

MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS (BOD) MEETING
Held at the LAQ Office, QSAC
On Tuesday 10th March 2020

1. OPENING

In opening the meeting at 6.07pm, the President welcomed everyone in attendance.

ATTENDANCE

Board of Directors

Donna Smith	President	Paul Langton	Vice President
Gary Morrisby	Finance Director	Simon Hinton	General Director
Brad Jones	General Director	Val Hooper	General Director
Tony Frampton	General Director		

Staff

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

Nil

3. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

Moved by B Jones - seconded by V Hooper - all in favour

That the minutes of the Board of Directors meeting held on 11th February be accepted as a true record.

4. BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES

Nil

5. CORRESPONDENCE (pre-circulated)

Nil

Moved by S Hinton - 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 2020 Accounts

To 29th February 2020. The Profit and Loss, Balance Sheet, Trade Debtors totalling \$45,105.15 and Payments Listing totalling \$76,369.70 for February were presented.

Moved by G Morrisby - seconded by T Frampton - all in favour

That the Financial Report and Payments for February be accepted.

6.2 QBP's from the McDonald's Combined Event Championships

QBP's and ABP from the McDonald's Combined Event Championships were presented. There were 28 QBP's in total and 1 ABP.

Moved by V Hooper - seconded by B Jones - all in favour

That the QBP's & ABP from the McDonald's Combined Event Championships be ratified.

ITEMS FOR RESOLUTION / DISCUSSION

6.3 Reports - Regional Championships

South Coast and Sun Coast competitions went well after being postponed twice.

6.4 Reports - Combined Event Championships

Competition numbers were lower than last year, this could be due to it being so close to Regional and State Championships. The two day competition had lots of gaps in the program. Board agreed to keep the competition format the same for another season and will reassess after.

6.5 Board Conference Motions

Board were encouraged to think of any motions that may need to be presented at this year's Conference. Any suggestions are to be brought to the May Board meeting.

6.6 Laurie Baartz & George Harvey Award Voting

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: Chelsea Lafsky (Deception Bay), Luke Hollinger (Caboolture)
Laurie Baartz: Joshua Osborne (Gold Coast)

*Moved by T Frampton - seconded by B Jones - all in favour
That the winners of the above awards be ratified.*

6.7 Conference Travel Rebate Increase

By Law '98 03 04 (Amended October '08) relating to the Centre travel rebate for Conference has not been increased for twelve years. Board agreed to the following increase:

0-250km	\$0
251 - 500km	\$200 / Centre
501 - 750km	\$250 / Centre
751km+	\$300 / Centre

*Moved by P Langton - seconded by S Hinton - all in favour
That By Law '98 03 04 (Amended October '08) be amended.*

6.8 Strategic Plan - Latest Draft

CEO presented the latest draft of the Strategic Plan. Any further changes should be emailed to the CEO so it can be finalised at the next meeting.

6.9 LAA One Athletics Timeline

Timeline was presented to the Board. Board agreed the timelines are unachievable. There is no detail behind the project timeline.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

6.10 Competition Committee

Meeting held on the 3rd March. The Committee made the following recommendation to the Board:

- The following be adopted for inclusion in the Competition & Regional Handbooks:
 - Regional Relay host Venues should have a 400m track

Board agreed.

- The following be adopted for inclusion in the Competition Handbook and rewording be made of details in the Officials Handbook (4.4.6) and Handy Hints:
 - False Starts:
At LAQ competitions, any athlete making a false start must be warned with a split black / yellow card; the Starter's Assistant affects this by raising the card in front of the competitor.
 - i. If that athlete has one or more false starts (as outlined below) he/she will be disqualified and advised through the use of a split black / red card by the Starter's Assistant upon notification by the Starter;
 - In multi events: ~~two (2) false starts per race, for U13s and older~~
three (3) false starts per athlete for ~~U12s and younger~~
 - In all other cases: ~~one (1) false starts per race, for U13s and older~~
two (2) false starts per athlete for ~~U12s and younger~~

Board does not agree with the with the wording taken out above, but have agreed to hold over a decision to see if this is a rule that is affected by LAA's standard events.

- The following be adopted under 5.4.1 Combined Events:
That the times indicated in a program of events is an estimation only; and events may be brought forward without time limitation provided a 30 minutes break is maintained between each event component for any given Combined Event.
 - a) Athletes should be at the competition arena 60 minutes prior to the first component of their relevant Combined Event.

Board does not agree to this rule addition.

- Amend Competition Handbook Rule 7.1.10 to read:
Event block starting times shown, in the LAQ Regional, Carnival and Championship programs (~~excluding the Combined Event Championships~~) may be brought forward no more than 30 minutes. The Meeting Manager may change the start times at his discretion after consultation with the relevant Referees. Athletes should be in attendance 60 minutes prior to the advertised event block start time.

Board agreed, taking out the wording as noted above.

- That rule 7.4.3 b) be amended to read:
 - Combined Events Championships - All events will be by random draw; with the exception of the 800m where there is more than one 800m race. In such cases, the heats shall be seeded so that the last heat is made up of the highest pointed athletes at the conclusion of the previous event.

Board agreed to hold over a decision on this recommendation.

