



OFFICIALS' SECRETARIES REPORT TO ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

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This is our 13th report to the AGM. Our Officials continue to be selected for National and International appointments. Unfortunately during the year we have lost 2 of our Officials, John Walker has moved to Devon and Chris Berry has started a new life in Neath Wales. We wish them all the best.

HA UPGRADINGS

We are pleased to report that Matthew Bartlett (Starter), Lucy Rogers (Starters Asst), Charles Bromley Gardner (Track) and Jeane Doy (Track) have all been promoted to Level 3, 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. However, we have had a great response during 2017 from new Officials gaining their full qualifications which bodes well for the future.

HA NEW OFFICIALS

We held Level 1 Courses in Winchester in November and a total of 50+ over the 4 disciplines attended over 2 weekends. We also had queries from Guernsey and Isle of Wight for Courses but nothing materialised. Our thanks to Steve Baldwin, Alison Friend, and Janet Smith for Tutoring at these and also for acting as Assessors together with Mike Barratt. 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 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.

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 that were arranged by Michael Coker. We also covered the Grand Prix Event at Basingstoke and also the inaugural Mini Grand Prix. 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. We will be attending an England Athletics Cofsecs National Forum on 24th March in Birmingham

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 13th 'Get Together' last March at Basingstoke Hockey Club with 50+ attending again. Guest Speaker was Linda Turner, ITO, who was Track Referee at the World and Para Athletic Championships. Our next gathering was on Friday 16th March once again at Basingstoke Hockey Club with Guest Speaker Luke Sinnott who has competed in 2 Invictus Games and last year's World Para Athletics Championships. He was tremendous and we have many comments re his talk, inspiring to say the least. Look Luke up on the Internet if you want to see more about Luke, worth it. He will be hard to follow next year, any ideas?

DIRECTORY

The 2018 edition is being updated and should be ready following our Technical Officials meeting recently at which selections for all Hampshire and Hampshire Schools events were decided.

SINFIELD AND PHILLIPS TROPHIES

The Sinfield Trophy was presented to Wendy & Ken Littlejohns, and the Phillips Trophy to Anne Flitcroft. The John Lofts Trophy, for enhancing the reputation of Hampshire Officials throughout the UK, went to another stalwart of Hampshire Officiating Steve Baldwin, all these at our 2017 'Get Together. At our Evening a week ago the Awards went to Peter Anthony for the Sinfield Trophy, Lawrence Gilfrin for the David Philips Trophy for Young Official and The John Lofts Trophy, for enhancing the reputation of Hampshire Officials in the UK, to Steve Snodden. Luke Sinnott presented all these.

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 now experiencing major problems. We are continually in touch with UKA IT as it is proving very unreliable and we never know what has or hasn't arrived. Other Cofsecs are experiencing similar problems and will be discussed on 24th Mach. 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 fairly successful year and success has been reported at these meetings throughout the year. Although we took an additional 10 athletes to the ESAA Championships we also lost 3 of the initially selected athletes due to injury and 4 to Commonwealth Youth and World Junior selection which considerably weakened the team as all of these were expected to finish in the top 8.

Cross Country events during the winter have been very well supported with over 800 athletes entered for the U13/14/Year 5&6 Championships. Unfortunately, due to Sussex being unable to organize the Inter County and valiant efforts to stage it locally, it fell through as the other Counties did not support the attempt. The ESAA Cross Country Championships took place in Leeds last Saturday, just before the snow descended but it was bitterly cold. Hampshire maintained their position in the top few teams overall with all teams finishing in the top 9 to finish 3rd overall. Senior Boys were 2nd and Senior Girls 3rd with the Inter Girls winning the trophy for the first team outside the first 3 to get all 8 runners in. Congratulations to Henry MCluckie from the Isle of Wight who won the Inter Boys race. He will now compete for England in the Schools International. Also gaining an International is Lachlan Wellington who has been selected for the ISF World Schools in Paris in April.

It continues to be very important that coaches encourage their athletes who have gained an entry standard or are very close 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, and they can easily be entered when necessary. It is also very important that they ensure they are entered for the Hampshire Schools Championships in June. 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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