

UKMC
Friday 30 September 2016
UK Athletics, Athletics House, Perry Barr

Members present: Jason Gardener – President
Donna Fraser – Vice President
Leslie Roy – SAL President

Carol Anthony – WAL Chair
Roy Corry – ANI Chair
Roger Simons - Representative
Keith Reed – Coaches Representative
Wendy Haxell – Officials Representative
Tony Shiret – Clubs Representative

Observers: Ed Warner – UKA Chair
Niels de Vos – UKA CEO
Kevan Taylor – UKA Finance Director
Nigel Holl – UKA Director of Strategy & Partnerships
Sarah Coffey – UKA Executive Assistant
Tracey Carey – UKA Financial Controller
Chris Jones – EA CEO

Apologies: Peter King – EA Chair
Lawrence Clarke – Athlete Representative
Lord Sebastian Coe – IAAF Representative
Nigel Rowe – Road Runners Representative
Ron Morrison – Off Track Representative
Tony Clements – HCAF Clubs Representative

Welcome & Apologies

JG welcomed everyone to the meeting, apologies had been received from PK, LC, LSC, NR, RM & TC.

Minutes of meeting 28 June 2016

TS raised concern on no discussion on the Chair & CEO Report when discussions took place. It was suggested that it is noted what discussion should be recorded at the meeting. With the note of above the minutes were approved as a true record of the meeting.

Matters arising from meeting 28 June 2016

Meeting held 28 February 2016

Officials Representative – TS raised concern on TAG's selection of Chairs for Endurance and Education. **NH confirmed that TAG ToR are being reviewed, TS asked for UKMC Endurance Representative to be included in the review.**

Meeting held 28 June 2016

DF proposed UKA email addresses for Volunteer Council members so they could be contacted by Members. The Council agreed to this proposal. Action: DF **COMPLETE**

DF asked for Council members to be key to medal presentations at British Championships going forward to help build the profile of the Council. Action: SC **COMPLETE**

DF confirmed she was working with Liz Birchall to look at refreshing the UKMC website pages. **Action: DF.** DF agreed to do a website blog going forward. **Ongoing, presentation at December meeting.**

NH to update the September meeting on structure and progress. Action: NH **COMPLETE/AGENDA**

KT to confirm that the Code of Conduct is consistent with the Articles of Association. Action: KT **COMPLETE**

A discussion on coach licensing took place and NH agreed to take away and investigate. Action: NH to report on overall view on coaching at September meeting. **AGENDA**

TS asked about contributions from UKA for clubs travelling to International Competitions. NH to look at a proposal for December meeting. Action: NH **COMPLETE**

NR asked for copies of minutes from any IAAF or European Athletics Road Running Meetings. Sarah Rowell has recently been appointed to the IAAF Road Running Commission. Action: SR **COMPLETE – IAAF Minutes not published, SR happy to provide verbal updates**

PK asked for clarifications on the British Athletics/UKA logos. Action: NdV **COMPLETE/AGENDA RS noted additions to UKA brand use.**

Presidents Update - JG

Taken as read – see Appendix I

JG updated on the positive ticket sales for London 2017. **Action:** SC to circulate ticket requests for IAAF /IPC World Championships for UKMC to purchase.

Vice Presidents Update – DF

BMW partnership is now with Marc Hope from The Sports Consultancy.

Home Country Reports

Welsh Athletics – CA

Taken as read – see Appendix II

CA highlighted the number of WAL athletes' performances with selection criteria for Olympic team and the elevated selection policies.

A lengthy discussion took place on the standards required for selection and UKA's position on selection. EW explained UKA's Board's view on a Home International Championships and added that the Performance Oversight Committee (POC) with the Performance Team will be reviewing the selection policy for the 2017 World Championships with a hope of selecting a larger team. TS asked if a formal review of the selection process would take place, JG confirmed that the POC, which included David Bedford, Anne Wafula Strike and Sarah Rowell, will sit on the review. JG added that once the athletes commission was up and running greater input there would be from athletes moving forward.

A discussion took place on the appeal process and CA asked if selectors should sit on the appeals panel. EW confirmed he would review this process. **Action:** EW

RS raised a number of concerns on some athlete performances in Rio. JG confirmed that his concerns would be raised with the POC.

NdV pointed out the costs of taking teams to Championships and that UK Sport funding focus was primarily on Olympic medals.

CA noted that Welsh Government had withdrawn from the 2026 Commonwealth Games bid due to facilities not available.

Athletics Northern Ireland – RC

Taken as read – see Appendix III

RC noted the Coaching Conference over the weekend 8 & 9 October at Ulster University.

England Athletics Report – CJ

Taken as read – see Appendix IV

CJ noted the apologies from Peter King who has been in hospital and who will be replaced by Myra Nimmo at the October AGM.

PK wished to pass on his thanks to the Council.

Affiliation fees increased by £1 to £14 per year.

NH is working closely with England Athletics for the Sport England Submission with a meeting on 14 October. CJ reported that the expectation was for a substantial cut to funding.

CJ thanked the other HCAFs for their input and partnership in the Manchester International which was a great success.

The Council discussed participation numbers and how to grow the sport.

Scottish Athletics – LR

Taken as read – see Appendix V

Scottish Athletics were named NGB of the Year at the Scottish Sport Awards, with Maria Lyle winning Athlete of the Year.

Interviews for a new Scottish Athletics CEO will take place on 10 October.

Volunteer Representatives' Reports

Athlete Representative – LC

JG noted that the athletes' commission Terms of Reference was close to being finalised and will include 12 elected members (4 from WCPP) across Olympic & Paralympic. The Athletes Commission will meet twice a year and report to NdV and UKA Board. It is planned that the Chair of the Athletes Commission will become one of the Athlete Representative on UKMC.

Coaches Representative – KR

Taken as read – see Appendix VI

NH to invite KR to the Coach Development and Strategy Group meeting. **Action:** NH

TS asked regarding the breakdown on numbers for courses etc. NH confirmed that numbers were being worked through and would be available shortly.

NH confirmed new Coaching Courses would be ready for early 2017 and led collectively by the HCAFs. TS asked for more England Athletics volunteers to be involved in the development.

Officials Representative – WH

Taken as read – see Appendix VII

WH raised concern over the clash of meetings for Officials. A discussion took place and CJ and NH confirmed that a meeting with BUCS over this particular fixture was planned.

Clubs Representatives – TS

Taken as read – see Appendix VIII

TS congratulated the U20 teams at the European Clubs Championships. NdV asked regarding the 2017 location (Turkey) and the suggestion that the UK might look to host. RS confirmed that this had not yet been agreed.

