

## Competition Secretary's report

First of all let me apologise for not being able to attend tonight.

2015 was a very good year for our competitions. Entries were down slightly but participation was up in other words most athletes that were entered took part. There were fewer late entries or wrong entries. I would like to thank all who helped at the track and field. Help was much better this year. This year saw the return of our multi events after a few years and entries were very good even though the combination of events on the day may not have been the best but it is very hard to get everything right. Entries for our juniors and seniors was very small. Were it not for the guests it would hardly be worth having them. Masters as usual was good. I would like to clear up any misunderstanding regarding Guests 1 They must be registered 2 Be eligible for the age or category and 3 be from outside the county. The league again was well supported on the track but not so in the field. David Matthews was a great help in getting people out.

My thanks to all the clubs who hosted our cross country. Again excellent courses and facilities. Unfortunately our field was out of commission this year and the weather played havoc with work but hopefully it will be all worth it in the end. Cork athletes swept the boards at the Munster championships and did equally well at national level. Many of our athletes bought their own singlets this year which made life very easy on the day. I would like to ask clubs who haven't returned singlets to do so as soon as possible please. Payments were still a problem this year for most clubs. I would be hoping we could do on line payment in the coming year and I know someone who would be willing to set it up in consultation with our treasurer. We were very privileged to be given a cup from the Hickey Family in Paddy's memory which was won by Toghher Junior women. It was disappointing that the John Hegarty cup was not contested this year even though the junior date was the same as other years. Juveniles running in road races is a cause for concern. We had a few athletes selected to run in the nationals who were injured when the time came. I would appeal to parents and coaches to respect their athletes and make sure they are fully recovered from injury before returning to competition. I would like to thank our new recruits in the electronic timing and the staff of C I T who are always most helpful.

This year again I had a number on texts with no names and emails to my own email address from parents of athletes. I hope for the future all contact will be from club secretaries or competition secretary. Our web page is very up to date now and attending board meetings should give people most of the info they need.

I would like to wish all our athletes the best for 2016 and thank my fellow officers for all their help during the past year and our I T man who was always on hand even though he had a fairly difficult year himself.

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