

## UKA TECHNICAL ADVISORY GROUP, 8<sup>th</sup> MAY 2014

### MEETING NOTE

- David Littlewood's "Celebration of Life" at Sandown Park had been much appreciated by his family. IAAF members travelled from Monaco, Lisbon and the USA to attend.
- From 2015, Call Room to be staffed with a better balance of Level 3 and Level 2 officials to ensure that there is sufficient experience within the teams.
- Additional officials have been recruited to meet the needs of the enhanced programme of events at England Senior/U20 Combined Events Championships.
- NTD for Welsh International, Welsh Senior Championships and Scottish Senior Championships still being sourced.
- TAG Chair currently receiving Minutes from Organising Committee for two Welsh events above. Shared planning much appreciated.
- Officials' ready-reference cards to be updated to reflect revised U17/U15 Women's implement weights.
- Thanks to Roger Simons for producing Indoor Season NTD reports summary and conducting the review meeting; a demanding task much appreciated. Feedback meetings with relevant competition providers will be arranged.
- Confirmed that Moira Gallagher, having originally been co-opted on to the group is now an official member of TAG.
- Selections for School Games now almost complete.
- IPC European Championship invitations will go from UKA office on behalf of Swansea LOC.
- Next T and F Education Sub Group meeting is 30<sup>th</sup> June. Level 2 tutor list being reviewed, with Assistant Officials course list to follow. This to include a letter to all tutors asking if they wish to continue and/or need additional training/support.
- Dates for Level 3 courses and Competition Management Award courses in Autumn 2014 need finalising.
- MG has updated Level 3 guidelines and forms and Competition Management forms.
- MG has now received all L3 discipline questions from Peer Groups. On website by 1<sup>st</sup> June.
- JT reported on the Endurance Sub Group activities.
- Endurance tutor lists being reviewed.
- European Athletics has confirmed ratification of European Junior Indoor Records for Dina-Asher Smith (60m and 200m) and David Omoregie (60m Hurdles).
- TAG considered the application for a UK National Record set by Greg Rutherford in Chula Vista (USA). The record was ratified after careful consideration of all evidence.
- Following David Littlewood's passing, the Chair requested that processes and procedures for Rules Revision and Records Advisory Group be reviewed and a report made back to TAG.
- JT to circulate specifications for Masters' implements which were not updated in the 2014 Rules for Competition.
- Chair congratulated PG and MF on an exceptional National Officials' and Women in World Athletics' conferences. The contribution of other UKA staff and all those who ran workshops and presented workshops was also very much appreciated. Hannah Cockcroft's address was very well received.
- Conference feedback is still in the process of being fully analysed but is hugely positive so far. Noted that programme of workshops will need revising before next year.

- TAG received a proposal from UKA Welfare and Lead Safeguarding Officer regarding amendments to officials licence terms and conditions. Feedback has been given.
- TAG representatives have met Peer Groups to progress IMO lists for 2015. Remaining TAG members were updated. RMS thanked for his organisation of the weekend.
- TAG received with concern a report of a “near miss” at a recent meeting. This is currently under investigation by the organisers, UKA Health and Safety and Facilities Manager and the Chair of TAG. The Welfare and Lead Safeguarding Officer has also been informed.
- Michael Hunt had already suggested the creation of Health and Safety Sub-Group to investigate H and S issues in the longer term. Link to TAG would be the Chair. Agreed that this was an excellent suggestion.
- TAG also received with concern, reports of under-provision of officials by member clubs for domestic competitions.
- Dates of future meetings:
  - 2<sup>nd</sup> July 2014
  - 1<sup>st</sup> October 2014
  - 28<sup>th</sup> November 2014
  - 16<sup>th</sup> January 2015

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12<sup>th</sup> May 2014