

CHESHIRE COUNTY ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION OFFICIALS WINTER NEWSLETTER 2010

First of all you may have heard that I am standing down from the Officials Secretary position. I am pleased to say that my good friend and colleague Alan Morris will be taking over from me. During the takeover/transition period I will be working with Alan for the next month or so up until the County Championships. Unfortunately the County Committee have now handcuffed me and elected me as the new President, taking over from my very good friend George Bunner MBE. I am honoured to accept the position, but it will be a very hard act to follow, but I will give it a good shot.

Rule Book

As the new rule book for 2010 is not usually published until late March, no details of changes have been released yet. The IAAF book has a number of changes, the most significant one being the false start rule (or that should read the no false start rule). The rule changes if you are interested are posted on the UKA website.

Northern Athletics Officials Association

The renewal letters have been sent out to existing members, but if you not a member you may consider joining, copy of the Secretary's letter attached giving the details of the benefits of membership.

CRB

Will you please check the expiry date on your **CRB** this should be the same date as your licence. I have checked with UKA about renewal and have been advised that UKA will send out a reminder about 6 to 12 weeks before the expiry date. Renewal will be a similar format to the original application.

Vetting and Barring Scheme

As mentioned last year, the VBS proposed in 2009 could be implemented in 2010. There is still some confusion about how the scheme will be introduced, so I am not in a position to give more advice on the matter, but you can find details on the **ISA** website (isa-gov.org). Any information received will be passed on.

Level 2 Track and Field Course

A level 2 courses has been arranged for 27 March 2010 at Macclesfield. Details have already been sent out, but at the last count there were not many applicants. If this is the case the course will not go ahead. The next suitable course will be held at Sports City on Sunday 11 April 2010. Please contact Tina Beresford who is dealing with the courses now. Tina (Debbie's daughter) is the main contact for England Athletics in the North.

Work Sheets

Another reminder that work sheets are required at the end of the year, particularly to support any reports for upgrading, this also applies to Endurance Officials.

County Meetings

Can you please send in your returns by the end of March in order that the Officials Lists for the meetings can be organised. A reply even if you were not available would be appreciated.

England Athletics

A new magazine called "For The Record" dedicated to Officials has just been produced by England Athletics, a few copies were sent to me and I have passed these on, it is quite interesting, and can be seen on the England website in the About Us section, in "Newsletters". The contact at EA being nevans@englandathletics.org

"WITH A LITTLE HELP FROM MY FRIENDS"

Do not worry (or perhaps you should worry) I am not retiring yet, so I will be around for some time.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank you all for the support you have given the County and me over the last 15 years. Without your dedication to our sport we would not have the thriving clubs that make up our successful County. I am sure you will support Alan in the same way that you have supported me.

" I GOT BY WITH A LOT OF HELP FROM MY FRIENDS"

Best wishes and have a good season.

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