be shared on websites and on Social media.

It is hoped that Richard Ayling will take the lead on section 1, Paul D’Arcy on section 2 and Keith Reed on Section 3

We discussed the SW Awards which are taking place on Wed Dec 1st. This is run by EA but we will require three or four people to announce awards as last year. This will need to be finalised in the next few weeks. We would also like to have a contribution video from the SW Olympians and Paralympians on their Tokyo experiences if time allows.

We also hope to have a separate awards ceremony online for SW athletes on a date to be confirmed. This will be run by us.

We will need to decide on the categories to be included and winners by the end of October.