TS requested details of the number of clubs with waiting lists. It was felt that this was a HCAF responsibility and not UKA. TS/TC to discuss with HCAF CEOs to agree a way forward. **Action:** TC/TS.

TS raised the topic of track maintenance and funding.

TS raised the topic of licensing of schools' delivery of athletics. A short discussion was held.

Clubs Representatives – TC

Taken as read – see Appendix IX

Road Running Representative – NR

Taken as read – see Appendix X

Off Track – RM

No report

Domestic Strategy - NH

NH highlighted the new Domestic Strategy Group – the membership of the Group includes key volunteer representatives leading established policy groups (e.g. TAG, Coaching) together with Home Country reps and key UKA staff. First meeting will consider and review the Terms of Reference and establish the working protocols.

TS questioned the use of “volunteers” on the group to “check and challenge” the group, which led to a discussion on the balance of staff to volunteers. NH agreed to further reflect on and consider that balance – and he recognised the pivotal role that he sees volunteers playing in that group.

Chair's Report - EW

Report taken as read

EW updated on the UKA Board meeting held 29 September. EW reported on the ticket sales for IAAF and IPC Championships and noted that the IPC tickets were a harder sell. JG asked for a breakdown on the tickets sold across the sport. **Action: NdV**

RS asked if it would be advantageous to approach Channel 4 about doing a programme to highlight the growth in Para Sports. **Action: NdV to investigate.**

EW confirmed the Tokyo Paralympic programme funding is expected to be known by the end of December 2016.

CEO Report - NdV

Report taken as read

TS asked regarding the category release for IAAF with Dentsu. NdV updated on the progress and confirmed that this would not have an impact on UKA, adding that sponsorship for the IAAF Championships had been taken out of the London 2017 forecast. NdV confirmed that certain categories had been secured, e.g. Hospitality.

TS asked about the covered seats at the Anniversary Games and the offer of tickets to the English Schools Winners (including HCAF Schools Championships). NdV confirmed that this was a good idea and would happily agree to do this. An offer to the 2016 Schools winners should also be offered. **Action: NdV.** NdV also advised that the covered seats on the back straight were restricted view and not due to them being unsold.

Finance & Governance Report – KT/TC

Taken as read

Tracey C presented the 5 months to date Management Accounts to end of August 2016.

KT presented the financial statements for the year 2015/16.

TS asked if future presentations could be circulated in advance of the meeting so these could be reviewed. **Action: KT**

TS asked regarding the prize money for London 2017.

International Reports

Nothing to report

Any Other Business

Right to Play – EW gave an update on the Right to Play charity partnership

JG wished to thank PK for his time on the Council and wished him a speedy recovery.

2017 Meeting Dates – these were confirmed as:

- Friday 17 February 2017 (Birmingham Indoor Grand Prix 18 February)
- Friday 30 June 2017 (British Championships, Birmingham)
- Friday 15 September 2017
- Friday 15 December 2017 (AGM)

Date of next meeting

Friday 9 December 10 am, Athletics House.

The President held a closed session with only the Members present.

A number of recommendations were made in the closed session to enable the Council to improve its function. These are:

- Minutes to be received within 2 weeks from Council meeting and provided by a freelance assistant
- Summary of minutes to be included on website
- Format of each meeting to begin with Executive reports (following President's update)
- At each meeting, agreed in advance, to focus on specific strategy areas to include presentations, such as Performance, Officials, Coaching, Volunteers and Athlete Development)
- UKMC meetings to take place the night before British Championships
- UKMC meetings to be made 1 hour longer

The closed session was positive and the Council were pleased that time had been given to improve the function of the Council.

The Council also commented that the main Council meeting was a good one.

APPENDICES

President Update**Rio 2016**

It has been a busy and exciting period with the Rio 2016 Olympic and Paralympics recently taking place.

I am sure the UKMC would like to congratulate our athletes and staff for their successes out in Rio. The Olympic and Paralympic programmes achieved and exceeded their respective funding medal targets set by UK Sport.

Of course our Home Countries' representatives and volunteers will be keen to review the four years since hosting our own Games, to determine if we as a sport are developing as effectively as possible from grass roots to podium level at both Olympic and Paralympic disciplines throughout the UK. I am sure we all look forward to hearing from Niels in his post Games update and what success looks like as we build towards the London 2017 World Athletics Championships.

UKA Chair Recruitment Process

You all will be very aware that we are currently into the process of recruiting the new Chair of UKA. To recap the plan is for a new Chair to be announced early December following interviews which are scheduled to take place mid to late November.

The new Chair will shadow Ed Warner until Ed completes his full term of office as UKA Chair in January 2018.

The UKA Chair appointments panel will consist of the 5 following members:

Representing UKMC:

- Jason Gardener (President)
- Carol Anthony (Chair of Welsh Athletics)
- Myra Nimmo (Chair Elect of England Athletics)

Representing the Board of UKA:

- Sarah Smart (Non-Executive Director)
- Sarah Rowell (Non- Executive Director)

The closing date for applications was on the 4 September and the Miles Partnership head hunters will complete their initial interviewing / research on the 27 September.

On the 4 of October a submission of candidate reports, with full CV's, will be presented to the appointments panel. A long list to short list will be completed by mid-October

The appointments panel have agreed a two stage process where five candidates will be further considered.

The first stage of the interviews will be conducted by Sarah Smart, myself and joined ideally by our funding partner representative Liz Nicholl, from UK Sport. This initial process is to see how the candidates can interact effectively outside of the formal interview room. These are scheduled to take place mid-November.

Stage two will be formal interviews with the appointments panel listed above. These interviews will take place towards the end of November.

We are keeping key stakeholders Sport England, UK Sport and IAAF updated on the recruitment process.

We do have a member of the UKMC who has applied for the UKA Chair position and may need to leave the UKMC meeting should the UKMC wish to discuss any further details about the process.

I look forward to being able to update you on the successful new Chair of UKA in due course.

Code of Conduct

At the last meeting the UKMC approved the additional changes that Tony Shiret, Clubs Representative, had requested to enable him to sign the Code of Conduct. Kevan Taylor, Company Secretary, will check with our legal advisors to make sure that they are in keeping with the Articles of Association.

UKA Competitions Strategy

It has been brought to my attention about the UKA competition strategy with regard to sending a Great Britain & Northern Ireland Athletics Team to the World University Games in Taipei, August 2017. I can confirm that the Performance team are reviewing their strategy / budgets and are looking at sending a team to the Games as part of the athlete development plan.

