

Secretary's Report.

2015 was another good year for athletics and in particular for Cork. There were many great performances from both young and old alike.

Louise Shanahan of Leevale gave us a superb performance in China where she went into her race ranked 12th in the World in her age group and came out ranked 8th. Well done to Louise.

Phil Healy Of Bandon, was a member of the Irish relay team that had a very successful outing at the European championships.

Ciaran O'Lionard of Leevale was unlucky to get tripped at these Championships.

On the Cross-country front, Michelle Finn of Leevale was a member of the bronze medal Irish team and Rhona Pierce also of Leevale was a member of the Junior Irish team.

These are just some of the Cork athletes who graced the International stage.

Numbers at all championships were up which is only to be expected with the increase in registrations.

The failing of drug tests brought good news to Irish athletes.

Rob Heffernan was awarded a European bronze medal just before Christmas and Olive Loughnane may have a World Gold medal coming her way hopefully, and who knows what other great things may lie in wait for Robbie?

The field committee put in a tremendous amount of work, working tirelessly for weeks on end, to ensure that everything was in ship shape for our County Senior & Junior championships, which were a great success again this year. There is still a lot of work to be done, but Rome wasn't built in a day and everything takes time. We now have beautiful changing rooms and a lovely office, thanks to the C.I.T.

Once again, I would like to pay tribute to our wonderful hard working Mini Marathon Committee and congratulate them on yet another very successful event. These people put in a tremendous amount of work in the weeks prior to the event each year, all voluntary, and much credit must go to them for the success they achieve year after year. Well done.

I regret that I was unable to attend most of the Track & Field events due to work commitments, but managed to get to nearly all the Cross country events this year.

There was a big increase in our road races again this year. We try very hard to endeavour to permit all races, though some may have escaped. I think that perhaps it might be time to limit the number of road races. We can now look forward to getting our 10% contribution from each race, which was passed at congress for administration last April, and I will shortly be sending A.A.I. the bill for same.

There are many other topics which I could mention, but I am sure the other officers will do so in their respective reports.

I would like to thank my fellow officers for putting up with me during the past year and for all their help and support.

I would also like to thank Pdraig Kelly & John Quigley for a wonderful job and keeping our website up to date.

I would like to wish everyone the best of luck for 2015 and hope we will have many successes in Cork again in the coming year.

Signed: Anne Murray
Anne Murray,
Secretary.