

UKMC
Friday 20 February 2015
UKA, Alexander Stadium

Attendance Lynn Davies
 Niels de Vos
 Kevan Taylor
 Wendy Haxell
 Keith May
 Keith Reed
 Nigel Rowe
 Leslie Roy
 Roy Corry
 Wendy Sly
 Carol Anthony
 Sarah Coffey
 Jason Gardener

Apologies: Peter King
 Ed Warner
 Roger Simons

Welcome & Apologies

LD welcomed everyone to the meeting. Apologies were received from Peter King, Roger Simons & Ed Warner.

Minutes of meeting 5 December 2015

These were approved as a true record of the meeting.

Matters arising from meeting 5 December 2015

WH & KM raised concern over the number of education courses cancelled due to lack of numbers. A discussion took place and agreed HCAF's should look at all advertised courses going ahead with any financial costs covered. If a course is advertised then it should go ahead irrelevant of the number of attendees. **Update:** KM reported that Officials Courses were still been cancelled even with 15 people attending. He added that it was important that these courses went ahead as it is vital to get new officials.

Chairs Report

EW's report was taken as read with NdV highlighting key areas:

Indoor Season – The UKA Board agreed for Birmingham & Glasgow to alternate hosting of the Indoor Grand Prix.

Summer Series – 2015 Summer Series tickets will be launched on 22 February with Mo Farah uncovering the Olympic track.

IAAF Age Groups – The CEO Forum agreed the communication process for the consultation on rule changes.

CEO Report

Report taken as read

Strategic Priority II – Stage Great Events to engage the public

127 PB's were achieved at the British Indoor Championships in Sheffield and an evaluation of the overall standards is being undertaken.

Strategic Priority III – Increase Participation to build an Athletic Nation

Strategic Advisory Groups continue to focus on ensuring new policy recommendations support/ facilitate an increase in competitive participation whilst also supporting the athlete pathway.

The HCAF CEO/Chairs agreed a common vision for the sport was desirable and delegated this to the CEO Forum to produce.

Strategic Priority IV – Host the Best Ever World Championships to make the country proud

The 2017 Commercial Strategy has been developed whereby IPC rights are sold to IAAF Partners by the IAAF Marketing agency (Dentsu) and a meeting with the Global CEO of Dentsu is planned for 17 March.

Grant Thornton has agreed to second a number of staff as part of a sponsorship agreement with UKA & 2017.

Home Country Reports

England Athletics Report – Peter King

Taken as read – see Appendix I

- Advert out for replacement Endurance EGL in light of Martin Rush moving to Head of Coaching & Development role and a New Endurance lead is being sought.

- New 3 year kit sponsorship announced with New Balance which will be launched at Loughborough International. A new deal with BUPA has been signed as an additional membership benefit.
- Inaugural national running conference being planned through partnership with Run Group consortia and APPG for running – autumn 2015.
- 2.161m take part in athletics and running in England (1 x 30 mins per week) & 1.288m people taking part over the age of 14. Participation has increased yet again in the last 12 month period.
- Disability participation has dropped to 93,000 which is worrying – feedback from Sport England is that this is the same across all sports.
- We continue to progress well against affiliation/registration targets for the year. We are c. 5,500 registered athletes ahead of this time last year (c.137,000).

WS reported England Athletics Commercial Rights are currently being valued and have appointed a commercial agency (Havas). Concerns were raised from the other Home Country on England selling rights separately. NdV suggested using the same commercial agency to avoid underselling.

Scottish Athletics – Lesley Roy

Taken as read – see Appendix II

- The National Cross Country in February had a record number of entries despite the move to a Sunday with more women than ever before entering.
- Club Together continues to grow. The increase in participation is largely down to the Commonwealth Games and Stephen Maguire.

Welsh Athletics – Carol Anthony

Taken as read – see Appendix III

- IAAF General Secretary Essar Gabriel led a delegation for a general site visit to Cardiff 11-13 February.
- Welsh Athletes had a successful weekend at the British Indoor Championships
- Run 4 Wales has introduced a further two event to its portfolio – Llandudno Running Festival (sponsored by Arriva Trains Wales) and the Royal Welsh Trail Running Festival
- Club Membership has grown over 10% over the last 2 years

Athletics Northern Ireland – Roy Corry

Taken as read – see Appendix IV

- 8 coaches on a mentoring process linking local coaches to mentors/coaches in UK.
- 128 participants attended coaching courses between 1 October & 26 November 2014.

