

MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS (BOD) MEETING
Held at the LAQ Office, QSAC
On Tuesday 20th March 2018

1. OPENING

In opening the meeting at 6.15pm, the President welcomed everyone in attendance.

ATTENDANCE

Board of Directors

Donna Smith	President	Paul Langton	Vice President
Dave Brown	General Director	Tony Frampton	General Director
Val Hooper	General Director	Ralph Newton	General Director

Staff

Simon Cook	Chief Executive Officer (CEO)	Shannon Kruger	Operations Manager (OM)
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2. APOLOGIES

Ros McAlister Finance Director

*Moved by V Hooper - seconded by D Brown - all in favour
That the above mentioned apology be accepted.*

3. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

*Moved by P Langton - seconded by R Newton - all in favour
That the minutes of the Board of Directors meeting held on 21st February be accepted as a true record.*

4. BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES

Sponsorship Policy is still being developed.

5. CORRESPONDENCE (pre-circulated)

Email received from Moura LAC regarding satellite clubs. The Centre has requested to be the host Centre for Baralaba once the policy is finalised. Board agreed.

*Moved by T Frampton - seconded by P Langton - all in favour
That the inward correspondence be accepted and the outward correspondence be endorsed.*

6. ITEMS FOR RATIFICATION

6.1 February 2018 Accounts

To 28th February 2018. The Profit and Loss, Balance Sheet, Trade Debtors totalling \$52,585.85 and Payments Listing totalling \$398,278.77 for February were presented. As the Finance Officer is currently on leave, other payments will be carried over until the next meeting.

*Moved by P Langton - seconded by T Frampton - all in favour
That the Financial Report and Payments for February be accepted.*

6.2 QBP's from the 2018 Coles Junior Carnival & Senior Pentathlon

QBP's from the 2018 Coles Junior Carnival & Senior Pentathlon were presented for ratification. There were 4 in total.

*Moved by P Langton - seconded by V Hooper - all in favour
That the QBP's from the 2018 Coles Junior Carnival & Senior Pentathlon be ratified.*

6.3 RCC Tropical North

Nominations received from Tropical North Region for Tracy Butland for Regional Competition Co-ordinator, Naomi Arthurson for Regional Secretary and Wendy for Regional Recorder.

*Moved by V Hooper - seconded by T Frampton - all in favour
That the Regional Competition Co-ordinator, Regional Secretary and Regional Recorder for the Tropical North Region be ratified.*

6.4 LAQ Awards

Board voted on the nominees for the George Harvey Leadership Award and Laurie Baartz Memorial Trophy. These awards will be presented at the State Championships. Winners are:

George Harvey: Meeka Kilbride (Strathpine) and Joel Ottaway (Gold Coast)
Laurie Baartz: Carla Hernandez Gonzales (Gold Coast)

*Moved by D Brown - seconded by P Langton - all in favour
That the winners of the above awards be ratified.*

ITEMS FOR RESOLUTION / DISCUSSION

6.5 LAA April Conference Motions

Board agreed to resubmit the motion from last year's Conference regarding IAAF rules being used for all athletes in the U14 age group and up.

6.6 2019 Pentathlon / Multi Carnivals

Will be discussed in the Competition Committee report.

6.7 Strategic Plan Review - KPI 4

Board discussed the Governance and Internal Capability KPI's. Board agreed that CEO should speak to Nordic Sport about additional branded merchandise options.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

6.8 Competition Committee

Meeting was held on the 12th March. The committee made the 26 recommendations to the Board.

- Recommendation 1 - Board did not approve. This not required as the LAQ committees use the structure and rules of the Board.
- Recommendation 2 - 6 - Board did not approve.
- Recommendation 7 - Board agreed.

The LAQ 2018/2019 competition calendar to include a Combined Events Championships weekend (for U7 - U17's) and an Age Day Carnival (for U7 - U17's to replace the existing Senior Carnival & Junior Pentathlon and Junior Carnival & Senior Pentathlon).

- Recommendations 8a,b,c - Board did not approve.
- Recommendation 9 - Board agreed.

At the Age Day Carnival(s), in High Jump, athletes will only be allowed a total of four (4) failures before being exclude from further competition in that event. Each athlete shall have three attempts to clear a particular height. However, if an athlete misses three (3) consecutive attempts at three different heights, they are also out of the competition.

- Recommendation 10 - Board agreed, but it must include all multi events, not just the U15's.

