

Words from our Hon Treasurer

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Current paid up members who renew by midnight on 31st December 2013 pay £7.00(discount of £3.00) Payments received from current paid up members and new members in 2014 will be charged £10.00.

Mafeo Stock Price list 2013/2014

Power Tank Pens £1.80 each
Power Tank Pen Refill 90p each
Power Tank Pen and Refill £2.70
Landscape Weather Writers £30.00
Portrait Weather Writers £30.00 (New Price)
Memory Sticks £4.00
Stock available from Noel Mckakly (mob 07748 174945) or email makie_2@hotmail.com

UKA Rule Changes to Implements from 2014

	Javelin	Shot	Hammer
U17 Women	500g	3kg	3kg
	<i>Previously 600g</i>	<i>Previously 4kg</i>	<i>Previously 4kg</i>
U15 Girls	500g	3kg	3kg
	<i>Previously 600g</i>	<i>Previously 3.25kg</i>	<i>Previously 3.00kg</i>

Edited by Andrew Hulse - all contributions gratefully received

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ENCLOSURES

1. Membership renewal Form

Your Committee 2013-14

Chairman - Stewart Barnes

Vice-Chairman - Andrew Hulse

Hon. Secretary - Maureen Bullen

Asssistant Secretary - Andrew Hulse

Hon. Treasurer - Noel McKakly

Margaret Afford, Cathy Briggs, Nick Reade,

Rob Walker, Janice Pryce, Kate Nash

Co-opted Margaret Murphy, Stuart Paul

Committee Meeting Dates 2014 - January 15th (provisional)

If you have any issues you wish to be raised at a Committee meeting please let us know.

Thoughts of a Rookie Field Judge! (....or 101 ways to muck up a Scorecard)

I remember the moment well – sitting in the stands at the Deagu 2011 World Trials, Alexander Stadium with my wife and suddenly announcing “I think I'd like to become an official!” “That would be nice, give you a hobby, get you out in the warm in Summer. Might get a nice colour on your head” she said (note to reader – I'm bald)

I didn't realise that colour would be blue.....

Flash forward to January 2013 and to my first duties as a Field Official. Standing on the outfield at the Alex, on the Scoreboard and completing my first card – it's 2 degrees and blooming freezing. The gloves I have bought are something akin to arctic trekking so are no use for writing or operating the not very sturdy scoreboard. By the time the 6th round is over, they are solid blocks! “Never mind, it'll be nice by time the 3rd MCAA Open meeting in March, it was lovely last year” I thought.....

Flash forward again to Saturday 23rd March and there is 6 inches of snow on the ground and I'm trudging across Perry Park to the HPIC as I can't get my car off the drive. The outdoor throws have been cancelled (unless you are lobbing snowballs) and it all looks bleak and I half expect Craig Pickering (former sprinter) to come flying past with his new bobsleigh team. The meeting goes ahead though and the officials who do make it in are running around like mad men. But I don't care.....as I'm proudly wearing my newly acquired licence “John Willis Level 2A”. Before, I feel left out as everyone else is wearing their accreditation – like the boys at school who didn't have the correct kit and is forced to wear a pair of shorts from the lost property box!

Yes, it's been quite an introduction to becoming a Field Judge but I've loved every second. I've had some wonderful experiences so far – standing in the middle of the NIA knowing that world class athletes have only just performed there. My first act upon entering the Alexander Stadium was to walk up the 100m track, silly I know but having watch so many star performers hurtle up that straight it was great to wander up and just look around with an opened mouth expression! I'm sure one

day I'll get to that point where Usain Bolt will wonder past and I'll just shrug my shoulders.

The other officials on my meetings so far have been great – really fun, great senses of humour, knowledgeable, always willing to pass on their vast expertise to me and give me that helping hand when I've struggled. All the literature beforehand promised a “warm welcome” and that's exactly what I got - hot tea and coffee on tap!! Seriously, it's exactly what I got and I thank everyone who has helped me so far (especially to the poor refs who have to make head or tail of my cards – I promise to get better!). Next week is my first outdoor event at the 1st BRAT Open meeting which I am looking forward to greatly – I can finally start working on that tan though the British summer might have something to say about that.

Goals as an official? – well, I've always said that I would aim to do the Worlds at the Olympic Stadium in 2017. “Unrealistic and cocky” I hear you mutter and you are probably correct but I believe one should have goals when doing anything in life and there's no such higher bar! If I don't get there then that's absolutely fine as I'm doing something I really love. That's a way off though so until then, I look forward enormously to working with you all at some point.

Things I've learnt.....for any new officials!

1. It's quite expensive to kit yourself to be an official – buying your toolkit, appropriate clothing and clipboard was over £100
2. Whatever your grade, level of experience or reputation, Andrew Hulse will always take the mickey out of you. But if you are lucky enough to officiate with him, you'll learn loads (is the cheque in the post Andrew??)
3. However confident you are, you WILL make mistakes and schoolboy errors but don't worry, no one will shout at you as long as you learn from the experience.
4. If you are not sure about anything, ASK. The other officials will rather you check things with them.
5. If you don't take constructive feedback well, you shouldn't be an official!
6. If you see a cheap white polo shirt, buy it!
You will love it!

