

TECHNICAL COMMITTEE 15th DECEMBER, 2005

RECORD OF MEETING

- **Pass and Licence Distribution:-**Following meeting held on 30th. November a further 500 Pass and Licences to be sent out in January.
- **Education and Training:-** Level 2 courses to commence in February 2006. Course Tutors in process of being appointed. With regard to Level 3 courses further discussions to take place in respect of the different needs of Photo finish discipline.
- **Establishment of new Assessment process:-** The minimum level for being acceptable in assessment will be Grade C. Generic/ Discipline specific competence needs to be demonstrated by the candidate. The new system shows greater transparency, setting out expectations for officials and their performance. Further meeting to take place on 13th. January to finalise the paperwork and methods to be used in the Trial event, being the Under 20 AAA Indoor Championships at Birmingham to be held on 4th./5th. March, followed by a debrief to the officials involved and an assessment at the Officials Congress on Sunday 9th. April. Once this assessment has been completed, the system will be reviewed and further trials will then take place during the outdoor season.
- **Changeover from Officials "Grades" to Officials "Levels":-**This will take place in January 2007.
- **Addition/ Removal of Officials from ICOG/IOG lists:-**There will be no removals from these lists in 2006., except where so requested by individual officials. It was agreed that from 2007 the Peer Group would be the body to remove officials from the IOG list but that only the Technical committee could remove officials from the ICOG list. Where any shortcomings occur by the officials on those lists then these must be reported and discussed with the official within 14 days of the meeting if not possible on the day of the meeting. To assist in that process the Technical Committee will appoint a National Technical Delegate for all televised meetings who would be responsible for compiling a report on Chiefs and where relevant, their teams. Additions to these lists to be considered by the Peer Groups and where approved, endorsed by the Technical committee.
- **Officials' expenses:-**Agreed as being increased from 1st. April, 2006 to 20p per mile (previously 17p per mile) for single official in a car and 25p per mile (previously 22p per mile) for more than one appointed official in a car subject to mileage limits which vary from meeting to meeting and will be advised with selection packages.
- **Foreign Exchange visits:-**to assist in the development of senior officials UKA have arranged for Moira Gallagher (Track), Gordon Staines (Starter) and Peter Nicholson (Field) to go to Lievin, France for the European

Indoor Cup in March to act as "Observers". During the coming outdoor season there will also be an exchange of Starters between UKA and USA. Details to be finalised. Their experiences to be cascaded down to other relevant uka officials

- **European Indoor 2007-Officials appointments:-** Chiefs to be appointed immediately after conclusion of the Indoor season. They will then be included in the selection process of the balance of Officials, the majority of whom will be selected on Saturday, 8th April.
- **New Rule book 2006:-**The new book to go to the printers early in the New Year for publication in March 2006. It was noted that amendments to certain sections (e.g. eligibility) would be necessary once arrangements are finalised under the Foster Report for the modernisation of the Sport.
- **Call room referee:-**This appointment will be made for 2006 uka televised meetings as a trial, although the IAAF has not set out the exact role. It should be noted that this role is different to Call Room Manager who will operate as before.
- **Off-track Peer Group:-** An initial Peer Group has been set up comprising Bryan Smith, Colin Gostelow, Pat Green and Graham Heeley. They are working with Liz Patrick to establish a new Education and Training programme for the Off track officials
- **Track and Field Peer Groups:-** Indoor appointments have been made, as have upgradings. In both cases Officials involved either had been notified or will be early January 2006. Outdoor appointments to be made over the 14th/ 15th. January weekend.
- **Technical Officials Conference:-** It was confirmed that this would take place on Sunday 9th. April, 2006 at the Motorcycle museum, Solihull. The theme to be "Development of individual disciplines and working practices." The keynote speaker to be Kari Wauhkonen from Finland who has World Championship technical experience. Details to be finalised at the next Technical Committee on 7th. February.
- **Newsletter:-** The next newsletter to be sent out early February 2006. Information and application forms for the Conference to be sent out with that newsletter.
- **Gun Legislation:-** Alan Bell, representing UKA, continues to liase with the Home Office in respect of the Violent Crime Reduction Bill (VCRB).
- **2012 preparations:-** A small group to be set up to discuss the technical needs/ objectives of Ukathletics to take a pro-active approach to the opportunities and demands that the 2012 Olympics require.
- **Start guidelines:-** Following a meeting held on Saturday 5th.November Alan Bell has updated the existing "Start Guidelines". The Technical Committee approved these in principle and they will be discussed at the Spring Officials Conference. before publication.