UKMC Membership

As you will be aware Roger Simons will be completing his full (and distinguished) term as a UKMC member in December 2016. We need to determine our plans about replacing Roger.

UKMC Agenda

The expansion of the membership to the UKMC as you know has caused challenges sticking to the time allocated for meetings. Of course it is imperative that we allocate

adequate time for reports from the Volunteer, Home Country members and from the UKA executives. It would be most appreciated if we can take reports as read and focus on highlighting essential challenges to support the UKA Executive's strategy decision making to improve our sport in the UK...and of course to challenge them on this too!

Tracey Carey, UKA Financial Controller, joined the last UKMC meeting as an observer and at this meeting Tracey will be presenting this year's financial performance as part of her professional development.

You will note on the Agenda that I have set aside some time at the end of the meeting to have a discussion without the UKA Executives present. I would like to use this time for us to decide how the UKMC can improve its function to ensure that UKMC meetings are as effective as possible and that we challenge the UKA Executives as best as we can for the greater good of the sport. Please come prepared with suggested recommendations on how we can improve our function.

I look forward to seeing you all on Friday.

Jason Gardener
President

Welsh Athletics UKMC Report September 2016**1. The four strategic priorities****1.1 KPI 1: Win more medals to inspire the public**

See attached “2016 Performance Highlights by Welsh Athletes”.

KPI 2: Stage Great Events to engage the public

Following a successful IAAF World Half Marathon Championships at Easter, the focus now shifts to the Cardiff University / Cardiff Half Marathon on 2 October.

Even though the October event did not go on sale until after Easter, entrants have grown to record levels, with 22,000 entered into the mass race. The following information is also provided;

- BBC One Wales will show the event live from 9.30am for 3 hours with highlights on BBC Two Wales later in the day
- BBC Network will show the event “as live” on the red button from 2pm
- BBC Wales has also started screening “Alfie’s Angels”, a four-part “reality” show following 100 new runners on their journey from couch to half marathon. This promotes the health benefits of social running and provides great exposure for the event and for the Run Wales Social Running Programme.
- The Cardiff Half Marathon was awarded an IAAF bronze label, which has raised its profile with elite runners. As a consequence and as a legacy from Cardiff 2016, this year’s Cardiff Half Marathon will contain the best ever elite fields in both the men’s and women’s races.
- The race will also include the Welsh Half Marathon Championships.
- On Saturday 1 October, the Festival of Running will precede the half marathon. This day-long event will include mile road races, a fun run and other community events to engage the general public.
- Over 700 “Extra Milers”, the Cardiff Half Marathon volunteers, will help to make the event a success.

Other

- Run 4 Wales has been shortlisted for the 2016 Social Business Wales Awards. The winners will be unveiled on 29 September.
- The Welsh Government has ruled out a bid for the 2026 Commonwealth Games.

KPI 3: Increase participation to build an athletic nation

The work of the Welsh Athletics community and development teams has realised great returns, with some impressive headline statistics.

Year on year, club membership is up by 10.8% (from 8426, 1 September 2016 to 9333, 1 September 2016 (+907)).

Welsh Track and Field Championships;

- 482 entries in Welsh Senior Championships (272 Male, 210 female)
- 934 entries in Welsh Junior Championships

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

A full economic impact report of the IAAF / Cardiff University World Half Marathon Championships (Cardiff 2016), has been prepared for the Welsh Government.

Welsh Athletics continues to support the delivery and legacy projects for London 2017.

2. The 2 Key ‘Philosophies’

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

Welsh Athletics is working with the Welsh Schools Athletic Association to explore possible rationalisation of current competition programme.

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

In line with our commitment to adopt the Governance and Leadership Framework for Sport in Wales, Welsh Athletics is in the process of recruiting two Non-Executive Directors to complement the skill-set of our existing Board of directors.

Welsh Athletics is working towards the Intermediate level of the Equality Standard for Sport.

**Athletics Northern Ireland
HCAF Report September 2016**

KPI 2.1: Win more medals to inspire the public

Ciara Mageean won a bronze medal in the European Championships 1500m in Amsterdam

There were 5 athletes from Northern Ireland at the Olympic Games --Ciara Mageean (1500m), Kerry O'Flaherty (Steeplechase), Paul Pollock (Marathon), Kevin Seaward (Marathon), Breege Connolly (Marathon) and two at the Paralympics – Jason Smith (T13) and Michael McKillop (T37)

Coaching Courses 1 February to 20 June 2016

Course Name	Number of Courses	Number of Participants
Coaching Assistant	1	22
Leader in Running and Fitness	3	65
Athletics Coach	1	16
Coaching in Running & Fitness	1	17

KPI 2 & 3 – Stage Great Events to engage the public/ Increase participation to build an athletic nation 1 March to end June 2016

We have promoted a number of successful events over since March.

The Titanic 10k was held on 10 April and was one of the official warm up races for the Belfast Marathon it proved to be very successful with over 1500 people finishing.

The Belfast Marathon itself was held on the May Day holiday and once more proved extremely popular with a total of nearly 18,000 people taking part in the various events on the day e.g. Relay, fun run, walk and the marathon itself.

On Saturday 7 May we held the Belfast International Track and Field event at the Mary Peters Track in Belfast. Again this proved to be extremely successful with a number of personal best and qualifying times.

Our age group and senior track and field championships were also held over two days both at Mary Peters Track in Belfast. Participant numbers and overall performance levels were in line with previous years.

With a slightly improved financial environment in Northern Ireland we are making initial moves with Belfast City Council and other possible funders to explore the possibility of hosting a major international Championship in Belfast. The European Cross Country Championship may be the best option and it is hoped UKA will support such a bid should financial backing be secured.

KPI 3 cont. – Athlete Membership to Athletics Northern Ireland

The new registration year commenced on 1 April and at present we have just short of 6,618 registered and paid up athletes. This means we are already ahead of last year's final total of 6,476 (on 31 March). A number of new clubs (mostly running clubs) have also affiliated. Our new running participation officer (Alistair Woods) commenced work on 1 April. He is making good progress in helping newly formed clubs to affiliate and to ensure they meet the necessary requirements as a bona fide Athletic Club. He is also helping to clear the large backlog of people wishing to go through the LIRF or CIRF courses.

We are also working with a number of local councils in Northern Ireland to implement the recently inaugurated "Everyone Active 2020" scheme funded by Sport Northern Ireland. When fully implemented we will have 4 staff working in a variety of Council areas to help implement the athletics element of the programme.