Volunteer Representatives

Officials Representative – Wendy Haxell

Taken as read – see Appendix V

- Clubs need to continue to encourage officials to continue up the gradings after achieving level 2.
- The initial revision of the 2016 Rule book has been circulated for comments
- Officials conference on 19 April is focussing on youth

Off Track Representative – Nigel Rowe

Taken as read – see Appendix VI

- 2015 runbritain Grand Prix events has been announced
- NR attended the European Athletics Safety & Quality standards for Road Races Workshop with positive outcomes.

Coaches Representative – Keith Reed

Taken as read – see Appendix VII

- 2.2 million people taking part in the sport up from 1.4 million 10 years ago.
- Club & Coach Audit are starting to show positive improvements. LR from Scottishathletics and CA from Welsh Athletics also confirmed coaching in their respective Home Countries was also going very well.
- Course delivery will dissolve to HCAF's in April 2015

NdV confirmed that coaching alone as a level 1 coach was ok as long as this was overseen by a level 2 and above.

Clubs Representatives – Keith May

Taken as read – see Appendix VIII

- 8,700 entries for English Cross Country (South)
- Trial electronic gun system being trialled at Northern Indoor events. WH confirmed that this was ongoing trial.

Athletics Foundation

KT confirmed that the Athletics Foundation will be closed and wound up, with the surplus cash distributed to the HACFs equally against agreed criteria.

2015 Elections

KT highlighted the positions available for election in 2015. He added that EW will be looking to appoint the Appointments Panel and agree role profile. Interviews likely to be held in September (see EW email).

Any Other Business

The Council agreed to re order the agenda for future meetings with HCAF reports & Volunteer Reports coming first.

Date of next meeting

Sunday 5 July – 9.30 am Athletics House, Birmingham

APPENDICES

UKMC Reporting Template – England Athletics February Report 2015

1.1 KPI 1: Win more medals to inspire the public

- Annual Sport England contracted talent outcomes achieved for second successive year in cycle.
- Strong international team performances in sprints and jumps fixtures abroad in early 2015.
- Advert out for replacement Endurance EGL in light of Martin Rush moving into Head of Coaching and Development role.
- Indoor EA champs – record entry for age group champs in Sheffield
- Agreement with Area Associations to fund them again in 2015. Funding applications for county association grants live. Plans afoot for new EA senior track and field champs in partnership with Inter Counties (CAU) during early August.
- New kit sponsorship announced with New Balance. 3 year deal. To be launched at Loughborough International.
- Selection criteria and process announced for CYG. England team to the 2015 Commonwealth Youth Games in Samoa in partnership with Commonwealth Games England. We plan to take 20 odd in this team.
- New road running coordinator in position. Spencer Duval will work alongside ERRA, ECCA and other providers in coordinating activities, teams and services to this community.

1.2 KPI 2: Stage Great Events to engage the public

- We have announced details of our 2015 England road race championships
- Indoor champs underway
- Full NCDP and LCDP workshop programme for coaches being delivered across England at present.
- Inaugural national running conference being planned through our partnership with Run Group consortia and APPG for running – autumn 2015
- Plans for 2015 EA National Volunteers and Hall of Fame afoot – national even takes place in October 2015.
- Regional council elections take place during March/April. Full national annual consultation programme with sport takes place during this period too.

1.3 KPI 3: Increase participation to build an athletic nation

- Matt Birkett appointed Head of Running Participation – former head of community participation at the Rugby Football League. Starts 1 March.
- There are now 1.161m taking part in athletics and running in England 1x30 mins a week. There are 1.288m people taking part over the age of 14. Participation has increased yet again in the last 12 month period
- Track and field participation measured by APS has also risen to 107,800 in the last 12 months.
- Disability participation has dropped though to 93,000 which is worrying.

