



OFFICIALS' SECRETARIES REPORT TO ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

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Officials Committee

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This is our 18th report to the AGM and the strangest in view of the pandemic which means not a lot has occurred. There have been very few meetings and virtually nothing at National or Regional Level. Personally we have really missed the Camaraderie which comes from meeting our Officials. We have not missed careering around the Country for National appointments!

Sadly Ray Scovell passed away in late January. Ray was a Field Official but principally organised and developed athletics on the Isle of Wight. He was always supported by his wife Rosemary who sadly passed away 2 weeks later. They will be greatly missed on the Island.

Wendy Haxell, our senior Track Official, has decided to hang up her Clipboard after an Officiating career spanning 5 decades. Wendy was very supportive of us not only as Cofsecs but also on a personal basis with our Officiating development. She will now be able to spend more time with Denis but she will be greatly missed on the Judges Stand.

HA UPGRADINGS

Obviously with the dearth of meetings during 2020 there have been only a small number of upgradings and nothing at Levels 3 and 4. Of the new Officials, 9 have obtained their Level 1 Licence and 3 their Level 2. Hopefully when things return nearer to normal, whatever that is, we will see these figures increase and we will obviously do all we can to encourage Officials to look at progression.

HA NEW OFFICIALS

We were due to run Level 1 Courses in Guernsey around March/April time but obviously Covid 19 got in the way and these were cancelled. Obviously Guernsey were looking at getting Officials qualified for the World Island Games 2021 but these were cancelled and will now occur in 2023. With no face to face Courses UKA did arrange for Virtual Courses and 9 Hampshire affiliated Officials have done the Courses, mainly Field. Personally we think, whilst this is a reasonable stop gap, face to face Courses are far better. We await developments on these.

MEETINGS

As you will all know the various County and County Schools Championships were cancelled due to Covid 19 but we are actively involved in seeing what can be arranged in 2021 when we have full guidance from UKA/EA.

OFFICIAL MEETING

Naturally we had to cancel our 17th annual 'Get Together' at the end of March 2020 but, hopefully we will be able to rearrange for March 2022 or even one later this year

TROPHIES

Normally these would have been presented at the 'Get Together' but, once we had got them back from the Engraver after the 1st Lockdown, we managed to deliver to Jane Scott (Lofts Trophy), Ros Gilfrin

(Sinfield Trophy) and Jack Hempstead (Phillips Trophy). They will retain these for a further 12 months, in other words 2 years.

NEWSLETTER

With little going on we did manage to send out a Newsletter in March 2020 and one in November last with help from some creative writings from some of our Officials. In February we sent out a circular to all Track & Field Officials (285) explaining the discussions which took place in the HA Committee regarding future planning in view of possible cancelation of events, alternative dates and also variations in content etc. The idea was to keep them advised and also aware of possible dates for rescheduled events.

Finally thanks to all our Officials who took the time to get in touch with us if only to say Hello. These calls/emails were very much appreciated and said much for the Hampshire Officials 'Family'.

Eileen & Terry Williams

(Joint County Technical Officials Secretaries)

HAMPSHIRE SCHOOLS REPORT.

Unfortunately no events have been able to be staged during the year. ESAA staged virtual events for Track and Field and Combined Events in which a few of our athletes took part. It is planned to stage a virtual Cross Country this month but no details are available yet.

There are plans ahead for an ESAA Track and Field Championships but with a different format and qualifying conditions. These details are on our website and further developments will also be posted there. An HSAA group will be meeting this month to see what sort of events we may be able to stage and details will be put on the website. One of our problems is that athletics age groups cover two years but schools only allow pupils to mix within their own year group.

Eileen Williams – HSAA Rep