Athletes Registered	Male	Female	
U13	397	513	
14-15	314	462	
Age 16+	2,368	2,564	
Total	3,079	3,539	6,618

ENGLAND ATHLETICS UK MEMBERS COUNCIL –HEADLINE REPORT

PERIOD: August-September 2016

General Strategic & Operational Overview

- **EA has presented at several forums during the last month** outlining our established Strategic Priorities to partners and key stakeholders including Sport England, National Tutor Conference, CSP Network and to the Youth Sport Trust.
- **Our negotiations with Sport England continue with one main scoping meeting held to date which went well. We presented on our strategic priorities/plan ambitions together with a detailed breakdown of our understanding of our market as we know it.** Further themed meetings have been held focused on participation and talent respectively. We will meet for our next formal scoping meeting with senior SE staff present on 14 October. Nigel Holl is working alongside EA on the talent submission which must be joined up. At this meeting we expect to be given an indication what our likely funding range will be and that we will be asked to submit an application for support. At this current juncture we are unsure when this bid will be assessed.
- **The 2015-16 EA AGM will take place** on 15 October which is the same day as our whole council conference and Hall of Fame/volunteer awards night. Myra Nimmo will become our new chair at this meeting with PK retiring at this juncture.
- **We presented our Spirit of 2012 Trust funding bid in London on 14 September.** We will await news of this bid for circa £750k after 28 September when the board meets. We have received a grant of £146k towards our disability strand programme from Sport England and a limited pot of funding has been resourced towards an online schools challenge. Whilst this is heavily England focused, Matt Newman is representing the other HCAFs on the coordination group.
- **Membership registrations continue on an upward trend (138,000 athletes) compared with previous years as do the number of licensed road races.** The 2016 UK rule book changes, alongside improvements to athlete checking technology seems to have made a positive difference with wide scale compliance being realised.
- **The last two months has been extremely busy for our teams with a number of outdoor championships and competitions taking place.** Our staff are not only engaged in delivering our own events but in also supporting our third party partners such as ESAA, UK School Games etc...the inaugural Manchester International was deemed by those present a success and negotiations are in place ahead of what we hope will be an established part of the calendar for years to come. Our thanks are extended to our HCAF partners who are close collaborators on this event. Following in quick succession, our CE and final age group championships concluded what has been a busy but satisfying season for all concerned.
- The 15-16 annual audited accounts will be presented to the AGM in October.
- **The general mood across the organisation seems positive despite the uncertainty surrounding our future financial “makeup”.** This is a complex

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process and not an easy one to project despite us putting scenario plans in place and developing our own strategic priorities and plan to direct our thinking/focus.

- The autumn and winter period will of course see a range of activities take place including Hall of Fame, regional award events, indoor championships, coach development, education courses and so on.

KPI 1: Win more medals to inspire the public

- A Commonwealth Games England introduction meeting has been held with all Team Leaders which we attended but the CG selection policy is still, at the point of writing this report, sitting with CGE for final approval.

KPI 2: Stage Great Events to engage the public

- We held a national tutor conference in Birmingham for all coach and leader tutors on Saturday 3 September attended by 65 delegates.
- The 2016 EA Senior Championships were held incorporating the CAU in late July. Entries were flat with 2015 (roughly 1,000) which we felt was positive and there were some outstanding performances including a sub 10sec 100m by Joel Fearon which was well publicised on the BBC etc.
- As reported above we held the inaugural Manchester International on 17 August. Very positive feedback. England won the match. Joel Fearon 10.00 100m, and Lucy Bryant 4.20 PV, gained athlete of the match awards.
- 21/22 August Younger Age Group CE Championships, Bedford. Entries consistent with last year. 27/28 August EA U17/U15 Champs, Bedford. Numerous CBP's were achieved.
- The 3 Area Associations have all signed 2016 agreements and are now receiving their payments in line with budget. We held a further meeting with the 3 chairs to map out future partnership working and funding during late August.
- We will host the 2nd annual England Competition Forum at the start of October which will also be used to host the UK Fixture Planning Congress this year which is positive.
- It was pleasing to see so many of the Team GB athletes in Rio supported by coaches who have been a part of the NCDP in recent years.

KPI 3: Increase participation to build an athletic nation

- There are 57,500 qualified coaches and leaders in total across the country with 17,900 licensed in total. We have trained 1,830 coaches and leaders this year with 1110 licensed (information correct at 20 August) We now have over 20,000 qualified leaders, with just over 8100 that are licensed.
- Coach Education changes already implemented appear to have made a significant difference to the number of coaches completing the AC course (we will continue to review this).

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Athletics Coach course before Pebblepad (online support) was introduced to support completion. Completion rate averaged **56.25%**

Athletics Coach course after introduction of Pebblepad (online support). Completion rate averaged **66.89%**

Athletics Coach Course with on course planning section replacing need for Pebblepad. Completion rate after 1 course **100%**

- Womens coaching development. 56 Women's bursaries awarded. 17 athletics coach, 20 CiRF, 3 online modules, 10 coaching assistant and 6 LiRF, following brief to support 'higher level' qualification support. A range of Autumn and Winter Practical workshops across country have been set up by CCSO team, delivered by NCM's and NCDP coaches. <https://www.ulearnathletics.com/qualification/index> has details of formalised CPD and qualifications including Event Group Level.
- We have trained just under 500 officials between April-September. We will be supporting each of the 3 Area Officials Conferences again in Winter 2016. 232 delegates have attended our sight loss awareness training between 1 April and 31 July 2016. We have trained 150 teachers in primary schools through our RJT courses. The Autumn and Winter period is the peak time for roll out of these courses as we know.
- The new "Club Run" programme has been well received by off track clubs since it began a few months ago. At present 30 initial clubs are part of this programme.
- There have been 274 new Run England groups established this year so far. We have seen just over 7,200 runners register with Run England since 1 April 2016 with over 6,100 of these being new runners. 146 runners have registered themselves as having a disability with a further 588 selecting the prefer not to say option. This leaves us significantly short of our target and we are looking at options to improve the data capture and generate interest amongst disabled people
- We currently have 598 active Satellite clubs. Achieving our Y4 target of 1,000 clubs is going to be extremely challenging and has been flagged with Sport England at an early stage. A more realistic figure of 707 active clubs was presented to Sport England and at the time of writing feedback has not been received. There are 21,000 participants in these clubs (against a 13-17 yearend target of 12,000) which is positive. We do not believe that there will be a SC funded programme from 2017 onwards but the clubs established provide a good basis from which we can continue to embed our participation priorities and programmes moving forward.
- Work continues on revising both the schools and facilities strategies. We brought the schools strategies "in-house" to be revised. These strategies will inform our work in these areas moving forward and in the case of the facilities plan, will be a working document to inform the guidance our staff provide to existing and future facility providers and grant giving bodies.
- The first APPG (Cross Party Parliamentary Group for Running which was set up by EA in 2014) e-newsletter was created and sent to all 630 MPs and Peers on 21 June 2016 on behalf of MP Graham Evans, Chair of the APPG for Running. The newsletter included industry-wide news, including EA