- We have licensed circa 200 more road races in England during the last 12 months than in the year before.
- We continue to work closely with Sport England on the new nationwide women's campaign "This Girl Can" which goes live in January 2015. This has huge potential for running in England and we will be launching a new athletics and running specific site aligned to this programme shortly.
- We continue to progress well against affiliation/registration targets for the year with the most registered individual athletes ever beating a 2012 post Olympic and Paralympic games high of 132,000. We are currently circa 5,500 (registered athletes) ahead of where we were this time last year which is pleasing (circa 137,000 total) and are on a par with the number of member clubs and bodies who have affiliated with EA (1,575).
- Monthly visits from the CEO during early 2015 have included Holme Pierrepont RC in Nottingham and Keighley Harriers together with City of Norwich, Holland Sports, Oxted Runners (Surrey) Leicestershire Network and Milton Keynes AC. These visits have proved insightful for both the CEO and other staff that have joined him.
- We have recently launched a series of new running routes in Bradford. We now have city activation projects in 7 English cities and have delivered over 50,000 new participants through this programme during this operational year.
- We worked to support Birmingham CC and other running partners in the recent Sport England funded city of running project. We also supported pitches from parkrun to Sport England for additional funding support. We are working with Netmums, Forestry Commission, BT, National Trust and other organisations to initiate workplace running programmes.
- We are sponsoring the inaugural BME Sports Awards evening in Coventry on 21 February.
- We are on course to deliver coaching, leadership and officials qualifications for over 5,000 volunteers during the last 12 months.
- We have now delivered over 350 Satellite Clubs in England involving over 6,500 participants.

1.4 KPI 4: Host the 'best ever' World Championships to make the country proud

We continue to work alongside the GLA and British Athletics to deliver a local legacy from the 2017 world championships. Plans are still being materialised however income to deliver additional work has yet to be defined.

Scottishathletics

Report to UKMC January 2015

UKMC Reporting Template

KPI 1: Win more medals to inspire the public

It was great that once again Scotland was able to field a team at the Indoor International at the Emirates Arena on 24 January 2015 against teams from GB & NI, France and Germany. In 2014 this event was a spur towards the Commonwealth Games but with athletes choosing not to compete indoors or unavailable for other reasons it was a young Scottish team who received the backing from an energetic home crowd. With a win for Jamie Bowie in the men's 400m, four second places and a clutch of PB's and SB's there were plenty of positives to take away.

Of note – the integration of the Scottish Relay Championships as the “Club:Connect” relays – resulting in many heats all morning and the finals during the International – in our opinion worked extremely well. It means a busy day for officials and organisers (and a few headaches as well), but the atmosphere and making the Club Connect Relays meaningful events is significant. One for others to look at and consider!

It may be the end of the road for this particular team fixture however discussions continue for the Indoor Grand Prix currently hosted by Birmingham to alternate year on year with Glasgow (Glasgow 2016/2018/2020) and thus keep International Athletics in the city.

There is a stated commitment by all parties (UKA / Glasgow Council / Event Scotland / scottishathletics) to jointly bid to host the 2019 Indoor European Athletics Championships at the Emirates Arena, Glasgow, this is welcomed, and regular high class indoor International events in the city building up to 2019 is a key element of preparation and “case building”.

KPI 2: Stage Great Events to engage the public

At the Indoor International at Emirates Arena in Glasgow UKA wanted to include ‘Club Connect’ relays into the programme. However to make them more meaningful scottishathletics included our Indoor Relay Championships with heats in the morning and finals integrated into the main programme for U13/U15 and U17 athletes in the afternoon. This resulted in a great experience for the young athletes concerned and the opportunity to compete in front of a full stadium.

Our Indoor Track & Field Championships continue to attract record numbers. An entry cap was put in place for some track events at our recent National Indoor Open

but even with this there were over 100 more athletes taking part than in 2014. More than 400 athletes in the U12 age group took part in the SuperTeams competition. This is a club event where teams of four youngsters take part in 60m, Long Jump, Shot and 4x200m relay, it's a development event introducing our youngest members to athletics and to have them competing at running, jumping and throwing in the same competition.

Our Cross Country season continues to thrive, record numbers not only entering but also participating in events so far this season. We have had large numbers travelling to the various British Cross Challenge events and Euro Trials and a large entry confirmed (another record) at the National Cross in mid-February despite a move to a Sunday (forced by venue availability).

KPI 3: Increase participation to build an athletic nation

The latest data (Q3) for Club Together continues to provide extremely encouraging and positive progress from the Clubs involved and there is no sign of any “bubbles bursting” with regards to athlete recruitment, coach recruitment and training, official's engagement. The retention figures will be confirmed for the year in March, but every indication suggests they will remain strong. There is a direct correlation between the event growth and success across all disciplines and the excellent work going on in our clubs.

It is fair to say that the “buzz” around athletics in Scotland has not been lost in any way as the Commonwealth year was left behind. We credit the clubs for ensuring this is the case – they are doing a fantastic job and the “surge” on members joining clubs in 2012 (pre and post the Olympics) we are now seeing competing at National events at older age groups the surge is working up the age groups with growth at U15/U17, and even evidence of growth at U20 in the recent indoor season. The fact the clubs have retained such a high percentage of that initial surge from 2012 is to their credit – and the credit of the coaches within the clubs.

