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Track & Field Championships report to AGM – 13 March 2015

Both the Multi-Events and QuadKids Championships on 5 May and the Track & Field Championships on 24/25 May 2014 were successful events and well-received by those taking part. We met on 25 June to consider our thoughts and to discuss Alison Friend's Meeting Report for 5 May and preliminary comments from Eileen and Terry Williams about the main Championships.

Multi-Events and QuadKids Championships, including Mile and 3000 metres races

Multi-Events	U13B	U15B	U17M	U20M	SM	U13G	U15G	U17W	U20W	SW	Total
Entries	11	8	6	4	3	31	18	6	2	3	92
<i>incl. Guests</i>		1		1		2	3				7
Competed	11	7	6	2	3	29	16	6	1	3	84

3 entries were taken on the day: 1 Under 15 Boy, 1 Senior Man and 1 Under 15 Girl (guest, travelled from Kent)

QuadKids	U10B	U11B	U10G	U11G	Total
Entries	20	22	21	26	89
Competed	20	18	20	24	82

2 entries were taken on the day: 1 Under 10 Boy (as a guest) and 1 Under 11 Girl

Entries:	U15B	U17M	U20M	SM	U15G	U17W	U20W	SW	Total
Mile	5	2	1	9	4	7	4	3	35
3000 metres	3	0	3	12	4	2	0	2	26

A total of 10 entries were taken on the day

A few years ago, the Multi-Events Championships were poorly supported and in danger of being scrapped. This year there were almost too many athletes, particularly in the Under 13 and Under 15 Girls' age groups. A party of 5 Multi-Events and 18 QuadKids athletes from Guernsey arrived at 10:30 following an aircraft fault but, thanks to sympathetic rescheduling by Alison Friend and the other officials, they completed all their events and thoroughly enjoyed their day. As usual the main bottleneck in the programme was the High Jump, though hiring a second bed has previously been ruled out as too expensive. Nevertheless the whole programme finished only 10 minutes later than scheduled.

Event Referee's Comments (Alison Friend)

- Limit numbers in each event, no entries on the day, restrict guests unless space available
- Various suggestions regarding the timetabling of events, both for the Multi-Events and QuadKids
- Various issues regarding facilities and equipment to be dealt with before the Track & Field Championships
- Lack of stadium staff with sufficient experience

Response

We are reluctant to restrict entry numbers, as this could deny young athletes the opportunity to compete and possibly affect the financial viability of the event. However, we propose to:

- Take no entries on the day, and to accept no guests, for the Multi-Events and QuadKids Championships.
- Adopt the revised QuadKids timetable suggested by Alison Friend, and review the Multi-Events timetable in the light of entries received.
- If we retain the Mile and 3000 metres, keep them as Open events and accept entries for these races on the day.
- Request that experienced ground staff are appointed by Parkwood Leisure for the event.

Points 1 to 3 have been incorporated in the 2015 Championship entry forms currently in circulation.

Track & Field Championships

The number of entries was the highest for over ten years and about thirty more than in 2013. We were fortunate that apart from two or three short spells on rain on Saturday, the weather was much better than had been forecast.

We will consider the Technical Officials' Meeting Report in due course but we have received some preliminary comments (see below). Feedback from competitors has been overwhelmingly positive, with only one complaint (see below).

Entries

	U13B	U15B	U17M	U20M	SM	U13G	U15G	U17W	U20W	SW	Total
Entries	46	86	91	56	97	69	119	71	40	49	724
<i>incl. Guests</i>										2*	2

* Two SW athletes, both with Hampshire connections, were accepted as guests to improve competition; one competed.

One Hampshire-qualified athlete entered but chose to compete as a guest on the day so she could use W50 implements.

Total number of entries: Friday 25 April (two weeks before closing date): 191
Friday 2 May (one week before closing date): 344
Friday 9 May (closing date): 706

18 entries were accepted after the closing date for reasons we considered legitimate; last entry was accepted on 21 May.

No entries were taken on either day of the Championships.

A small number of entries were refused, including one entry fee refunded, for not satisfying Hampshire qualifications.

Comments received from Eileen and Terry Williams

Photofinish – Eileen and Terry brought a number of problems to the attention of HS Sports, who offered a discount of £500 which we accepted. We'd like to thank Eileen and Terry for achieving this saving.

Officials rest area – We can see no alternative location for Officials' refreshments, and as far as we're concerned what was provided was the best available, considering other users of the Leisure Centre.

Seeding – Richard demonstrated a prototype computer system to Colin Goater at about 09:00 on Saturday and he kindly agreed to trial it, with the proviso that he could revert to manual seeding if necessary. The system catered for heats, though lane draws for subsequent rounds had to be entered manually, much as they would have been in any case, so there was no reason for any delay. Colin's verdict was that it was generally successful, so Richard will enhance the system to improve usability and cope with finals in time for the 2015 Championships.

Hammers, tape, toilets, flags and other stadium requirements – will be discussed with Parkwood Leisure, with particular regard to roping off areas.

Guests and Late entries – we will not accept any guest entries, i.e. athletes without Hampshire qualification, in future. We shall continue to accept legitimate "late entries", in line with the proviso set out on the entry form.

Photographers – all photographers were briefed on safety requirements when they were issued with high-vis jackets, with no exceptions. Two members from Southampton Camera Club attended at our request as there was no other official photographer available.

