

Technical Committee Record of Meeting 15th September 2009

Recruitment and Retention

The group expressed concerns about potential retirement of officials in 3 periods of time, chief announcement 2012, 2012 officials' team announcement and post 2012. The committee discussed a number of strategies, Chris Cohen and Alan Bell to write a paper bringing some of the ideas together including the Young Officials Development project.

Exchange Visit Reports

Two Exchange visits were held in the UK this summer one at the U17/U15 Championships in Manchester (Netherland Officials) and one at the Young Athlete League Final in Birmingham (USA Officials). UKA sent two officials to the Netherlands Junior Championships - Andy Pottinger and John Wright and three to the USA Track and Field Masters Competition (Dave Jessett, Finlay Galloway and Chris Wilding).

The reports and feedback has been positive from both the UK Officials and the international exchange officials.

Two countries have approached the UK about an officials exchange, this includes Germany and Sweden.

Peer Group Members

Andrew Clatworthy presented the nominations for peer group members to the Committee. The recommendations were accepted and endorsed by the Technical Committee. The new members for the Peer Groups will be published on the UKA Website once all have been informed of the results.

Assessments

John Pickles and Dave Vidler have been working on the assessment grades for 2008/09 which are now ready to be sent out to individual officials.

Endurance Update

Endurance Conference on 10th October 2009, day before the World Half Marathon Championships in Birmingham. Further details can be found on the UKA website.

Date of next meeting

11th November 2009 - Solihull