We have a second surge from 2014 - we anticipate the same impact over the years ahead.

KPI 4: Host the ‘best ever’ World Championships to make the country proud

As previously, Scottishathletics is totally committed to this objective, and to supporting the UK wide drive to ensure this objective is delivered. We see 2017 offering yet another “catalyst” for development impact as well of course as being a huge incentive for elite athletes to compete at a home WC.

Leslie Roy
scottishathletics
February 2015

Welsh Athletics UKMC Report February 2015

1. Introduction

The **IAAF General Secretary**, Essar Gabriel, led a delegation for a General Site Visit to Cardiff from 11 to 13 February.

The main objective was to review the preparations for the IAAF World Half Marathon on 26 March 2016.

A detailed functional review took place with the LOC's operational team and the IAAF conducted a tour of potential venues for the event (hotels, dinner venues, start and finish areas, VIP and protocol). Cherry Alexander represented British Athletics' interests in the visit.

The official launch of the event will take place on the 25 February, which will mark 1 day, 1 month and 1 year to the World Championships. This date will also open registrations to the mass race which will run alongside the World Championships.

A decision on **Sport Wales investment** into Welsh Athletics is due at the end of February.

Sport Wales has now centred its investment into key governing bodies around the four-year commonwealth games cycles, as opposed to the traditional Olympic cycles. The squeeze on public funding, particularly on direct Welsh Government funding is likely to impact on the overall investment into Welsh Athletics.

UKA has also confirmed that investment into the Home Countries is unlikely in 2015/16, placing additional pressure on Welsh Athletics to maintain its current levels of service.

The future of the **Cardiff International Sports Stadium** is still uncertain. Cardiff City Council is looking at alternative management arrangements, with an offer on the table from a local college of further education to run the stadium.

Welsh Athletics is maintaining a dialogue with both the city council and the potential new landlords.

2. The four strategic priorities

2.1 KPI 1: Win more medals to inspire the public

Welsh Athletics has submitted its strategic plan for coaching and performance together with a funding application to Sport Wales for the period 2015-2019.

The sub-elite programmes are funded through lottery investment and the investment decisions will be communicated by the end of February.

Hot off the press at the Indoor British Championships....

Sally Peake added a gold medal to her growing collection during a successful weekend for Welsh athletes at the Indoor British Championships in Sheffield. Commonwealth Games silver medallist Peake, vaulted a season's best of 4.25m to finish well clear of second-placed Abigail Roberts on Saturday.

David Omoregie lived up to his billing as one of the rising stars of British Athletics with a silver medal in the men's 60m hurdles final.

Cardiff-based Omoregie, a silver medallist at last summer's World Junior Championships, ran 7.78s to finish second behind London 2012 Olympian Lawrence Clarke who took the win in 7.69s.

There was a superb silver medal for sprinter Rachel Johncock in the women's 60m final, which included three Welsh athletes.

Swansea Harrier Johncock, clocked a new Welsh 60m record and a personal best time of 7.33s in the final to take second behind favourite Dina Asher-Smith.

Glasgow 2014 relay member Mica Moore was 5th (7.52s) and Elaine O'Neill 8th (7.69s).

On day two of the Indoor British Championships there was good news for Swansea's Laura Maddox as she produced a new personal best of 53.07s to take home a silver medal.

Aled Sion Davies improved his own F42 shot put world record adding 6cm to his previous best with a throw of 15.93m.

Elsewhere over the weekend, 18-year-old Adele Nicoll finished 5th at her first senior championships in the women's shot put with a new Welsh U20 record of 14.87m.

Rachel McClay was 5th in the women's 800m final (2:06:34), Paul Walker was 5th in the men's pole vault final in a season's best of 5.35m, Cardiff's Sam Gordon finished 7th in the men's 60m final (6.82s), Ieuan Thomas was 14th in the 3000m final (8:30:59) and Rebecca Chapman was 8th in the women's long jump (5.89m).

2.2 KPI 2: Stage Great Events to engage the public

Events organisation Run 4 Wales has introduced a further two events to its portfolio in 2015.

A brand new adventure awaits in North Wales this March as the Arriva Trains Wales **Llandudno Running Festival** launches for the very first time on Sunday 15 March.