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updates. The newsletter was opened by 21% of recipients and whilst there are no like-for-like benchmarks available, across all industries the average open rate for UK SME email marketing campaigns in Q1 2016 was 22.87% (source: <http://www.smartinsights.com/email-marketing/email-communications-strategy/statistics-sources-for-email-marketing/>)

- We are planning to send quarterly updates to this audience and we will continue to track their effectiveness to engage this audience. One of the e-newsletter content pieces was a proposed new Westminster Running Group. This is planned to be established as a peer-led RunTogether group, with members of the running participation team each taking a turn to join the group as an opportunity to engage and discuss topical issues.
- The APPG for Running will have a stand at the APPG for Sport – Sports Fair taking place at Westminster on Wednesday 13 September. All MPs and Peers have been invited to the event, where the following activity is planned: Introduce our new RunTogether brand and website, Promote the new weekly RunTogether Westminster Running Group, Infographic pop-up banner sharing key insights regarding the running market and size of opportunity to positively impact on lives, Pledge board – asking MPs to pledge one action they will take e.g. could be attend a run group; join the APPG for running, Engage London Marathon Events to promote the exclusive opportunity for guaranteed 2017 entry
- This Girl Can Run Campaign: Facebook fans on 25 August 2015 were 27,554 and on 25 August 2016 there were 108,885 which is a 295% positive uplift. In terms of Twitter there were 4,555 back in 2015 and there are now 8,375 which is an 84% uplift.

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

- The 2017 Spirit of 2012 funded volunteer research programme has concluded. This was a significant challenge in the timescales concerned but we engaged with a wide range of bodies and individuals and the report will inform our longer term volunteering strategy together with the final pitch that goes to the Spirit of 2012 Trust board at the end of September.

2017 Inspiration Programme Update

- 1) Disability - Sport England have approved our application for circa £146k to spend on the disability strand.
- 2) Volunteering – as reported above in this report.
- 3) Schools – Online challenge based with a marketing approach to raise profile of athletics to schools. This is the one strand with potentially less resource and perhaps less focus than the other two strands.
- 4) Community Engagement – Team Relay has been endorsed as a name and the branding is being developed. We are preparing an FAQ pack and list of items to be developed in support of the campaign
- 5) Communications – Inspiration leads appointed across each internal dept. team. External comms plan being finalised ready for Autumn launch.

Scottishathletics

Report to UKMC September 2016

UKMC Reporting Template

KPI 1: Win more medals to inspire the public

There were 15 Scottish athletes who represented Team GB at the Rio Olympics. In particular, it is worth noting that Scottish athletes achieved 5 top 10 placings, 2 Scottish Records (Lynsey Sharp (800m) & Andrew Butchart (5000m) and 1 bronze medal (Eilidh Doyle – 4x400m relay). This is the first medal in any form that a Scottish athlete has achieved since 1988 (Murray, McColgan & Bunney), a fantastic achievement.

The Paralympics are currently on-going but at the time of writing the 6 Scottish athletes had so far achieved 2 Gold medals – Libby Clegg (T44 100m), Jo Butterfield (F51 Club) with a new World record and one silver – Stef Reid (T44 Long Jump).

Some of our young athletes from the National Academy have experienced recent success, including European Youth medallists, Alisha Rees (200m Silver) and Erin Wallace (1500m Bronze) . At the World Junior Championships all 3 selected athletes qualified for the final; Josh Kerr (1500m), Cameron Tindle (200m) and George Evans (Discus). It is also worth noting that Cameron's 20.71 seconds for 200m is the fastest by an U20 since David Jenkins in 1971.

The inaugural Manchester International took place on the 17 August with a team of 22 athletes. There are some challenges with the initial format (weekday evening, proximity to Scottish championships, standard of athlete etc.) that have to be reviewed for next year. For this fixture 5 Academy athletes were selected for the GB Junior team - Holly McArthur, Alisha Rees, Erin Wallace, Jill Cherry and Jenna Wrisberg.

Laura Muir became only the third British female athlete to win a Diamond League overall title (1500m) and in doing so along the way also broke the British and Commonwealth 1500m record – 3:55:22.

KPI 2: Stage Great Events to engage the public

Scottish titles and PBs were the order of the day at our Age Group Championships. This year, we combined the U20, U15 and U13 championships over two days with the U17s removed joining with the Seniors to help with the timetable. The format worked well and entry figures were up across all ages testimony to the clubs and coaches who continue to provide great opportunities for the athletes to train and

compete across the country on a weekly basis. Indeed senior entries were up by 33% on the previous year with close to 400 senior athletes having entered.

A new national team partnership deal with Macron, the Italian sportswear specialists has been signed and this will see Scottish athletes wear Macron kit for all international events as part of a two-year deal. After a gap without a national team kit sponsor, the new arrangement will see Macron providing performance kit for all Scotland representative teams and offering the benefit of exclusive deals to Scottish affiliated clubs via the Macron Store at Murrayfield Stadium.

KPI 3: Increase participation to build an athletic nation

Mark Munro has been acting as interim CEO since the departure of Nigel Holl to UKA a few months ago however as was always planned this hugely important role within the governing body for all stands of athletics in Scotland has now been advertised with a closing date of 23 September. The successful applicant will be responsible for *'Leading the staff team in the successful, effective delivery of the current four-year plan and beyond, advising the Board on the strategic direction of the Company, fully utilising and managing available resources'*.

The full programme for the 2016 National Coaching Conference at the Emirates Arena, Glasgow on 24/25 September has now been launched. Building on the success of the 2015 conference and following feedback received from the attending delegates, there is a truly world-class line up for 2016. The Coaching Conference brings together some of the world's leading coaches to present and discuss key themes important to developing athletes - planning; athletic development and physical preparation; and technical development. The Coaching Conference forms a core part of the National Coach Development Programme and will involve a series of practical sessions, seminars, and workshops led by international and expert coaches.

The scottishathletics National Club Leaders' Conference has been confirmed for the 29 October at the Hilton Hotel, Glasgow and will include 5 clubs presenting on good practice sharing.

Other recent developments include; the launch of the National Club Guide for Clubs which is a summary of all support projects and opportunities for athletics clubs in Scotland. Also, the first ever Scottish (possibly UK) NGB National Club Leaders' Academy commenced (9/10 September). This programme is focused on developing the leadership and business skills of our club leaders with 23 registered for the year long programme which has also gained accreditation from the Institute of Leadership & Management.

