



# Minutes of the Course Measurement Working Party (AUKCM Board of Directors) 1030, on 5 November 2022 Locus of Walthamstow, London

**Present (CMWP Members):** Hugh Jones – Chair  
Mike Burns – Secretary  
Ken Kaiser - Treasurer  
Dene Townend – ACMS North  
Phil Cook – ACMS Wales  
***On-line (via Microsoft Teams)***  
Colin Tether – ACMS Midlands  
Paul Hodgson – International Measurer  
Brian Porter - Measurer

**Also Present:** Paul Wood  
***On-line (via Microsoft Teams)***  
Dave Gough  
Geoff Sandford

## 1. Apologies for absence:

Apologies were received from Ian Isaacs, Charmian Heaton, John Dryburgh, Chris Sewell, Rod Paris, Mark Evans, Robin Houghton, Tim Cook, Steve Crane, Les Hill, Chris Marcol, and Paul Dodd.

## 2. Minutes of the meeting held on 6 November 2021:

The minutes of the meeting held on 6 November 2021 were agreed.

## 3. Matters arising:

***Measurement Charges:*** A revised note on measurement charges, based on the draft produced by Dene Townend, is in the course of preparation (***Action*** Mike Burns).

***Working Constant:*** Still to be actioned (***Action*** Mike Burns).

***What3Words:*** Following on from the discussion at last year's meeting, it was noted that the UK Grid Finder website (<https://gridreferencefinder.com/>) now gave the *What3Words* location reference in addition to the grid reference.

## 4. International Matters:

Hugh Jones gave an oral report on international matters.

Although the number of measurements were down, the actual number of races had increased, with, in some cases, multiple races being held over the same, closed, certified

course. The actual number of races covered by certification in 2021 was c.240 whilst, so far, in 2022 it was c.340.

The increase in the number of races stems from the World Athletics (WA) ranking system brought in earlier this year and WA promoting the new regime.

Whilst some countries were active in the field on international measurement, others did not see it as a priority.

Phil Cook reported growing interest in the purchase of Cook-Jones counters, with 80 going to France, 24 to Romania, 27 to Portugal and 10 to Reunion Island.

## **5. Area Course Measurement Secretaries' reports:**

The reports are attached as annexes to these minutes.

## **6. Race licensing arrangements in Wales/England and in Scotland - review of recent changes: *and***

## **7. Late and retrospective applications for renewal of Certificates of Course Accuracy:**

Dene Townend has raised instances of late or last-minute applications for the renewal of Certificates of Course Accuracy. Coupled with this are cases of certificates being applied for where the original certificate was issued a few years ago and renewals have not been sought in the intervening years, despite the race being licensed and staged each year.

This raises concerns over certification and over licensing arrangements with some licences being issued without an accompanying certificate.

Race licences in Scotland should only be issued when Scottish Athletics have received a copy of a current Certificate of Course Accuracy. Paul Wood outlined similar arrangements for SE England. It was unclear as to what procedures were followed in other areas, but Phil Cook thought that Welsh Athletics were currently continuing to operate through Run Britain.

There was no clear set of practices for dealing with late and retrospective applications for certificates or for dealing with requests for retrospective measurements, although there was a general feeling that these could not be justified except in exceptional circumstances. It was felt that there was need to clarify policy and practice with the licensing bodies.

## **8. Training:**

### **a. Review of on-line training modules:**

Following on from the discussion at the 2021 meeting, the Secretary has been reviewing and updating the on-line training modules. However, this is a significant piece of work and, is yet unfinished. The revisions so far have been circulated to CMWP members and they agreed that the review was necessary. There was a general feeling that the existing modules contained a lot of unnecessary material as well as information that was no longer relevant or had been overtaken by policy and practice changes.

It was agreed that the work should continue, and that material should be revised and simplified. (**Action** Mike Burns to continue his review of the training modules for circulation to CMWP members and for further consideration).

**b. Managing the processing and assessment of test papers for measurer accreditation:**

The Secretary raised the problem of ensuring that test papers submitted by prospective trainees are processed. At present there is no system for allocating individual test papers to the appropriate ACMS.

It was agreed that the Secretary would take initial action to identify the location of those who submit test papers and would then pass them on to the ACMS for that area. (**Action** Mike Burns to notify ACMSs as appropriate).

**c. Review and updating of current list of Trainees:**

There are currently 45 trainees on the AUKCM database. However, some of these have been listed since 2010 and it is unlikely that these are still interested in pursuing qualification as a measurer.

The Secretary agreed to provide email addresses for trainees in their areas so that they could contact them and check if they still wished to pursue qualification. (**Action** Mike Burns to send contact details to ACMSs).