Embracing the history, culture and beautiful scenery of the North Wales coastline, the Arriva Trains Wales Llandudno Running Festival sees the introduction of a brand new 10k, 5k and Family Fun Run. Plus the addition of primary school races, come and try athletic activities, mile races and a whole host of Alice in Wonderland-themed family entertainment, games and experiences for all the family to enjoy.

The **Royal Welsh Trail Running Festival** will provide a unique opportunity to run in the beautiful surrounding countryside of the Royal Welsh Showground in Builth Wells.

Linked to the Royal Welsh Society's Spring Festival, the event will give runners free entry to the weekend's activities and promises to become a must-do event for all trail runners.

The Festival takes place on the 16 and 17 May.

2.3 KPI 3: Increase participation to build an athletic nation

Club membership has grown by over 10% per year for the last 2 years (11.3% in 2013, **14% in 2014**). This growth target will realise our ambition of doubling club membership by 2020.

In line with these targets, club membership has exceeded **8,000** for the first time (8061 November 2014).

There are presently **87** affiliated athletics clubs in Wales delivering activities throughout the week. The majority of clubs across Wales are thriving with a number of clubs establishing academy sessions and satellite activity to provide more local, accessible opportunities.

There are over **700** licensed athletics coaches and leaders operating within these clubs.

There are circa **650** licensed officials supporting competition and events throughout the year.

13.4% of adult population in Wales runs once a week (15.9% male, 11% female) compared to 6.9% in 2009

2.4 KPI 4: Host the ‘best ever’ World Championships to make the country proud

The Local Organising Committees for the 2015 World Mountain Running Championships and the 2016 IAAF World Half Marathon Championships continue to make good progress.

3. The 2 Key ‘Philosophies’

3.1 All strategic decisions should be driven by the support of the Athlete Development Model.

No update.

3.2 To be Britain’s best Olympic and Paralympic sport in everything we do.

Following the announcement made by UK Anti-Doping (UKAD), Welsh Athletics released the following statement in January.

“Welsh Athletics acknowledges the four and six month bans given to athletes Rhys Williams and Gareth Warburton following their UK Anti-Doping hearings last month.

“Welsh Athletics remains committed to providing athletes with the necessary education required to compete as clean athletes and we continue to work closely with UK Anti-Doping.

“All Welsh Athletics Commonwealth Games (CWG) and Welsh Athletics Academy (WAA) supported athletes and their coaches have been reminded of their responsibilities regarding the WADA code, prohibited lists and strict liability and anti-doping education will continue to form a key part of our national development programme.”

Athletics Northern Ireland – HCAF Report February 2015

Figures 26 November 2014 to 20 February 2015

KPI 2.1: Win more medals to inspire the public

There are 8 coaches on a mentoring process linking local coaches to mentors/coaches in UK. These coaches are supported to meet with their mentor coaches quarterly to undertake planning and analysis and receive feedback on coaching processes. Local coaches have linked with mentor coaches during their visits to NI as well as at warm weather training camps. Additionally 4 coaches are now being supported on a club coach development programme. These coaches have been linked with a mentor within Northern Ireland and have been invited to local talent networks. All 4 coaches have been supported to undertake further qualifications and event group modules. They have been placed within their own regions to work with pools of talented young athletes.

Coaching Courses 1 Oct-26 Nov 2014

Course Name	Number of Courses	Number of Participants
Coaching Assistant	0	0
Leader in Running and Fitness	1	24
Athletics Coach	0	0
Coaching in Running & Fitness	2	30
Elevating Athletics Primary	0	0
Leading Athletics	0	0
Jumps Coaching Network	0	0
Endurance Coaching Network	2	50
365 Workshop	1	24

Athlete Interaction with Media & Public

Two photo shoots were held to launch the Antrim International Cross Country and The Titanic 10k. Ryan McDermott (Euro Cross U23 athlete) attended both. Megan Marrs (hurdles) received the Dale Farm sponsored award from the Mary Peters Trust and appeared at a photo call to publicise the award. Christine McMahon (Commonwealth Games athlete) appeared at a photo call to launch the NI 5k road championship.

