

## ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 2009

This will take place at Alexander Stadium on  
Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> October 2009 at 14.00hrs.

If you have any of the following items for this meeting -

The names of anyone you wish to propose for Life Membership, to be eligible for this the nominee MUST have been a member for at least ten years and have retired from active duties.

Do you wish to request changes to the Rules and Constitution?

**The above items will need to be in the hands of the Secretary prior to the next Committee Meeting on the 16<sup>th</sup> September 2009.**

Do you wish to nominate a member for the Committee (use enclosed form).

**They have to be with the Secretary no later than 25<sup>th</sup> September 2009.**

As we did not receive any requests for Workshops to be held on the day of the Annual General Meeting the committee have not made any arrangements for them to take place.

If you would like to change this situation you will need to contact us very quickly and certainly before the committee meeting.

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### Your present Officers & Committee are:

<b>Chairman</b> Margaret Afford,	<b>Vice Chairman</b> Andrew Hulse
<b>Secretary</b> Kate Michell,	<b>Treasurer</b> Noel McKakly
<b>Assistant Secretary</b> Cedric Michell,	

Pete Afford, Maureen Bullen, Alison Jordan, Stuart Paul, Nick Reade

Co-opted members are Janice Pryce and Dennis Mews.

None of the above has indicated that they do not wish to stand.

# MAFEO Newsletter



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### ENCLOSURES

1. Nomination Form for officers and committee.

Please make an effort to nominate members to serve on the committee. We have four meetings a year held in Sutton Coldfield plus the AGM so it is not too onerous a task.

It was sad news to hear of the death of Joan Marshall who had been a member of MAFEO since 1992. As a staunch supporter and worker for Royal Sutton Coldfield A.C. many members will have met her over the years.

I am sure members would wish us to send their condolences to her husband Mike and daughter Fiona, who are also members.

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That's all it takes to sit down type in and then send your ideas for workshops before 16th September committee meeting.

## Special Olympics 2009

Firstly can I say thanks to Cherie D'Silva for bullying us and all those involved in the organisation of the event, without her constant updates, moaning and cajoling I am sure we would not have the experience we did. ( I suppose I better mention Ros Alterman who managed to control the undisciplined, loud, laughing and generally disruptive people there, in other words the officials, especially those on the field)

I really should know better these days but when the original message arrived about the event, I thought that it would be not only good experience but a way of supporting what many see as a 'lesser' part of society. I am glad to say I was not disappointed. Before this meeting I had only very limited experience of working with the sort of athletes who would be taking part, but after chatting with several people, (especially Cedric and Kate Michel), I quickly realised that there was nothing to worry about.

The first day started with a greeting from Ros, 'You're late, but never mind, go and join team B now, if you get 2 minutes at all during the day you might be able to grab a sandwich, but don't count on it!', so just like any other day. ( I was late due to an emergency dentist visit, so I didn't feel too guilty)

The 3 days went past in a blur, on occasions it was really difficult to work out who was running the events, the officials or the athletes such was their enthusiasm for what they were doing. I have never been hugged so much, had my hand shaken so vigorously or had to wave goodbye so many times.

The highlight had to be working in the field, retrieving the softball, ok so far nothing exciting, but each athlete was encouraged by the team leader, (Thanks Mr Fox), to aim at that strange man out there, see if you can hit him, go on you can do it. They loved it, several PB's later I was fortunately still in one piece. I do not want people to get the idea that things were not taken seriously, rules were applied, no jumps and no throws were still called when they should have been, it was just that it was refreshing to see so many people, athletes and officials alike really enjoying the events.

I even spent time working as a track judge! So now I know what the Track ref. means when he says, go and stand at position 23 and check for lane infringements. (Such fun in the pouring rain!)

Andy Hulse

## WEATHERWRITERS

As expected the cost price has risen for these items and the new selling price will be as follows:

PORTRAIT - £24.00      LANDSCAPE - £26.50

Contact Cedric Michell when you wish to purchase one.

In the last Newsletter we gave members the opportunity to place their orders for the next IAAF Rule Book and we have had some replies, but if you wish to be on the list for one of these and you have not made your request this is your last chance as **WE SHALL ONLY ORDER AS MANY AS REQUESTED**. We do not as yet know the price, but the more that are ordered the better price we will be able to obtain.

## **Calling all those E-Mailers out there**

Another item that we had included in the last two Newsletters was to put together a list of members prepared to receive Newsletters etc. by email. We have only had 15 members interested so this is on hold until the list grows.

**It's up to you to get as many MAFEO members as possible to help us go green, save money and embrace the 21st century technology**