Minutes of a Meeting on Course Measurement held in Nice, France 27 February 1993

PRESENT:

Otto Klappert

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Running Committee

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Attendees, Enrico Jacomini, Mark Horley, AIMS Board of Director

Otto Klappert opened the meeting by stressing the need for correct course measurement for road races and said that, at present, there were two lists of approved course measurers - IAAF and AIMS. During this meeting it was hoped to combine these lists. He also wished to establish a procedure for approving new measurers and for a grading system.

It was agreed that the following grading system would be instituted which follow the same format as a system that would be used for Technical Officials:

C National Measurers

B Area Measurers

A International Measurers

However, this would have to be approved by the IAAF Cross Country and Road Running Committee and the AIMS Board of Directors. Hopefully, approval would be gained from the IAAF at their meeting to be held in Amorebieta at the end of March and from AIMS at their meeting in Lisbon in the middle of March.

A joint IAAF/AIMS list of measurers was agreed (see Appendix A)

There then followed a discussion on the criteria for grades C and B and the method of promotion from C to B.

It was agreed that C (National Measurers) would have to successfully complete a course measurement seminar. They would then be able to measure courses within their own countries, administered by their Member Federation. If a measurer wished to progress to the B Grade (Area Measurer), the following procedure would be followed:

In conjunction with his/her Member Federation, send paperwork of four measurements done within the previous twelve months to the Area

Administrator (see Appendix B)

If paperwork is satisfactory, the Area Administrator will arrange for a fifth course to be measured together with an International Measurer whose travel and accommodation must be paid for by the Member Federation of the aspirant B measurer. The International Measurer will check the work of the National Measurer and make his recommendation on whether or not he/she could be upgraded to the Area Administrator

This system would be operated for one year and reviewed at the end of that time. The procedure for upgrading from Area to International Measurer would be drawn up at that time also. However, only International grade measurers would be empowered to measure Championship courses and "big" road races.

Discussions would be held with a view to publishing a joint IAAF/AIMS course measurement booklet rather than the two separate publications that are available at present.