

MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS (BOD) MEETING
Held at the LAQ Office, QSAC
On Wednesday 9th July 2019

1. OPENING

In opening the meeting at 6:25pm, 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
Simon Hinton	General Director		

Staff

Simon Cook Chief Executive Officer (CEO)

2. APOLOGIES

Val Hooper General Director

3. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

Moved by D Brown - seconded by T Frampton - all in favour
That the minutes of the Board of Directors meeting held on 8th May be accepted as a true record.

4. BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES

Nil

5. CORRESPONDENCE (pre-circulated)

Moved by P Langton - seconded by S Hinton - all in favour
That the inward correspondence be accepted and the outward correspondence be endorsed.

6. ITEMS FOR RATIFICATION

6.1 June Accounts

To 30th June 2019. The Profit and Loss, Balance Sheet, Trade Debtors totalling \$2,100.08 and Payments Listing totalling \$444,241.19 for April, May and June were presented by the CEO.

Moved by S Hinton - seconded by P Langton - all in favour
That the Finance Report for June and Payments for April, May and June be ratified.

6.2 QBP's 2019 Ronald McDonald House Charities Winter Carnival

The QBP's were presented for ratification from the 2019 RMHC Winter Carnival held in Townsville.

Moved by P Langton - seconded by S Hinton - all in favour
That the QBP's from the 2019 RMHC Winter Carnival be ratified.

6.3 RCC Nominations

Nomination received from South East Region for Nicole Dennis for Regional Competition Co-ordinator, David Williams for Regional Secretary and Jacque Mills for Regional Recorder.

Nomination received from Central Coast Region for Brooke McDonald for Regional Competition Co-ordinator, Leah Trott for Regional Secretary and Sylvia McNamara for Regional Recorder.

Nomination received from South Coast for Steve Handsaker for Regional Competition Co-ordinator, Angela Finkel for Regional Secretary and Christine Anderson for Regional Recorder.

Moved by D Brown - seconded by T Frampton - all in favour
That the Regional Competition Co-ordinator, Regional Secretary and Regional Recorder for the South East, Central Coast and South Coast Regions be ratified.

ITEMS FOR RESOLUTION / DISCUSSION

6.4 Reports - 2019 LAQ Conference

The CEO tabled the feedback summary from Conference. Overall, the comments were extremely positive. Having more workshop blocks proved to be a success as did holding all of the presentations, workshops and dinner in the one function room. There was a very deserving group of award winners recognised this year.

6.5 Reports - 2019 RMHC Winter Carnival

The competition ran very well with no calls for officials needed throughout the whole weekend. The support from the venue was excellent especially given the issues with athletes expecting to use the track leading into the Oceania event the following week. Involvement from the AA athletes was positive though with Alex Beck, Rorey Hunter and Cedric Dubler competing in some of the Little Athletics events. Media support was outstanding on Win TV. Thank you to Wulguru and Townsville Centrals for lending equipment.

6.6 Member Survey Interim Results

We've so far received 230 responses to the online survey. On the whole, the satisfaction level from respondents is very high. The main issues that seem to need addressing are access to more quality coaching and training of parents to assist in running events at Centre level. A full report will be compiled after the survey closes.

6.7 LAQ Board Casual Vacancy

Before discussing the casual vacancies, Dave Brown announced his resignation from the Board. Unfortunately, his full time employment with Queensland Athletics has been deemed a conflict of interest by his employer. The President thanked Mr Brown for his service to the Board and wished him well in his future endeavours. The CEO thanked Mr Brown on behalf of the LAQ Staff.

We received 5 expressions of interest for the original vacancy. The Board agreed that Gary Morrisby would be appointed to the first vacancy and that the suitable remaining candidates should be considered for the second vacant Director position. As one of the candidates was unknown to the Board it was agreed that the President, Vice President and CEO meet with this candidate to discuss their application further. After this meeting a decision for the second appointed Director will be made.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

6.9 Competition Committee

The minutes of the Competition Committee meeting held on the 2nd of July were tabled.

A proposal for the U13-U17 Teams Competition was discussed. The concept involves Centres forming Teams of up to 10 athletes who earn points at their Centre competitions each week over a number of weeks which are then compared to other Centres in a virtual-style competition. The Board agreed this be trialled this season with 15 Centres as recommended by the Committee.

A second proposal was submitted for a potential new competition to be held in North Queensland in the early part of next season. This follows preliminary discussions into holding an event at the new Mackay all weather facility. The proposed event would include a multi-event component on Saturday and a Relay component on Sunday on an agreed weekend. Expressions of interest would be sought from local Centres before deciding whether the competition would go ahead.

6.10 Officials Committee

Next meeting to be held towards the start of the season.

CEO REPORT

6.11 CEO Report

LAA have forwarded details for the State Coles funding.

Our LAA LAPS target has increased to 30,000 students.

McDonald's have signed the new 3 year sponsorship contract for 2020-2022. We received an increase in the cash component. Very pleasing to have them on board in what will be their 40th year of sponsorship of LAQ.

Advertising has been booked in for print, radio, roadside and online.

Our mid-year report has been submitted to the State Government.

Aspirations4Kids have partnered with us to offer funding for disadvantaged children to register and compete in Little Athletics. We are the first sport that they've chosen to partner with. Before then, they've operated only in schools. It's a charity set up by Ian Healy and has ambassadors that include Cate Campbell, Laura Geitz, Cedric Dubler and Alex Hartman. Further details will be sent to Centres.

OM REPORT

6.12 OM Report

Mulgrave has affiliated with LAQ.

Development staff have been busy attending school sports expos and carnivals. LAPS requests have been sent to schools for term 3.

A FAST program was conducted at the RMHC Winter Carnival with good numbers of young athletes participating. It will continue to be run at all LAQ carnivals.

LAQ had 13 athletes selected for the National U15 Camp. Joanna Spyro and Dave Lester will be attending as coaches.

Information has been circulated for the 2020 New Zealand Tour.

We have 1,055 followers on Instagram and 7,137 followers on Facebook.

6.13 Registration & Centre Report

We currently have 1,177 Winter Centre registrations.

7. GENERAL BUSINESS

Paul Langton reported on the National Technical Committee (NTC) telephone hook up held on the 17th of June.

- The increase in team size proposed by the NTC Chair for next year's ALAC's was not approved.
- The NTC is keeping the mats for Long Jump for U10's and under.
- ABP's will be eligible for 4x200m and Swedish Relays.
- Paul will be reviewing the LAA Competition Handbook with Shane Bertrand (LAVic) and Karen Lunt (LAQ).

8. ITEMS FOR INFORMATION

8.1 Next Board Meeting

The next meeting will be held on Wednesday 14th August at the LAQ Office.

9. CLOSE MEETING

Meeting closed at 9:00pm.

SIGNED AS A TRUE RECORD
Wednesday 14th August 2019

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President, LAQ