

MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS (BOD) MEETING
Held at the LAQ Office, QSAC
On Wednesday 13th February 2019

1. OPENING

In opening the meeting at 6:40pm, the President welcomed everyone in attendance.

ATTENDANCE

Board of Directors

Donna Smith	President	Paul Langton	Vice President
Ros McAlister	Finance Director	Dave Brown	General Director
Tony Frampton	General Director	Simon Hinton	General Director
Val Hooper	General Director		

Staff

Simon Cook	Chief Executive Officer (CEO)
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2. APOLOGIES

Nil

3. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

Moved by S Hinton - seconded by P Langton - all in favour

That the minutes of the Board of Directors meeting held on 16th January be accepted as a true record.

4. BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES

The CEO has contacted QSAC to see how many starting blocks they have available. There are 4 sets with 2 in very good condition and 2 in average condition. It's been arranged for the better sets to be at the Combined Events Championships in 2 weeks to evaluate if they are of a high enough standard to use at our events.

The QBP form has been amended to allow for the change in procedures when using EDM's.

5. CORRESPONDENCE (pre-circulated)

We have received an update from Townsville Enterprises saying that there is more than sufficient accommodation for the State Championships.

Correspondence was received from the Townsville Sports Reserve saying the venue came through the rain event very well and will be open as usual in a few days once the fields dry out.

Moved by T Frampton - seconded by D Brown - all in favour

That the inward correspondence be accepted and the outward correspondence be endorsed.

6. ITEMS FOR RATIFICATION

6.1 January 2019 Accounts

To 31st January 2019. The Profit and Loss, Balance Sheet, Trade Debtors totalling \$3,118.81 and Payments Listing totalling \$112,161.79 for January were presented.

Moved by R McAlister - seconded by V Hooper - all in favour

That the Financial Report and Payments for January be accepted.

ITEMS FOR RESOLUTION / DISCUSSION

6.2 Report - LAA February BOM Meeting

Coles are happy with the exposure and value they are getting from the sponsorship. The Centres are posting lots of positive messages on social media in response to the Community Fund equipment that has been distributed.

The trial is continuing for the national On Track program. Sports marketing consultant, Gemba is conducting the research on behalf of LAA.

A national Officials Advisory Committee has been formed with representatives from both Little Athletics and Senior Athletics.

LAA has appointed Andrew Duncan from Little Athletics Victoria to be a part time Competition consultant to assist with the running of the ALAC's. They are also looking to employ a higher level Finance Officer to meet the extra financial obligations associated with being a Company Limited by Guarantee.

Motions were distributed to the States that need to be voted on prior to the next ALAC's in Hobart. The Board agreed to support all of the motions.

6.3 Reports - Regional Championships

Directors attended the Met West, South Coast, South East and Central Coast Regional Championships. All competitions ran very well with slight changes noted with the South Coast program and walks on Friday night proving to be successful. No major issues or items of concern were reported. Sun Coast had to postpone their competition due to wet weather at Gympie. The rescheduled event will be conducted at Noosa.

6.4 2019 Winter Carnival Venue

The CEO has conducted a site inspection at the new athletics facility in Mackay. The venue is excellent and would be very suitable for the Winter Carnival, a Regional Championship or any medium size competition. Construction is due to be completed in 2 weeks with only landscaping and minor cosmetic work left to be done. The Council is very supportive of LAQ conducting events there in the future.

The Board discussed the implications of changing the venue for this year and agreed that it would be too close to the competition date to hold the Winter Carnival there this year. It would, however, certainly make a suitable venue for future years. It was also agreed to investigate the possibility of holding another suitable event either towards the end of this year or the start of next year.

6.5 Regional Boundaries Review

All Winter Regions have expressed that they are satisfied with the current boundaries as they are. The North Queensland Region is the only Region that could have been split but with Ross River re-affiliating with LAQ this season, it means the Region will have significantly more athlete numbers. The Board agreed to leave the Winter Regions as they are for this coming Winter season at least.

The Summer Regions are mostly happy with the size of their Regions and are more concerned about losing officials and competition organising skills if some of their Centres were to move out of their Region. The Board agreed that with the registration numbers of the Regions remaining fairly constant this season, and that there is no pressing need for change, that we should leave the Summer Regions as they are for this coming season. We can then further look at any additional data or trends and take in more feedback before the start of the 2020/2021 season.

*Moved by D Brown - seconded by P Langton - all in favour
That all LAQ Regions remain unchanged for the 2019/2020 season.*

COMMITTEE REPORTS

6.5 Competition Committee

Meeting was held on the 12th February so the minutes are still in the process of being completed. The Committee did discuss the Centre Programming Manual, an alternative offering for the U13-U17 age groups and their plans for the coming year.

6.6 Officials Committee

Next meeting scheduled for the 18th of February.

CEO REPORT

6.7 CEO Report

Our 2018 State Government end of year report has been acquitted.

LAQ sponsor, Kumon, has renewed their sponsorship for a further 12 months. We're also looking to use their expertise in delivering education programs when designing our officials and coaching accreditation courses.

Ross River are re-affiliating with LAQ this coming Winter Season.

Met with Gold Coast and Moreton Bay Regional Councils to discuss State Athletics Facilities Plan and local needs. Hervey Bay are also in the early stages of designing a sports precinct which will include the local Little Athletics Centre.

Currently reviewing the Timing Solutions contract. The Centres have been asked for feedback on both the results and registrations platforms.

OM REPORT

6.8 OM Report

No report due to OM being on maternity leave.

6.9 Registration & Centre Report

We currently have 11,415 Summer Centre registrations.

7. GENERAL BUSINESS

7.1 Townsville Centres

Ros McAlister reported that Townsville Centres are doing well. Access for members and damage to their own homes from the flooding appears to be the biggest issue. Otherwise, Townsville Centrals LAC are taking over the lease of their grounds from vigaro and have approval to build a shed and throwing cage.

Dave Brown asked if any members affected by the floods would have leniency with the uniform footwear rules. Agreed that this will happen. Some Centres are also looking to lend support by donating shoes and spikes.

We've also been approached to run the FAST program in Cloncurry. Seeing as the local town will need assistance to get back up and running with sporting programs after the floods, the Board has agreed to provide the program to the children for free.

8. ITEMS FOR INFORMATION

8.1 Next Board Meeting

The next meeting will be held on Wednesday 13th March at the LAQ Office.

9. CLOSE MEETING

Meeting closed at 9:45pm.

SIGNED AS A TRUE RECORD
Wednesday 13th March 2019

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President, LAQ