



OFFICIALS' SECRETARIES REPORT TO ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

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This is our 12th report to the AGM. Our Officials continue to be selected for National and International appointments. Unfortunately during the year some of our Officials passed away including Orion Young and Paul Chamberlain. Additionally Steve Baldwin's wife passed away recently after a long and brave fight as did Janet Smith's Father, Mike.

HA UPGRADINGS

We are pleased to report that John Stansfield and Anne Flitcroft have been promoted to Level 3 and, in addition, Liz Flitcroft has been promoted to Level 4 Field (National) and Chas Harvey Level 4 PhotoFinish (National), our congratulations to all four of them. 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.

HA NEW OFFICIALS

We held Level 1 Courses in Andover in November and a total of 30+ over the 4 disciplines attended. We also held Level 1 Courses for City of Portsmouth AC in September for Field and Timekeeping with around 20 present. We also continue to assist the Channel Islands with Courses and during the year have held these mainly in Guernsey, most recently for Photo Finish. Our thanks to Stan Burton, Mike Barratt, Alison Friend, Peter Darts and Janet Smith for Tutoring at these. Also, our thanks to Ian Oldacre and Jacky Hewson 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. In addition Mike Barratt together with Ian and Alison Friend went to Jersey for their Island Open in April to give help and advice to their Officials and this had the added benefit in that we had quite a few who came to our County Championships. UKA have, in their wisdom, decided to change the process for delivering Level 1 Courses with the aim of making it more interactive and getting rid of the 'death by PowerPoint' system. This has meant all Tutors have had to attend a retraining Course with an Assessment at the end. Some of our Tutors have undergone this new Training but a few have declined at present especially as some of the venues are quite a distance away, in excess of 100 miles, which we quite understand.

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 Grand Prix Event at Basingstoke. We had a first on the Sunday of the County Championships where we provided an all-female Starting team of Janet Smith, Lucy Rogers, Sheena Wingfield and Sue Trebert from Guernsey. The Cross Country Championships were suitably covered and Pam Rogers' thanks were passed on to the Officials. 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 our Endurance specialist and is continually trying to run Courses for new Endurance Officials but response is patchy, this is a nationwide problem. We will give Pam all the help we can.

OFFICIALS' MEETING

We held our 12th 'Get Together' last March at Basingstoke Hockey Club with 50+ attending again. Guest Speaker was Peter Shilling, new SEAA Officials Coordinator. Once again our thanks go to Michael Coker for all his help and support with the arrangements. Our next gathering is on Friday 24th March once again at Basingstoke Hockey Club with Guest Speaker Linda Turner, ITO, who has just returned from the European Indoor Championships in Belgrade – if

you watched some of the Starting problems this will be an interesting Meeting as she was the Start Referee!!!! There are still places available at £5 per head, including buffet, so if anyone would like to come please contact us.

DIRECTORY

The 2017 edition is being updated and if anyone would like a copy please get in touch with us. It should be ready following our Technical Officials meeting yesterday at which selections for all Hampshire and Hampshire Schools events were decided.

SINFIELD AND PHILLIPS TROPHIES

The Sinfield Trophy was presented to John Hoare, and the Phillips Trophy to Lucy Rogers. The John Lofts Trophy, for enhancing the reputation of Hampshire Officials throughout the UK, went to that stalwart of Hampshire Officiating Wendy Haxell.

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

TRINITY DATABASE

British Athletics continue to tinker about with the Trinity Database but we are still experiencing problems. 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.

Eileen & Terry Williams
(Joint County Technical Officials Secretaries)

HAMPSHIRE SCHOOLS REPORT

This has been another successful year and this success has been reported at these meetings throughout the year. The Cross Country season has seen large numbers competing especially in the Team Event before Christmas and again in the U13/ 14 Championships held last week. A Junior Schools event was also held for the 2nd successive year with good numbers. With the National Championships and the SE Counties U13/14 event to come we are hopeful of more success.

There has been a major re-organisation in English Schools which means that Hampshire are now entitled to 70 places at the ESAA Track and Field Championships (an increase of 10) and 5 Relay teams instead of 4. This gives more opportunity to Hampshire athletes. It is therefore very important that coaches encourage their athletes to ensure that they register on the ESAA website when it is available, usually the middle of May. This means that we know they are interested in competing if selected. It is also very important that they ensure they are entered for the Hampshire Schools Championships in June and to help with this HSAA have compiled a document which details which Schools belong to which District and the appropriate District Contact. Mike Williams has this to distribute to Clubs and Richard will be putting it on the website so that parents can also check.

Any athlete who has an entry standard and wishes to be considered for the above but who is not available for the HSAA Championships must get in touch with me to explain and to ensure I have their contact details. Last year there were a number of athletes who had a standard but either did not register on the ESAA website or did not attend the Championships through their School being unaware and I was unable to contact them. Thanks to some coaches I managed to get in touch with most of them but this is very time consuming when time limits are very tight. Finally I have copies of the ESAA Handbook at £3.00 if anyone wants one.

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