The U15 Multi-event (Heptathlon) be removed from the 2018/2019 (and thereafter) Regional and State Championships programs.

- Recommendation 11 - Board agreed.

The U15 State Multi Event athletes be selected primarily from the proposed LAQ Combined Events Championships weekend competition, with consideration also being given to U15 Winter Centre registered athletes that compete in the multi-event (Heptathlon) at the Winter Championships.

- Recommendation 12 - Board agreed. However as this is a Resolution, it would need to be presented to Conference. Committee will need to put this forward to the Board as a properly worded motion, including reasoning, to the May Board meeting.

Rule 6.2.7 of the Competition Handbook be rescinded, as the rule would no longer be required / relevant.

- Recommendation 13 - Board agreed. However as this is a Resolution, it would need to be presented to Conference. Committee will need to put this forward to the Board as a properly worded motion, including reasoning, to the May Board meeting.
Rule 5.6.4 of the Competition Handbook be amended, as the entire rule would no longer be relevant. **Amendment to read:** Medals are presented to the first three (3) place getters in each U9 - U17 event finals and U15 - U17 in the Heptathlon based on total points.
- Recommendation 14 - Board agreed.
For the 2018/2019 the Multi-Class athletes shall be offered the following track events:
100m and 200m for all U9 - U17 Multi-Class athletes
400m for U9 - U17 Multi-Class ambulant athletes and U9 - U12 wheelchair athletes
800m for U13 - U17 wheelchair athletes
- Recommendation 15 - 22- Board did not approve.
Regarding recommendation 16 the Board would also like the word 'sake' to be changed to 'purpose'.
- Recommendation 23 - Board agreed. The competition committee will need to put this forward to the Board as a properly worded motion, including reasoning, to the May Board meeting.
- Recommendation 24 - Board did not approve.
- Recommendation 25 -26 - Board did not approve and agreed recommendation 25 needs to be reworded to include field events and also take out the top eight.

6.8 Officials Committee

No meeting has been held.

CEO REPORT

6.9 CEO Report

CEO presented a written report.

37 Centres are still set to complete the State-Wide Athletics Facilities Plan survey.

New LAA and State websites to be completed in the next few weeks.

ALAC's planning is progressing well.

Coles will have a presence at this week's State Championships. McDonald's, Coles, Kumon and Nordic Sport will also be there. New Coles TV ads are airing at the moment.

Met with three potential education partners - Goodsports, Governance Institute of Australia and Inspire Health. Looking to partner with several organisations that could provide services to LAQ Centres, volunteers and athletes.

We will be surveying our summer members after the end of the season. Surveys will go out to the ones who joined and a percentage of the ones who didn't.

A list of potential new Centres have been sent to Toowoomba South. No response has been received to date.

OM REPORT

6.11 OM Report

OM presented a written report.

St George has formed a committee and will operate this season.

Byron Bay has sent a letter to request to formally close. They are in the process of closing their bank account, which contains approximately \$10,000.

An email was received from a Tweed parent who lives in the Mullumbimby / Byron Bay area. He is looking to potentially start a Centre in the area. Board agreed that with two failed Centres in the area over the past ten years, we would not look to start a new Centre. The Development Officers can offer the FAST program.

Stanthorpe have emailed an affiliation form and would like to establish a new Centre, under the name Granite Belt Little Athletics Centre. Board agreed in principal, but will make a final decision once all feedback has been received from Downs & South West Centres.

Have received two phone calls from Hamilton Island regarding the possibility of Little Athletics or some kind of program for their children on the island.

The Development Officers have been overwhelmed with requests for LAPS visits in Summer Centre areas during term 2. They are busy working through these requests, while still planning visits to our Winter Centres.

We have 535 followers on Instagram and 5,965 Likes on facebook.

6.12 Registration & Centre Report

We currently have 11,797 Summer Centre registrations and 251 Winter Centre registrations. Majority of our Winter Centres have not held their sign on yet.

7. GENERAL BUSINESS

7.1 Multi Events

Paul raised the issue of Multi Event competitions and why an athlete can take no further part in the competition if they don't compete in one of the set events. A discussion took place on why the rule is currently in place, and the Board referred it to the Competition Committee for further discussion.

8. ITEMS FOR INFORMATION

8.1 Next Board Meeting

The next meeting will be held on Wednesday 11th April 2018 at the LAQ Office.

11. CLOSE MEETING

Meeting closed at 9.00pm.

SIGNED AS A TRUE RECORD
Wednesday 11th April 2018

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President, LAQ