Following the recent audit by KPMG, a number of actions have subsequently been addressed with several policies being developed/adapted:

- Board Code of Conduct
- Board Conflict of Interest Policy

- Board Registration of Interest
- Legal Register
- Gifts & Hospitality Register

In Scotland we are becoming increasingly aware of a number of road events (and some off-road) that are being affected by new regulations being imposed by Police Scotland and local authorities across Scotland. This seems to be at a point whereby several events have been cancelled because of the increased costs being incurred, particularly around road closures. This also appears to be more prevalent in some particular local authorities within Scotland than others. We are currently in discussions with appropriate partners (Event Scotland, Visit Scotland, The National Outdoor Events Association (NOEA) Scotland and the Events and Festivals Industry Group (EFIG)) and Police Scotland. This area is particularly challenging in so much as it is a fine balance between pushing too hard where we ask for clarity and standardisation which may help some events, but to the detriment of the majority whereby local relationships are strong. As such, we are in the process of determining the issues with all event organisers across Scotland so we can make the appropriate decision on the next steps (locally or nationally).

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
September 2016

UK Members Council **Coaching Report** **September 2016**

KPI 1: Win more medals to inspire the public

This goal was certainly achieved in both the Olympic and Paralympic games held in Rio. The overall performance across all the sports certainly captured the attention of the public and the media. Athletics performed reasonably well and it was encouraging to see some new talent emerging. Although a lot was made of lottery funding, the role of the coaches should not be underplayed. We need to ensure our coaches are supported in every way that they can be, regardless of what level they coach at.

KPI 2: Stage great events to engage the public

The impetus of a successful Olympics and Paralympics has been well grasped and some excellent marketing campaigns have been launched to boost ticket sales for London 2017. It appears that sales are already good and we can look forward to some big crowds. It is hoped that other events do not suffer too much as a result. The competition year will be difficult to sort in 2017, and our coaches need to help their athletes prioritise the key competition. There has been some interesting debates recently on the overuse of under 17 athletes and this will continue. With less athletes taking part in track and field clubs are often tempted to use younger athletes in senior teams. We do need to put athlete development first.

KPI 3: Increase participation to build an athletic nation

Participation in athletics continues to rise mainly in recreational running with the continued growth of Parkruns and similar initiatives. Many clubs are now getting involved in beginner programmes like Couch to 5K and this is increasing the membership numbers of the clubs. The worry is that track and field participation is not growing and this is particularly evident at senior level. We need to ensure this is not ignored in the overall quest for participation.

The Coach Development & Qualifications Steering group – under the chair currently of UKA Director of Strategy & Partnerships Nigel Holl, continue to progress modifications and enhancements to the process, content and structure for the Athletics Coach Award. Experienced Tutor, Assessor and Educator Georgina Williams has been engaged as a consultant to lead this work, and progress is good. The opportunity is being taken not only to (re)consider content, but also the approach to learning across key areas, with online and “e” modules being developed to cover critical areas, and increase contact time on technical issues.

The changes to the assessment processes have made a noticeable impact on completion rates for the Athletics Coach Award. Across the UK as a whole, completion is now heading for 95% (given that a 12 month period is allowed and that 12 months not yet up since the changes implemented). That figure is a rise from around 65% in previous years. Credit to the Home Country coach education staff who are delivering these changes to good effect.

Coach Development (distinctly different from formal coaching qualifications) continues across the Home Countries in variable ways that meet the needs of those countries at this point.

There are coaching conferences happening in Wales, Scotland and Northern Ireland but in England there are more local based workshops.

Recently I have been having discussions with local coaches many of which are newly qualified. A lot of them have mentioned Athletics 365 which appears to be quietly disappearing. It is a really excellent coaching resource but the idea of the awards has probably not taken off. What is the future of this programme and is anything happening to support it?

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

As already said things are looking good. We to ensure the volunteer programme is utilised to make everyone feel involved and also to ensure those who do volunteer are not lost to the sport once the event is over.

Key Philosophies

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

This is particularly relevant in the development of our younger athletes. We coaches and clubs to agree on a sensible competition programme for everyone. We need to ensure the competition review is acted upon and real changes are made.

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

Athletics came out very well from the Rio games but there are real challengers from cycling, rowing and even swimming. Athletics is now helped by constant drug related headlines. It is hoped that the London 2017 Championships will be the ideal platform for our new athletes to come through. Our coaches will certainly play a massive part in this.

Keith Reed
Coaching Representative
September 2016

**Report by Wendy Haxell, Technical Officials representative
UKA Members Council Meeting September 2016**

Level 5 meetings

The list of officials who operate at these meetings will be finalised at the peer group meetings this autumn. Records of experience had to be submitted by 30 September.

Officials continue to be monitored and graded at these and other national meetings. Selections for 2017 will take place over this winter.

Level 4 and 3 meetings

The list for people for this level will also be released later this year.

Regional meetings

Need to encourage more people to aspire to this level.

Club meetings

Clubs still need to encourage their officials to continue up the gradings after they have been on the level 1 courses.

At all meetings there appears to be a number of drop outs and this needs to be continually monitored. Any changes to personnel are not updated on the website.

Clashes are still occurring for this winter as availability for BUCS has gone out and it clashes with the Grand prix again.

Welfare issues.

Often the staff in the office are heavily involved in the putting on of meetings during the summer. It means that many of them then understandably take a break and when I had a query I could not find anyone expert enough to deal with this and it was not in the officials dept..... in fact I could not get to anyone on the phone.

There is definitely a need to lessen the length of meetings as with the travelling time and the requirement to be there 2 hours before in some cases the officials are working a long day. Some officials have stated that if they were given their briefing times then they could arrive at a more suitable time for this and not be there hours before. Field officials in particular are a little frustrated when they arrive so early and find that they are not required for judging for another 4 hours!!! The 8 hour meeting needs to be met according to the permit guidelines. Sometimes the timetables are set very tightly and it is only by the brilliance of the officials' work that they run to time.

The provision of a coach for the Anniversary games was welcomed but if the same venue is used for 2017 then the matter of transport to the venue still needs to be considered. It was provided for the late finish on the Friday night but the officials still have the difficulty of coming in with all their luggage on Saturday morning and perhaps the coach provision could be extended to cover this as well.

Officials also liked the 2 tickets they were offered for the Anniversary games. Some queries did occur regarding start times which I queried with Terry Colton but we could not understand the problem as the tickets we had did not have a time on.

