

## England Athletics West Midlands Regional Awards Evening 2008

And the Winners are

Congratulations to Andrew Hulse, Kate and Cedric Michell

At the England Athletics West Midlands Regional Awards Evening Andrew, Kate and Cedric were recognised for their achievements in officiating.

Andrew won the award for Official of the Year

Kate and Cedric won the award for Services to Officiating

Well deserved

*Noel Mckakly*

### **NEWSLETTER by E-mail**

Any members who wish to receive the newsletter by e-mail in future please contact the Secretary ([honsecretary@mafeo.net](mailto:honsecretary@mafeo.net)) and include your name in the message.

### **Congratulations**

The following members have been accredited at the new Level 3 and have become part of the UKA National List of Officials

Field Judge  
Andrew Hulse

Track Judge  
Steve Godrich and Graham Thompson

*The Committee*

*Edited by Andrew Hulse - all contributions gratefully received*

# MAFEO Newsletter



*April 2009*

### **ENCLOSURES**

1. Membership List for 2009

This does not include email addresses, only phone numbers so that it enables you to ask members if they are willing to give you their email addresses

### **Marianne Lingen**

It is with great sadness that we report the passing of Marianne on 14th January 2009. Marianne was a founder member of MAFEO and one of the association's most stalwart supporters. All members of the Committee would like to pass on their condolences to Marianne's family

### **INTERNATIONAL RULE BOOKS 2010.**

When this is available it will return to being a book for two years (2010-2012). This year saw a new book for 2009 only, but we were assured that the changes did not affect Technical Rules other than word changes to tidy up the interpretation. We received a list of the changes and they are on the MAFEO website.

If you are interested in the next issue of the IAAF Book (2010) will you let Cedric Michell know, form on the website, and he will include you on the list. At present we have no idea what the cost will be although a single copy this year was ten euros so we would hope to order enough to enable us to have a reasonable discount. We will only order the number we require and will circulate the price to those of you that express an interest as soon as we know.

### **In at the Deep end.....**

I was fortunate enough to be able to fulfil all the necessary criteria, or do I means jump through the necessary hoops, to be awarded the new Level 3 and be put on the National list from January 2009. Sounds good, gosh I can stop worrying about having to get reports for a while, less stress and more a more relaxed time. Not on your life! A week after receiving this news I downloaded the MCAA appointments for the winter, and what did I see, only Technical Manager at one meeting and then Field Referee for both days at a NIA indoors meeting. I emailed the other referee for the weekend who very kindly allowed me to do both days duty sheets at no extra charge.

Those colleagues who have been doing duties for years will be thinking, good experience for the young whippersnapper, let's see how he likes being moaned at! No problem I have broad shoulders and a thick skin, (teacher for 30+ years so I have been moaned at by experts). Like the good boy scout that I once was I prepared for the big day by producing spreadsheets in multiple colours with names, levels etc. so that everything would be perfect, waited until the morning of the day before to print things out, only to have the call on the evening to say that somebody was having to withdraw due the extreme weather conditions. Again no problem, I simply sat down, panicked, asked myself why do I do this and could I resign now..... and then re-jigged the duties to fit the officials I had.

The big day arrived, as dawn was breaking, or so it seemed, I arrived at the NIA, set up my computer and printer, waited for another hour just in case, then printed the duty sheets. People began arriving and my fears began to abate somewhat, more and more names were highlighted so I knew they were there. Suddenly I saw a familiar face, hang on a minute they are not supposed to be here until tomorrow, panic sets in again, have I made a colossal error and swapped the people and days around? After some quick enquiries I found that one official who was on the list was not actually available and had been replaced by the person I had just seen. All was well, I used my wit and charm, ( actually I grovelled quite well), and all was well.

Nothing else could happen now, everything would be fine, people were

asking the usual questions about this and that, things like which idiot did this duty sheet or who put X and Y on the same event? Another normal day... Typically one of those bothersome athlete types decided to spoil my rest by doing something daft like injuring himself quite seriously, thanks to all those talks by Maureen I did actually have an Accident form with me and soon filled it all in, dealt with a worried parent and saw the lad off to hospital.

The rest of the day, in fact the weekend, went by in a blur, officials appeared when they should, where they should, did their normal professional job in what seemed like good spirits. People were still talking to me by the end of Sunday, I had received no threats by email, Geoff Durbin had not banned me from MCAA events in the future, so I think I did OK. I would like to give my sincere thanks to all those officials who made this, my first time as Field Referee at a meeting of this size, an enjoyable relatively stress free 2 days.

To all of those officials working towards their next level, keep going, there are plenty of new challenges awaiting you, but there are also a lot of fantastic people there ready to help you all the way.

*Andrew Hulse*

### **ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING & WORKSHOPS 2009**

We will be holding our AGM at a date in October/November to be arranged once the events in those months are agreed.

We intend to hold Workshops on that day in order to offer members an opportunity to increase their knowledge and further any experience that they wish.

We will hold workshops for all disciplines if this is required and ask that you, our members, make your request for any items to be included, but we can only arrange this if you let us know what you want to be included. In the past we have included, Javelin Validity, Shot Arm Action, Clerk of Course Duties Field and Track, Checking equipment, Photo finish etc the list could go on. If you feel that there is anything that would interest or help you please return the form on the website or contact Kate Michell.