**9. 10-year validity of Measurement Reports:**

There was a general discussion on whether there was a case for the alignment of the 10-year validity of AUKCM measurement reports with the 5-year validity of World Athletics/AIMS measurement reports and certificates. It was agreed to look at this further in the light of Dene Townend's proposals from earlier in the year (**Action** Dene Townend to circulate earlier proposals to CMWP).

**10. Clarification of definitions for Registered Distance/Unsealed Surfaces/Multi-Terrain:**

Following various email exchanges earlier in the year in some individuals appeared to be doubt about the clarity of the agreed definitions for races held over different surfaces, there was a general discussion on the need for issuing clarification. However, there was general agreement that the existing definitions were satisfactory and, whilst there are some areas where a decision on the correct classification might be marginal, it should be left to the assessment and experience of the measurer to determine the correct classification.

**11. Association membership:**

As had been discussed earlier in the day at the AGM, the Company has 43 subscribing (full) members, with all the rights provided in the company articles, including voting rights at general meetings with all other (non-subscribing members) being classed as Associates, with the right to receive notices of meetings and general circulars but having no other rights of membership.

It was agreed that the Secretary would write to all measurers asking them to sign-up for full membership. The only commitment was to a payment £1 in the event of the company being wound- up. (**Action** Secretary to write to all measurers).

**12. Any other business:**

There was no other business.

The meeting closed at 1230.

# **Annexes:**

## **Area Course Measurement Secretary Reports (1 November 2021 to 31 October 2022):**

- **Midland**
- **North**
- **Scotland**
- **South**
- **Wales**



## AUKCM - Midlands Area Report 2022 for the 12 months ending 31<sup>st</sup> October 2022

By Colin Tether, Midlands Area Secretary

Activity increased in the Midlands, following Covid during the period. Overall there were 96 new measurements in the 12 months up to 31/10/2022 compared to 52 in the previous 12 months up to 31/10/2021, 33 in the 12 months up to 31/10/2020 and 81 in the 12 months up to 31/10/2019. The increase in number of measurements was partly due to commercial race organisers holding a variety of distances at one event.

### Midlands Measurers and Measurements

We started with eight measurers in the region, but my own move to London in April 2022 has now reduced the number to seven. Measurers from outside the region have continued to carry out measurements in the Midlands including Hugh Jones for the Birmingham Commonwealth Games Marathon.

#### Measurements carried out in Midlands Area

<i>Midland Measurers</i>	
Llyr ApGeraint-Roberts	7
Jon Aston	4
Terry Cardy-Wise	16
Rob Cope	5
Paul Dodd	8
Dave Mann	28
Bob Statham	4
Colin Tether	11
<i>Measurements by outside measurers</i>	13
<b>Total</b>	<b>96</b>

#### Measurements carried out by outside measures

Phil Cook	1
Tim Cook	1
Dave Gough	1
Doug Hyde	2
Ian Isaacs	1
Hugh Jones	2
Ken Kaiser	1
Tony King	3
Steve Hopkins	1
<b>Total</b>	<b>13</b>

#### Location of Measurements

Avon	3
Gloucester	11
Hereford	6
Leicester/ Rutland	12
Northants	4
Notts	9
Shropshire	3
Staffs	20
Warwicks	16
Worcester	11
<b>Total</b>	<b>96</b>

#### Metric Races

3 Km	1
5Km	12
10 Km	40
13.1 (Metric half)	1
<b>Total</b>	<b>54</b>

#### Imperial Races

2 Miles (Relay)	1
3 Miles	1
6 Miles	3
8 Miles	1
10 Miles	10
<b>Total</b>	<b>16</b>

#### Marathon

Half	23
Full	3
<b>Total</b>	<b>26</b>

### Routine Renewals

There were 169 routine renewals for 12 months ending 31/10/2022. This compares to 94 in the 12 months up to 31/10/2021, 79 in the 12 months up to 30/10/2020 and 210 during the 10 month period from 1/1/2019 to 31/10/2019.



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## Report 2022

Active measurers in the North stand at 28 with 2 new measurers (Steve Mack and Dave Gould) trained and covering Cheshire, along with Marcus Cram covering Northumberland, with Clive Dugdale finalising training for the Isle of Man

New measurements have risen to almost the pro Covid peak (2018 – 187 courses)

road	163
unsealed	3
multi terrain	11
road walk	1

Total	178
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Certificate renewals have reached the highest ever figure at 521 (UKA - 513, ARC – 8), my thanks to Ken Kaiser for assisting with the workload). A contributing factor to this total is the ever increasing frequency of course re-use throughout the year by Run Through across the North.

I have seen an increase in very late and often retrospective renewal requests and this forms part of the discussion for the meeting.

Dene Townend  
North of England Area Measurement Secretary



# AUKCM COURSE MEASUREMENT SECRETARY: SCOTLAND

## REPORT 2021/22

*(1 NOVEMBER 2021 TO 31 OCTOBER 2022)*

### **Introduction:**

The last year has seen a steady return to near pre-pandemic certificate approvals and renewals.