KPI 2 & 3 – Stage Great Events to engage the public/ Increase participation to build an athletic nation

KPI	Event Name	Participants	Discipline	Overall Figures	Male	Female
2- stage regional/national events	NI & Ulster Intermediate and Masters	Adults	Cross Country	313	186	127
2- stage regional/national events	NI & Ulster Age Group Indoor Championships	U11-U19 club and school athletes.	T&F	952	456	496
3 - Increase participation	Athletics NI Primary School Cross Country League, Round 2&3	Primary Schools	Cross Country	2295	1230	1065
2 Stage regional/national events	Ni & Ulster Senior Cross Country	Senior club athletes	Cross Country	388	229	159
3 - Increase participation	Athletics NI Cross Country League from 26 November	Senior HC club athletes	Cross Country	1230	707	523
Total Participations				5178	2608	2370

KPI 3 cont. – Athlete Membership to Athletics Northern Ireland

Athletes Registered	Male	Female	
U13	237	229	
14-15	207	225	
Age 16+	2292	2115	
Total	2736	2569	5305

KPI 4: Host the ‘best ever’ World Championships to make the country proud
Athletics Northern Ireland proposes the following internationals subject to funding:

**Report by Wendy Haxell, Technical Officials representative
UKA Members Council Meeting February 2015**

Level 5 meetings

The list of officials who operate at these meetings now finalised may be adjusted in the light of this season and the list is reviewable annually.

Details of all structure will be in the appendices of the new rule book. Rules review is ongoing with Roger Simons leading.

Officials continue to be monitored and graded at these and other national meetings.

Following the IMO list there have been comments from officials and to that effect the assessment of officials may need to be more rigorous in order to review the list and remove or add for the following year. New guidelines for this have been issued to chiefs for this indoor season and will be sent to all officials so that they can see what is happening.

Level 4 and 3 meetings

The list for people for this level remains as the non-IMO list but some IMO may be used when necessary.

Regional meetings

Upgradings continue so that new officials are included in the regional structure. Some of these officials also get the opportunity of working in an ancillary capacity at national meetings when their TRNG nominate them. Concern has been expressed that some officials do not support their regional meetings and should the region then support them for their national appointments. It is generally felt that something may be put in the availability for future events to suggest they should support their region.

Club meetings

Clubs still need to encourage their officials to continue up the gradings after they have been on the level 2 courses.

ROE These forms will continue in the new format with more instructions on completing them for lower graded officials as they replace the log book when they complete all the columns in full. It may be an item in the National conference in April.

A survey of tutors was to have been carried out with the aim of tidying up the list. The Education committee are still looking at this.

Because the COFSECS often know when courses are needed they would appreciate the list so that they can organise more for course cover. Too often the request to

tutor comes out to late. Courses are still being cancelled and so the necessary officials are being lost.

Graeme Allen in the London region is being more proactive and is looking to get a programme planned for the whole year ahead.

Any meetings concerning tutors need to be booked for a weekend... there was a great deal of disquiet when the Endurance tutors were asked to meet during the week and this means that people who are working have to take time off.

Tutors need to be aware of all the changes to the forms and how upgradings are done and who by. Numerous enquiries are handled because people are unclear as to where to send their forms. Many of the officials would like an easy to use web site which contains the information in an easily accessed manner. Some things can only be found on the England website and not British athletics site. The ROE form on the England site is not compatible with filtering and sorting but the one on the UKA site is.

H/S should be on line with self-assessment this April. The discipline specific is being updated as well for tutors to deliver.

The website is still not being updated.

There is still the problem of clashing meetings. Selections for the indoor meetings have proven this.

Welfare issues

The new policy and procedure issued to officials has caused much consternation.

The petrol allowance was agreed to not come in until 1 April although England Combined events did not do this. I have since spoken to Andy Day who assures me that the age groups will be in line with UKA.

The petrol allowance still needs to be addressed for the future and I would hope that there would be no limit on it but that possibly the rate per mile comes down especially in the light of the cheaper petrol prices.

The lack of single rooms is still the main issue. There are a large number of people who will not share and they are now paying £30 a night in order not to do so.

Rule Book

The initial revision of the rule book for 2016 has been circulated to certain people for comment by 13 February. The committee will look at any comments made and then

a wider circulation will occur. Any contentious issues may need further looking at...e.g. age groups but the final decisions will be made in the Autumn.

Rule book... work done by TAG (led by RS) combining IAAF and UKA rules. Each section will have a supplement. Intention is to vote in Aug if any controversial rules.

General

Malcolm Rogers re-elected as chairman of TAG.

Roger Simons resigning as organiser of peer group meetings from January 2016.

TAG Looked at length of day... CA likely to create a permit recommendation so that 8hr length of competition is max. Competition strategy group will look at this. If longer then suggest bringing in another team or add another day. Implications have to be looked at but all in favour of cutting length of day.

