Report from EMAA Track & Field Secretary

Hello all.

I am currently in the middle of organising the EMAA Outdoors Inter-Area Track & Field Challenge which will be taking place in Hull at Costello Stadium on Sunday 17th of August. With the help of the NMAC committee who graciously had a meeting with me in attendance we figured out a date. I did call outs to 13 area EA Official's secretaries and found a few officials from those, but at the moment, I am way short on all officials and will try again closer to the date. Without enough officials, the competition may not run this year. For the Inter-Area Indoors Track & Field Challenge on 16th of February 2025 at Lee Valley we had 311 athletes compete from 9 different area clubs. We had quite a few records broken including BMAF and EMA records. Some included Clare Elms who actually ran in the W35 1500m race but broke the W60 record in a time of 5:03.1. Karen Brooks W65 1500m won the W60 race in a time of 5:33.54 and broke the BMAF and EMA record. I also know that Paula Williams broke the BMAF record in W50 Shot Put in a throw of 13.98m. I will get the list from Courtney Gunn and send all the records at a later date. Midlands Masters won all three trophies and EMAC was second in all categories. Results can be seen here: https://bmaf.opentrack.run/en-gb/x/2025/GBR/emaa-inter-area-indoors/ .

Unfortunately, we did not get any money from EA for either of the Inter-Areas in 2024 so both of them lost money. EMAA committee members met with EA and they are offering to pay for the venue hire for the Indoors Inter-Area for 2026 but hasn't offered any money for 2025's inter-areas so the indoors lost money again even after raising the entry fee to £250 per club. The hire of Lee Valley was £2215 again in February. The cost of hiring Costello is £849 this summer. If we do get enough officials for the summer competition, I think we'll have 10 of the 11 teams turn out because Northern Ireland is interested in coming.
That's all I have for now. Hope you all have had a good athletics season around the country.

Sincerely,
Carey Hollick, EMAA T&F Secretary