I expect this to continue for the remainder of the year and into 2023.

I am grateful for the continuing support of Scottish Athletics, without which much of our developments since 2018 would not have been possible. The close cooperation between AUKCM Scotland and the Scottish Athletics Events Team has ensured, as far as possible, that only measured races (where a specific distance is advertised) are given a race licence.

I am also grateful for the hard work undertaken by the team of measurers in Scotland, who, at the end of 2017, were thrown into a system of course accreditation that was entirely new to most of them.

### **Measurers:**

At the start of 2022 the following measurers were based in Scotland:

#### ***Grade 1:***

- Mike Burns: Shetland;
- Adrian Tarit Stott: Edinburgh;
- Les Hill: Dumfries;
- Paul Hughes: Forres.

#### ***Grade 2:***

- Jason Blagden: Orkney;
- John Dryburgh: Kirkcaldy;
- Campbell Joss: Glasgow;
- Peter Rudzinski: Clydebank;
- Ken Walker: Limekilns.

Two trainees, based in the Western Isles have been undertaking theory and practical training during the year. They have assisted in the measurement of seven races over five days and will now be subject to a practical assessment on 14 November.

On 13 November I will be speaking at a Scottish Athletics conference, addressing the issue of the need for more course measurers. Hopefully this will lead to some more recruits.

## Course Measurement and Certification:

In November and December 2021, 37 certificates were issued (3 renewals and 34 new certificates). In the 10 months since January 2022, a further 224 certificates were issued. The total number of Certificates issued, 1 November 2021 to 31 October 2022, is (provisional and subject to final checking) 261.

For UKA For ARC Multi Terrain <b>TOTAL</b>	2021/22			2021	2020	2019	2018	2017	2016	2015
	New	Renewals	Total							
	37	217	254	163	118	205	131	15	5	15
	0	3	3	3	0	1	1	0	0	0
	4	0	4	0	1	2	1	0	0	1
	41	220	261	166	119	208	133	15	5	16



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# AUKCM COURSE MEASUREMENT SECRETARY: SOUTH REPORT 2021/22

*(1 NOVEMBER 2021 TO 31 OCTOBER 2022)*



2022 continue to see a steady increase (11%) in the number of new courses being measured along with the renewal of existing courses. We are starting to see a return of organisers looking at new events or revitalising previous ones.

Renewals are slowly on the increase and race organisers such as Run Through are very active.

## Measurers:

Throughout 2022 a total of 26 measurers completed reports in South an increase of 4 over last year:

There are currently four potential measurers at various stages of training.

## Course Measurement and Certification:

### New Measurements

	2021 (in Full)	2021/2022 (reporting period)
Road	164	169
Unsealed	3	3
Mixed Terrain	7	21
Relay Leg	0	2
Calibration Course	0	1
Road Walk	2	0
Total	176	196

### Certificates New + Renewed

	2021 (in Full)	2022 (up to 31 Oct)
UKA	795	806
ARC	19	25
Total	814	831

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4 November 2022



# Area Course Measurement Secretary Report 2022

## Wales

There has been an increase in both measurements and renewals within Wales, but still not up to the pre Covid numbers of 2019. Below I've shown the figures for 2022 (1/11/21-31/10/22) and 2021 (1/11/20-31/10/21)

### Measurers:

There are 6 measurers based in Wales showing on the website

Name	Grade	Base Area	2022					2021				
			Total	North	South	East	West	Total	North	South	East	West
Phil Cook	1	South	19	1	7	3	8	5	0	1	1	3
Dafydd Ellis	2	North	8	8	0	0	0	8	8	0	0	0
Graham Finlayson	2	South	2	0	2	0	0	3	0	1	0	2
Lyn Rees	2	West	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0
Ian McDonald	2	South	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Paul Day	2	East	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
			30	9	9	3	9	16	8	2	1	5

There was 1 measurer not based in Wales that submitted a measurement report.

Name	Grade	Base Area	2022					2020				
			Total	North	South	East	West	Total	North	South	East	West
Dave Gough	2	NoE	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
Paul Dodd	2	Mid	0	0	0	0	0	6	0	1	5	0

There have been 4 requests for AIMS/WA certificates in 2022 – Cardiff Half Marathon, Swansea Half Marathon, the Great Welsh Marathon, and the Great Welsh Half Marathon.

### Course Measurement and Certification:

I've done a comparison over the last 6 years to see the difference in measurements and renewals. Not all the events would have taken place in 2020.

New Measurements		Renewals Requested	
2022	31	2022	51
2021	22	2021	14
2020	8	2020	15
2019	37	2019	70
2018	35	2018	59
2017	24	2017	55

**Phil Cook**

**AUKCM Course Measurement Secretary – Wales**