Tkers... still need to review numbers allocated to meetings.

Officials conference 19 April... Emphasis on youth. Requests already gone out to TRNGs to nominate up to 10 officials aged under 25 to be invited to a conference to run alongside the main conference.

WIWA also taking place that weekend.

Deactivation of officials (received the following email)

During the England National Officials Forum in December 2013 a request was made to remove officials from the County Official Secretaries portal if they have a Disclosure and Barring Service (DBS) check that has been expired for 6 months or more.

A process has been put in place and this has been piloted with an individual area for a number of months. Following this successful pilot we are now in a position to roll this deactivation out to all counties.

What will happen?

- From 1 March 2015 a bulk deactivation will be completed. This will mean that any official that is affiliated to a County Body, Region or Tri-Region will be made inactive if their DBS has been expired for a period of 6 months or more or if a new official has not gained a DBS Check within six months of affiliating to an area.
- This process will then be repeated at the end of every month.
- The official will be sent an email notifying them and will include details of how to renew their DBS check if they wish to remain active and licensed.

- If the official renews their DBS check, their affiliations will automatically be reinstated and they will become visible to their county Officials Secretary again via the Secretaries Portal.
- Each month the County Officials Secretary will be emailed a list of the officials in their area that have been deactivated.

These changes should give County Officials Secretaries better information about the officials who are active within their area. The monthly report will show those individuals who are no longer visible within their county so that the secretary knows why they have disappeared from the Secretaries portal.

We hope this improvement will assist you in knowing who in your area is actively involved in officiating within your County.

Wendy Haxell 2014

UK Members Council February 2015 Report:
Off Track:

1.1 KPI 1: Win more medals to inspire the public

1.2 KPI 2: Stage Great Events to engage the public

2015 runbritain Grand Prix Events Announced:

- 22 March Vitality Reading Half Marathon (Incorporating England Championships)
- 25 May Bupa London 10,000 9Incorporating British Championships)
- 31 May Bristol 10k
- 6 September Cardiff 10k
- 4 October Lloyds Bank Cardiff Half Marathon (Incorporating Welsh & British Championships)
- 15 November Age UK Leeds Abbey Dash 10k (Incorporating England Championships)

2014/5 British Athletics Cross Challenge Series, Final Qualifiers:

Senior Men:

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| <i>1. Adam Hickey Southend AC</i> | <i>109</i> |
| <i>2. Andrew Butchart Central AC</i> | <i>104</i> |
| <i>3. Dean Lacy Cambridge Harriers</i> | <i>103</i> |

Senior Women:

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| <i>1. Imogen Ainsworth Bristol & West</i> | <i>104</i> |
| <i>2. Lily Partridge Aldershot F&DAC</i> | <i>102</i> |
| <i>3. Sarah Tunstall Kendal AC</i> | <i>103</i> |

KPI 3: Increase participation to build athletic nation

Athletics still performing well in latest Active Peoples Survey
 Various initiatives implemented by all Home Countries.

2. The Key “Philosophies”

2.1 All strategic decisions should be driven by the support of the Athlete Development Model.

ITEM	2013	2014 Dec	06.02.15
Licensed Events	2,115	1,670*	885
Races with online entry	359	494	214
Online Entrants	66,403	82,982	20,525
Total Maximum Field Size	190,030	213,652	96,045
Usable Data	88,627	120,871	126,287
Event Adjudicators on Trinity	299	303	316
Event Adjudicators roles covered	312	329	336

*2390 when you take into account multiple events (2013-2,115)

European Athletics – Safety & Quality Standards For Road Races Workshop 4 & 5 February 2015.

- Workshop provided an update on this initiative
- The scheme is likely to be launched late March 2015
- It is a worthwhile set of standards for those Federations that have nothing
- runbritain would therefore endorse it and make Race Organisers aware of it

What Next?

- We would seek acceptance of our own Licence Standards to be at least 3Star against European Athletics Standards (for races that hold Course Measurement Certificates) and short cut the need for Race Organisers to fill in another application form.
- Once awarded a Star Rating events would then be incorporated into a European Road Race Calendar

Nigel Rowe
12 February 2015

KPI 1: Win more medals to inspire the public

There have already been some success in the European Cross Country championships for our endurance athletes and it will soon be the turn of the track and field athletes in the European Indoors in Prague. Early season results from the indoor competitions have been very encouraging and indicate that a lot of athletes have had a good winter season.

