



OFFICIALS' SECRETARIES REPORT TO ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

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This is our 16th report to the AGM. Our Officials continue to be selected for National and International appointments. Unfortunately during the year we have lost Sue Doust who has decided to retire from Officiating but will still be around to help if needed.

HA UPGRADINGS

We are pleased to report that Jemma Bates, Murray Croton, Maggie Flitcroft, Tracey and Mike Jones, Tracey Marley, Duncan Smith, Vicki Taylor (all Field) and Ann Thatcher (Photofinish) plus Stephen Allaway (Starter) have all been promoted to Level 3 Region. In addition Graham Bungay (Timekeeper) has been promoted to Level 4 National. 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. However, we have had a good response during 2019 – 33 in all - from new Officials gaining their full qualifications and this bodes well for the future. In addition a further 13 have attained Level 2 which now requires them to have a written report.

HA NEW OFFICIALS

We held Level 1 Courses in Portsmouth in November with a total of 32 attendees over the 4 disciplines. We will also be going to Guernsey in April to run Track, Field and Starters Courses. Additionally there is a Timekeepers' Course in Winchester on 8th March. Our thanks to Steve Baldwin, Alison Friend, and Janet Smith for Tutoring at these and also for acting as Assessors together with Mike Barratt. Health & Safety is now done on-line. 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

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. We also covered the Grand Prix Event at Basingstoke and the Mini Grand Prix. This year the Walks, an Open competition, were moved to the Multi Events despite objections but we had record entries! This freed up some time in the main Championships Track Timetable. Following comments received our Committee have made a few suggestions to amend the Track & Field Timetable and also the U13 Boys Multi Events programme and these have been sent to Stuart Horsewood and Richard Dean. 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 continually refining 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. There was a proposal to join Surrey with a Disability Championships and also a Masters Meeting. However there seems to be some barriers put in the way so this may be delayed for 12 months to allow for more discussion.

ENDURANCE

There are still continuing problems with the Endurance Pathway but things appear to be slowly improving. Pam Rogers is our Senior Endurance Official and has now gained her Level 4 and we send her our congratulations.

OFFICIALS' MEETING

We held our 16th 'Get Together' last March at Basingstoke Hockey Club with 50+ attending again. Guest Speaker was Chris Haxell, late of this parish, who gave an entertaining account of his Travels around the World and his views on the ever increasing use of IT in athletics. Our next gathering will be on Friday 20th March once again at Basingstoke Hockey Club with Guest Speaker Stewart Barnes, Chair of UKA Education Committee. Stewart also designed the Conduct Report Form and will be explaining the details. This is to enable UKA to take action on any incident involving another Official, Coach, athlete or spectator who abuses or acts towards an Official in an antagonistic or confrontational manner. Unfortunately we had reason to use the system on 2 occasions to support an Official and on

both occasions UKA have backed up our Official and taken disciplinary action against the offender. Sadly we have just been advised of another incident resulting in an Official stating they would not be Officiating this year. We are obtaining further details before we go to UKA.

DIRECTORY

The 2020 edition is being updated and should be ready following our Technical Officials meeting at which selections for all Hampshire and Hampshire Schools events will be decided.

SINFIELD AND PHILLIPS TROPHIES

The Sinfield Trophy was presented to John Stansfield and the Phillips Trophy to Dominic Evans. The John Lofts Trophy, for enhancing the reputation of Hampshire Officials throughout the UK, went to Jemma Bates. All these were presented at our 2019 'Get Together' apart from Dom's which was presented at the County Championships as he lives in the IOW!

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

The Trinity Database of all our Hampshire Officials has now improved and is not causing too many problems which enables us to circulate information to all our Officials far more easily.

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 success has been reported at these meetings throughout the year. In particular it was our best ever ESAA Track and Field performance (3rd overall with 2 teams 2nd and 2 in 3rd place) and also excellent results from the ESAA Combined Events and Race Walks.

We will be continuing to start the field events at the Track and Field Championships at 10.00 in order to give an extra attempt to those athletes who achieve the County standard in their first 3 attempts as this proved popular last year as did the 5cm increase for High Jump at the Junior Track and Field Championships.

The Cross Country season has been very successful so far with excellent results from the Inter County Event. Teams will be going to the ESAA Championships in Liverpool next weekend. Yesterday's Junior Championships had to be cancelled due to a waterlogged course – as one local said “Down Grange has never been so soggy”. We will try again next Tuesday but the weather does not look promising.

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. Thanks to all who helped to ensure this happened last year and hopefully they will continue to do this.

Finance continues to be a problem with spiralling costs of Supply cover for teachers to attend National Championships with teams, Track Hire, transport and First Aid. This means continually raising costs to parents.

We are also providing 2 trophies in memory of Geoff Cunliffe: the first will be for athlete of the year and the second for team of the year to be selected from nominations from Districts. We are accepting donations for these as some people did not have the chance to donate at the time of Geoff's funeral last year.

Finally I have copies of the ESAA Handbook at £4.00 if anyone wants one.

Eileen Williams HSAA Rep