DBS system seems to be working well.

Education

Courses for level 4 and Competition management are being offered at Birmingham in November.

Website

Officials find getting material from the website difficult. It needs to be streamlined and more easily available.... E.g. ROEs, access to portal etc. Some items it is easier to go to England website and others to UKA.... Need more consistency.

Development of a non firearm start system is ongoing and prototypes have been tested and give sufficient confidence to pursue further.

Wendy Haxell
September 2016

Track & Field Reps Report Meeting 30 September 2016

- Shaftesbury Barnet win Euro Clubs Junior Championships (Male), Blackheath & Bromley 2nd (Female)
- Propose that UKA pays £5K contribution to club costs in Europe per rep team in 2017 (also XC) inc age groups.
- England Athletics to set up Clubs Portfolio website effective 15/10 to improve communication with clubs
- New mandatory affiliation fees for EA athletes – high degree of compliance – has improved club subscription compliance and phasing.
- Club consultation round in England complete and feedback
- Waiting Lists

UKA Contribution to Club Travel Costs when representing UK

As discussed at the last UKMC UKA makes only a small contribution to travel expenses for our clubs in European representative events. Track & Field Events with full teams involve parties of 20-30 at senior level and more at age group level because of supervision requirements. In my experience with Newham we paid c£15K per Senior Men's event that we represented the UK – less for Cross Country. I would like to propose that our aim is to provide full finance in due course but that as of Jan 2017 UKA commits to pay £5K per T&F event for seniors and age groups.

EA Club Portfolios

EA's regional and national Council system has long included the facility to consider various functional aspects of the sport – e.g. Coaching, Schools etc. – through its portfolio system wherein each region has a Councillor responsible for a Portfolio area who reports to the national holder. This in theory allows a two-way national (within England) debate on these areas. The system has only been used intermittently and the EA National Council is re-launching three Portfolio areas online to coincide with the NC Whole Council Conference on 15 October.

Affiliation fees

The mandatory system has been introduced. Initial response has been favourable because it has stimulated early payment of club subscriptions. Full analysis is not available yet and EA plans to carry out a review – some weaknesses in the membership system highlighted by the heavier than usual early season loading of the system. There have been a few disputes and DQs but the flexibility built into the system (for retrospective payment) seems to have worked.

Club Consultation

The EA member consultation has been taking place since 2013 and is probably the only large scale attempt to get feedback from the grassroots sport. The full results have not been published on the EA website yet. But to give some key findings the three top concerns expressed in the online consultation were:

- Ensuring athletics /running is/remains part of the school curriculum
- Numbers/quality of Coaches
- Numbers/quality of Officials

The top three services used by respondents which they valued highly were:

- Area competition
- Insurance
- Coach education

The survey comprised six consultation meetings and an online survey.

Waiting Lists

The EA consultation highlighted a low desire to increase club (member) numbers as an increasing number of clubs are experiencing sufficiently high demand that they have set up waiting lists. There appears to be no monitoring of this and therefore no overview. Clearly coach numbers in particular are relevant here as is the physical capacity of tracks with existing T&F scheduled use (i.e. just how many people can use a 6/8 lane facility safely in a two-hour window etc.). Suggest that this is an area where UKA should take the lead in establishing position/strategy to address.

Tony Shiret

24 September 2016

UK MEMBERS COUNCIL

Celtic Nations Track and Field Clubs Representative
September 2016 Report

Development of Role

Since my appointment in June, I have been establishing key links in Scotland, Northern Ireland and Wales and seeking ideas on how best to maintain effective ongoing communication with clubs across the nations. The Celtic Games were fortunately in Swansea in August so this was a good opportunity to make further contacts. With the assistance of Welsh Athletics, I was also able to release an article on the WA website in the week prior to the Games, explaining my role and seeking views and ideas from club members. Once I have a UK Members Council email address I will want to do this in Northern Ireland and Scotland.

I have also been exploring the benefits of a Facebook group page specifically for Celtic Nations Track and Field clubs and would welcome UK Members Council views on this.

More recently I have discussed my role with the WA West Wales Regional Council and WA General Council, with invites to attend each of the other Regional Councils. I will be attending the Scottish Clubs Conference on 29 October and the Welsh Athletics Clubs Conference on 19 November. I can report on the key highlights and issues coming out of these conferences in December. I am also exploring the potential of a visit to Northern Ireland to directly meet with their key clubs and representatives.

Strategy

As well as a brief overview, I propose to focus on one particular nation in each of the first three reports, so that over time a more comprehensive sense of club development and health across the Celtic Nations can be provided to the UK Members Council. Given the undoubted success of individual athletes in 2016, with 15 athletes selected for the Olympics and six for the Paralympics, Scotland would seem the most logical place to start.

Scottish Athletics' website states:

'Our affiliated athletic clubs are at the very heart of the work of **scottishathletics**. From the grassroots work of attracting new athletes, through their development and coaching, right up to the support they offer to performance athletes - they are the backbone of the sport.'

Scottish Athletics backs this statement up with a series of initiatives, which the UK Members Council is familiar with, though some reference to them here is important.

Scottish Athletics has published a Clubs Support Guide, updated in May 2016, providing an overview of support and services available to athletic clubs in Scotland.

Support and resources for club development include three full time National Club Managers; a Club Healthchecker replacing the former club accreditation system with an online support tool to club committees and management boards- helping clubs identify areas for improvement and information and support; a Club Development Toolkit of information, resources and templates to support club development; Online Training videos and Business Planning and Bookkeeping software; a club Helpline in partnership with GB Sport; the Club Together Partnership Project providing funds for clubs to have part-time club development officers; the Club 20:20 Modernisation Project helping proactive clubs to develop business models reflecting best practice around governance, development and delivery; and new to 2016 the Club Leaders Academy.

The Academy is a certified Club Management Programme for leaders within Scottish athletics clubs, designed in partnership with GBSport and accredited by the Institute of Leadership and Management (ILM).

In addition, overarching and compatible strategies and programmes include the National Facilities Strategy and the National and Local Coach Education and Development Programme.

There is a focus on developing a culture around paid staff and coaches within clubs, with 30 clubs involved in the Club Together Project, 31 clubs actively participating in the Club 20:20 Modernisation project and 23 candidates enrolled in the Club Leaders Academy. Scottish Athletics has seen a 12% growth in club affiliation membership, with 2016 Track and Field entries up again with 33% growth in senior entries from 2015.

At a club level, Edinburgh AC had success especially at a junior level, coming 2nd in the YDL LAG final and Team Edinburgh 2nd in the YDL UAG final, with Team Glasgow fourth. Edinburgh AC women were 4th in the UK Women's Premier League with Glasgow City AC also 4th in the Men's British League Division One.