It is hoped that we can win a number of medals in Prague which will hopefully inspire the general public ahead of a key summer of athletics. We are certainly seeing the positive effect that coaches are having in bringing through the next generation of athletes.

KPI 2: Stage great events to engage the public

As said before this summer will be key with the Anniversary games back in the Olympic stadium. Ticket sales for indoor events have been very good which bodes well for selling out the anniversary games. Recent doping scandals have not helped the image of the sport but it is hopefully seen in a positive way for our teams. TV coverage is key as this captures the interest of the public and enhances the status of our athletes. It is vital that athletes like Mo Farah and Jess Ennis-Hill are still performing well as they are stars who the public relate to. Coaches often feel that their athletes are overlooked but they should be encouraged greatly by the fact that they can take part in televised events. This is not the case in many sports although Netball seem to be doing well.

KPI 3: Increase participation to build an athletic nation

As predicted the Active People survey did indeed show a further increase in numbers participating in athletics which is good news. There are now 2.2 million people taking part in the sport which is up from 1.4 million in 2005/6. This is good for the sport and shows promise for future funding. There are a number of excellent initiatives at Home country level to get Leadership in Running Fitness attendees to qualify as a Coach in Running Fitness (CIRF)

As outlines last time there are a number of change being introduced to the coaching courses including reducing the age that younger people can qualify. The Athletics leader course has not really taken off and this is being revamped aimed at young people.

The biggest issue is still that only 30% go on to become licensed at Athletics Coach and CIRF level. There are diary workshops being put on to help this and existing coaches also need to help as much as possible.

It is hoped that significant improvements will be seen by early summer in the number of attendees actually qualifying as coaches. The numbers taking the courses remains high with the LIRF courses by far the most popular, so the potential is there to develop the workforce.

KPI 4: Host the `best ever` World Championships to make the country proud

The infra-structure is clearly in place for the championships and there is no reason why the event should not be the best ever. The Anniversary games this year will be key in starting the momentum. From a coaching perspective it is essential that coaches are kept motivated and focused on improving the athletes and realising their potential.

Key Philosophies

1. All strategic decisions should be driven by the support of the Athlete Development Model (ADM)

The changes to the structure and the implementation of the coaching strategy report have only just begun. It is really too early therefore to see the effect of these changes. It is felt however that we are going in the right direction. All the Home countries have coach development well to the fore and the general feeling among coaches is one of optimism. We need to ensure that in the next funding cycle due to begin in 2018 that we do not go backwards by working on participation to the detriment of performance. It is a fine balancing act I know as we have to look at the wider health benefit of our sport but success is also measured on medal performance at major championships.

2. To be Britain`s best Olympic and Paralympic sport in everything we do.

We are now getting ever closer to the next Olympics in 2016 and our focus this year will be on finding new stars to perform at both Olympic and Paralympic level. There will be world championships in Beijing and Doha this year which will hopefully be very successful for our athletes,

Keith Reed
Coaching Representative
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Competition

Cross Country

As previously reported Cross Country seems to be increasing in popularity and large fields have been commonplace this winter. There is a recurring issue with courses and costs, with several local authorities having concern over the use of public land for events. This winter's very wet weather has meant that ground used for cross country events has been badly affected and certainly locally, in the South of England, councils have received complaints from members of the public over the state of the ground after an event has taken place.

Sportshall

Sportshall athletics is still thriving despite the loss of the Aviva sponsorship, with Counties financially supporting the regional events as well as the cost of sending teams to the Finals, which are again being held in Manchester.

Networks

In England, England Athletics has confirmed that it will no longer be financially supporting Networks. The impact that this decision will make on the future of the Networks will not be determined until later in the year. In the six years that the networks have been running some have been self-funding for all or part of that time and hopefully will continue. Some of those that relied on EA funding hopefully will continue in some way, whilst some have become more integrated with their County Association. The Networks that continue, in whatever format, will still have the support of their local CCSOs. The Networks have been an important part of development in England over the past six years, although it is fair to say that some have been more successful than others. Development of the sport through coaching, officiating, recruitment and retention is of vital importance.

Starters

It was interesting to note that in the latest minutes of the TAG that a trial electronic gun system is being trialled at the Northern Indoor events. It will be interesting to get the feedback on the system being used. It is important that a suitable system is available to the sport in general at a reasonable cost as many starters are having problems getting suitable ammunition. Once a suitable system is available it may be that the home countries could look at providing one per county/region.

Keith May
21 February 2015