



OFFICIALS' SECRETARIES REPORT TO ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

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This is our 11th report to the AGM. Our Officials continue to be selected for National and International appointments.

HA UPGRADINGS

We are pleased to report that Graham Bungay, Joe Flitcroft, Chris Neil and Carl Quinn have all been promoted to Level 2 Region and Verity Snook is a Level 3 Race Walking Judge, our congratulations to them all. We continue to encourage newer Officials to progress up the ladder but are well aware that not all Officials, for various personal reasons, want to progress and are quite happy just supporting their Clubs where they are really needed. British Athletics are changing their Grading system again with effect from 1st April 2016.

HA NEW OFFICIALS

We held Level 2 Courses in Andover in November and a total of almost 30+ over the 4 disciplines attended. Our thanks to Steve Baldwin, Alison Friend and Janet Smith for Tutoring at this one and, with Mike Barratt and Alison Friend, at other Courses throughout the Region and outside. Also, our thanks to Ian Oldacre from Andover AC for arranging access to their Track and providing some young athletes to enable candidates to get some practical experience. However, there are still Clubs who are not providing any people on these Courses and sooner or later they will find that they are unable to host meetings due to a lack of qualified Officials. This could have a big impact now with the restrictions on officiating long throws. All those who attended Courses were included in our annual mail out for availabilities for County events with some success. In addition to the above Course Mike Barratt went to Jersey in September to deliver a Timekeepers course and together with Alison Friend we went over to run Field and Track Courses. This all emanated from the World Island Games in Jersey.

MEETINGS

We continue to arrange Officials for the County Track & Field and Multi Events Championships together with the Hampshire Schools events plus Inter County events and those arranged by Michael Coker. We also covered the two Grand Prix Events at Basingstoke and Southampton. In late June Jersey hosted the NatWest World Island Games and we were asked to provide Officials and invited some 30 giving a spread of experience and also encouragement to some of our new and younger Officials. This was a great success and we know our help in the smooth running of this event was much appreciated by the Organisers and without our support the Track & Field would not have worked so a big thanks to all especially our Referees/Chiefs. The Cross Country Championships were suitably covered although the weather was not too good. We attend meetings of the South of England Regional County Officials Secretaries (Cofsecs) every six months. Also our thanks to Richard Dean for all his work in updating the Officials page on the website and especially the Schools information which has proved to be a very useful source of information for athletes, parents and coaches.

ENDURANCE

There are still continuing problems with the Endurance Pathway but things appear to be slowly improving. Pam Rogers is now qualified to deliver Risk Awareness Courses together with Level 2 so hopefully we will now be in the position to run Endurance courses again and more easily. We will give Pam all the help we can.

OFFICIALS' MEETING

We held our 11th 'Get Together' last March at Basingstoke Hockey Club with around 60 attending again. Guest Speaker was Cherry Alexander from British Athletics which proved to be an interesting presentation and provoked much discussion/comment! Once again our thanks go to Michael Coker for all his help and support with the arrangements and the sponsorship of Sport Hampshire & Isle of Wight which meant that there was no cost to Hampshire Athletics. Our next gathering is on Friday 8th April once again at Basingstoke Hockey Club with Guest Speaker Peter Shilling who has recently taken over as Officials Coordinator for SEAA.

DIRECTORY

The 2016 edition should be ready for circulation to all our Officials and Clubs in April following our next Technical Officials meeting later this month at which selections for all Hampshire and Hampshire Schools events will take place. In 2015 we emailed the Directory and gave the option for a postal copy and, as we only received a handful of requests for the postal copy, this saved a tremendous cost in printing and postage. We will be adopting the same system this year.

SINFIELD AND PHILLIPS TROPHIES

The Sinfield Trophy was presented to Liz Flitcroft, and the Phillips Trophy to Matt Bartlett. The new John Lofts Trophy, for enhancing the reputation of Hampshire Officials throughout the UK, went to Chas Harvey and we were grateful to Sheena Fitzmaurice and her brother, for making the presentation. In addition to these awards Steve Snodden won the Hampshire & Isle Of Wight Officials Award maintaining our successful run with this award. We are hopeful of being successful again this month with our nominee.

NEWSLETTER

The bi-annual newsletter continues and Eileen (Editor) is always looking for articles. The majority go by email and we also send to some of our retired Officials who have asked to be kept in touch including Paul Slater in Malta. We have been having problems with emailing the Newsletter through the Trinity database as the system does not like the size of the file so UKA have to reduce it more than we can!

TRINITY DATABASE

The Trinity Database has now been reduced as UKA have raised a Deactivated List which is for those who have not renewed their DBS for 6 months or not obtained a Licence within 2 years of their Course. However, the renewal system for DBS is far easier and quicker as it can be done on-line.

Finally, our thanks go to all our Officials who have supported us throughout the year and particularly to our Officials Committee whose expert advice is invaluable. As to the future, unless someone else would like to take over, we are quite prepared to continue to stand for another year.

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