The Clubs Conference on 29 October will give me the opportunity to have direct experience of how the many initiatives within Scotland are impacting on grassroots track and field club development.

With a 7.7% increase in athlete membership over the year in Scotland, I have also been looking in more detail at membership figures in Wales and Northern Ireland.

At September 2016, Wales had a total athlete membership of 9276, a 10% increase on the previous September. This showed a 60% to 40% split between seniors (20 plus) and juniors, with a greater proportion of female athletes in the younger age groups and more male senior athletes than females. Interestingly, looking at Track and Field clubs only, the percentage of juniors to seniors shifts quite significantly with 71% juniors to 29% seniors. As there are 25 track and field clubs in Wales from a total of 106 affiliated clubs, this clearly demonstrates that the two areas of growth being shown are club track and field juniors and most significantly senior endurance/social runners. The retention of older teenagers within track and field has been highlighted as an issue for some time and the growth in social runners and

clubs, not just in Wales but elsewhere, is probably masking a growing issue of membership within senior track and field.

Would it be worth UKA looking in detail at athlete and club membership trends within track and field set against overall trends?. It would also be worth considering how to most effectively engage with social runners to encourage greater participation in track and field. Open track endurance events are an obvious option, but it is also worth noting how in Wales, one of our larger social running clubs- Run4All (Neath) has in the past two seasons entered the Welsh Track and Field Senior league. Whilst performances have been mixed there have been notable successes and an undoubted enthusiasm. They are now seeking greater infrastructure support - coaching development for example- to become more competitive across all disciplines.

In Northern Ireland there is a slightly different picture- I have not as yet been able to make direct comparisons but will keep trying- with 37 of the 72 affiliated clubs indicating track and field participation. Overall membership numbers stand at 6618 (a 12% increase on the previous year), with only 25% junior athletes (that is 15 and under – though membership in the 16-19 age group in Wales is relatively small)). In all age groups there were more female than male athletes though not by significant numbers, though the biggest increase in membership numbers in 2016 has been in senior women.

Club performances to note from Northern Ireland are the Antrim Combined men's team winning the Irish National League Division 1, and Antrim Combined women's team coming second in Division 1 of the Women's Irish National League. Lagan Valley and the City of Derry won the Seniors Women's and Men's Northern Ireland Team Trophy respectively, and Ballymena and Antrim AC won the Northern Ireland YDL final.

In Wales, Swansea Harriers and Cardiff AC dominated Welsh success at a UK level. Swansea Harriers' women came 6th in the Women's UK Premier League with the men 2nd (and gaining promotion) in the Men's British Athletics League Division Two. Their juniors were 6th in the YDL LAG final. Cardiff AC won the Men's BAL Division Two, coming 5th. in the Women's UK League Division One and their juniors 8th in the YDL UAG final.

Tony Clements

Celtic Nations Track and Field Clubs Representative

UK Members Council Road Running Report for September 2016 meeting.

1.1 KPI 1: Win more medals to inspire the public

Congratulations to all the athletes who competed in the Rio Olympics and Paralympics.

Callum Hawkins finished 9th in the marathon.

Derek Rae was selected to compete in the Paralympics marathon event

KPI 2: Stage Great Events to engage the public

Mo Farah performance at the Great North Run

2. The Key “Philosophies”

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

ITEM	2013	2014 Dec	2015 Dec	June 2016	Sept 2016
Licensed Events	2,115	1,670*	2636	2109	2641
Races with online entry	359	494	620	540	693
Online Entrants	66,403	82,982	103,148	71,955	110,122
Total Maximum Field Size	190,030	213,652	245,789	199,213	254,788
Usable Data	88,627	120,871	108,246#	117,303	127,547
Event Adjudicators on Trinity	299	303	330	339	331
Event Adjudicators roles covered	312	329	339	347	343
Handicap scoring claimants			60,000		66,000

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

Usable data has dropped because of de-duping the data.

Scotland has issued 267 road race licenses this year.

Northern Ireland has issued 265 road race licenses this year. They had an entry of 3,196 Belfast Half Marathon

runbritain:

runbritain terms of reference being reviewed. There was a poor response to the elections, one nominee for club representative. We are now looking at co-opting new members with applicable skills and knowledge but still covering, small, medium and large races to match the election criteria.

It is envisaged that through closer collaboration between endurance disciplines, greater learning and sharing becomes possible -using many of the good examples within runbritain for example to benefit other areas of endurance.

For example; Can the current runbritain medical guidelines be adapted to suit fell, trail, cross country and ultra races without the need to start with a clean sheet?

Reportable Accidents:

Finalising details for a Reportable Accident Hotline that is a manned telephone line where the operator takes the necessary details that will link direct to UKA Insurers. (This will be open to all disciplines once tested).

European Athletics Award:

European Athletics has announced the three best in category projects for the tenth edition of the European Athletics Innovation Awards.

The three winning projects will now be considered for the Overall Award, which includes a prize of 10,000 Swiss francs that will be presented at the European Athletics Golden Tracks in Funchal, Portugal, on 15 October.

Making the announcement, Jean Gracia, the European Athletics Vice-President who chaired the seven member international awards jury, said "on behalf of European Athletics, I want to thank all those who invested their time and effort by submitting projects for the Awards. After very careful consideration, the judges have arrived at a list of category winners, all of which have the potential to make a difference in athletics.

The winning projects are:

- Coaching Category: *Does periodization matter? The effect of different high intensity periodization models on endurance adaptations* by Øystein Sylta, Norway.
- Open Category : *Thank God for Stretch Jeans -A study on "female throwers" view on body and ideal* by Matilda Elfgaard , Sweden
- Promotion Category: *#clickyourclock weekly competition* by Geoff Wightman and Gavin Lightwood, Great Britain and Northern Ireland.

The authors of each of the winning projects will receive a cash prize of CHF 2,000.

In addition to the three winners, the jury recognised 10 projects with certificates of Honorable Mention – four in Coaching, one in Technology, one in Promotion and four in the Open category,

The jury decided not to name a winner in the Technology Category.

The criteria used to evaluate the entries were “quality” and “relevance to athletics”.

The European Athletics Innovation Awards were created to encourage research and the sharing of new ideas leading to the promotion and development of the sport of athletics. The biennial competition was initiated in 1998 as the European Athletics Science Awards and is open to sport scientists, coaches, students and others with a good idea anywhere in Europe.

This year’s awards attracted 31 entry files with from 18 countries.

Nigel Rowe MBE

21 September 2016