Complaint

Only one complaint has been received on behalf of a competitor. Luke Younghusband (City of Portsmouth A.C.) was omitted from the result of the Under 15 Boys' 200 metres Semi-Final that was issued by Photofinish and therefore was not informed that he had qualified for the Final. This error was only brought to our attention by his father after the Final had been run, so we could only apologise for the mistake having been made.

The matter was raised by City of Portsmouth A.C. in an email two days later, to which Mike Williams replied.

This error shouldn't have occurred as all photofinish output should be checked against the judges' manual result slip, but clearly that didn't happen on this occasion.

England Athletics grant

Unfortunately, we didn't receive the £750 grant towards the costs of staging the Championships, as we received no communication from England Athletics and found out too late that the closing date for applications had been 1 May. Similar grants for *specific enhancements* are available in 2015, with applications to be submitted by 17 April.

Finances

The final accounts for all competitions are shown on the attached table. They show that the net surplus for the May Day events was just over £1,000, which we feel is very satisfactory considering we did not have the income from the 10K Road Race this year. The surplus for the Track & Field Championships fell to approximately £1,750, owing to increased costs and the absence of the EA grant.

Conclusion

We would like to thank all technical officials and everyone working behind the scenes to ensure that the Championships were a success. In particular, we thank our President, Pam Rogers, for arranging and hosting the visits by a number of local VIPs, and for all her assistance with medal presentations.

Christine Weeks, Mike Williams and Richard Dean
Joint Track & Field Championship Secretaries

SAUCONY HAMPSHIRE TRACK & FIELD, MULTI-EVENTS AND QUADKIDS CHAMPIONSHIPS, MILES AND 3000 METRES 2014

INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNTS

	Multi-Events		QuadKids		Miles/3000m		10K Road Race		May Day Total		Track & Field (24/25 May)		Total		
	2014	2013	2014	2013	2014	2013	2013	2014	2013	2014	2013	2014	2013	2014	2012
Entry fees	£1,107.00	£900.47	£716.77	£415.62	£309.67	£1,960.00	£1,960.00	£2,133.44	£3,276.09	£8,849.92	£10,983.36	£11,670.60	£11,022.70		
Grant from Portsmouth City Council															
Michael Austin Harlick Trophy Grant	£56.22		£11.97	£22.84				£68.19	£22.84	£196.30	£264.49	£228.36			
Programme sales										£333.00	£333.00	£316.00	£300.00	£300.00	
T-shirt commission										£170.00	£170.00	£170.00	£170.00	£170.00	£300.00
Photography commission	£45.35	£11.25	£30.23	£7.50				£75.58	£18.75		£75.58	£68.75	£150.00	£150.00	
England Athletics grant												£750.00	£750.00	£51.92	
TOTAL	£1,208.57	£911.72	£758.97	£445.96	£309.67	£1,960.00	£1,960.00	£2,277.21	£3,317.68	£9,849.22	£12,126.43	£13,503.71	£11,524.62		

EXPENDITURE

	Multi-Events		QuadKids		Miles/3000m		10K Road Race		May Day Total		Track & Field (24/25 May)		Total		
	2014	2013	2014	2013	2014	2013	2013	2014	2013	2014	2013	2014	2013	2014	2012
Stadium Hire	£295.00	£288.00	£193.00	£157.00				£488.00	£445.00	£1,652.00	£2,140.00	£1,995.00	£2,512.80		
Stadium Refreshments	£70.00	£50.00	£50.00	£25.00				£120.00	£75.00	£971.55	£1,091.55	£423.00			
Timekeepers' stand										£576.00	£576.00	£456.00	£456.00		
Photofinish timing system										£1,894.00	£1,894.00	£2,394.00	£2,394.00	£2,334.00	
EDM hire										£210.00	£210.00	£280.00	£280.00	£280.00	
Hire of Judges box										£96.00	£96.00	£96.00	£96.00	£96.00	
Numbers, pins, pads, PF numbers	£15.57	£19.65	£15.57	£19.65				£31.14	£39.30	£598.85	£629.99	£575.87	£648.17		
Medals	£205.50	£224.00	£13.20	£28.60				£218.70	£416.94	£768.90	£987.60	£1,203.54	£1,053.80		
Starter's/Walk Judges' expenses	£26.00	£32.00						£26.00	£32.00	£160.60	£186.60	£177.20	£147.70		
Admin and Champs expenses	£18.50	£26.87	£12.63					£31.13	£75.89	£24.75	£55.88	£150.21	£130.76		
Officials' refreshments										£51.45	£51.45	£24.95	£22.20		
First aid	£214.00	£205.92	£142.40	£110.88				£356.40	£527.04	£712.80	£1,069.20	£1,097.28	£512.58		
Programme printing										£380.40	£380.40	£324.00	£279.00		
UKA Licence Application									£25.00			£25.00	£50.00		
Entry form printing, marketing, admin										£130.45		£130.45	£118.05		
Hire of cones										£63.00		£63.00	£36.00		
TOTAL	£844.57	£846.44	£426.80	£341.13	£0.00	£642.05	£642.05	£1,271.37	£1,829.62	£8,097.30	£9,368.67	£9,415.50	£8,221.06		

Net Surplus	£364.00	£65.28	£332.17	£104.83	£309.67	£1,317.95	£1,488.06	£1,005.84	£1,751.92	£2,600.15	£2,757.76	£4,088.21	£3,303.56		
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