- Rule 6.4.8.a and 6.4.8.a.i. be removed or rescinded from the Competition Handbook.

Board agreed that as these are Resolutions, the Competition Committee can submit as a Conference Motion.

- Rules under 6.3 Late Nomination be rescinded or alter as detailed:
 - 6.3.1, 6.3.3, 6.3.5, 6.3.6 as listed, be rescinded

Board agreed that as these are Resolutions, the Competition Committee can submit as a Conference Motion.

- Rule 6.3.2 be changed to read: Nominations will not be accepted for any LAQ Carnival or Championships after the closing date, ~~or on the day of competition.~~

Board agreed, taking out the wording as noted above.

- Rule 6.3.4. be changed to read: If the Association receives nominations from a Centre after the closing date, apart from the appropriate nomination fee, the Centre will also be charged a Late Administration Fee of \$55. Such nominations will not be accepted after the Wednesday prior to competition.

Board agreed.

- Rule 8.3.3 be altered to include the words 'as at close of nominations' so that it read:
 - Abandoned Regional Championships: Current ~~year~~ season Best Performances from Centre level and any Association Competition Days with the exception of Relay days as at close of nominations, must be used when selecting athletes to compete at State Championships. Athletes without a ~~Centre~~ Best Performance may not be considered for progression to the State Championships.

Board agreed Board agreed that as these are Resolutions, the Competition Committee can submit as a Conference Motion, taking out wording and making changes as noted above.

- Rule 9.1.1 be altered to remove the words 'only' and 'Winter' so that it read:
 - Protests may be lodged at the Combined Event Championships, the State Relays & State Championships, the Regional Relays & Regional Championships, and LAQ Carnivals.

Board agree, but have changed the wording as follows:

- Protests may be lodged at the Combined Event Championships, the State Relays & State Championships, the Regional Relays & Regional Championships. Protests must be made verbally by the Team Manager to the designated area within fifteen (15) minutes of the completion of the event and then lodged in writing (using the proforma supplied) within another fifteen (15) minutes (i.e. 30 minutes total) from the completion of the event.
- Rule 9.2.2 (Res) be amended to remove the word ‘information tent’ to be replaced by ‘designated area’ to read:
 - Protests must be made verbally by the Team Manager to designated area within fifteen (15) minutes of the completion of the event and then lodged in writing (using the proforma supplied) within another fifteen (15) minutes (i.e. 30 minutes total) from the completion of the event.

Board disagree. With changes made to Rule 9.1.1 above, this Rule (Resolution) the Competition Committee can submit as a Conference Motion to be rescinded.

- Adopt a new rule as 9.2.7 and the current 9.2.7 and following rules be renumbered. The new rule would read:
 - The Referee may decide, on receipt of a protest or an appeal on the prescribe form, to consult video evidence if available

Board agreed.

- Adopt a new rule under 6.4 Qualification to State Championship Events, which would read:
 - A count back is to be used to split equal placed field athletes, for State Championship qualification. In the event a count back does not split the athletes, Centre Best Performances shall be used.

Board agree, but have changed the wording as follows:

- A count back is to be used to split equal placed field athletes, for State Championship qualification. In the event a count back does not split the athletes, Best Performances from Centre level and any Association Competition Days with the exception of Relay days shall be used at the time of nomination.

6.11 Officials Committee

Meeting held on the 2nd March. No recommendations were presented to the Board.

CEO REPORT

6.12 CEO Report

CEO presented a written report.

Met with AA President and LAA One Athletics Manager to discuss the process. Also sat on a teleconference with the other State CEO's. They've released a project timeline which doesn't take into account any engagement we'd need to have with our Centres leading into Conference.

All current sponsors have activations happening at the State Championships this weekend.

Discussions have taken place with QSAC about starting times for our events and we're only restricted from using the PA and starting system at full volume before 8am. We can still marshal athletes and start events without excessive noise if we choose to.

We've received 6 applications for hardship funding to attend State Championships.

Athletics 3D have finished the coaching App and offered us a bulk purchase deal. We have asked them to comeback with a revised deal.

OM REPORT

6.13 OM Report

OM presented a written report.

Ravenshoe do not know if they will operate this season and will not be hosting the Tropical North Regional Championships. Mulgrave have indicated they are interested in hosting, but as they do not

register all their older athletes with LAQ, we have questioned whether they would be given permission to host.

Texas, Mungindi and Wulguru are not sure if they will get started this season.

Advertising has begun for our Winter Centres through social media, newspapers and sponsors. We are already receiving great feedback for our social media promotion.

We have 1,311 followers on Instagram and 7,853 Likes on Facebook.

6.14 Registration & Centre Report

Summer Centre registrations are at 10,487, which is 882 less registrations than the previous season.

7. GENERAL BUSINESS

7.1 Regional Championships Placegetters and Qualification to State Championships

To start in the 2020 / 2021 season, Board agreed to rescind By Law '12 07 01:

The number of qualifying U9 - U17 athletes from Winter Regions that may nominate from each of the Regional Championships to State Championships will be the first three (3) placegetters in each event.

This means the top 4 placegetters at both Summer and Winter Regional Championships will qualify for State Championships.

7.2 Regional Championships Back Up Dates

Discussion took place about Regions using non-advertised back up dates for their Regional Championships in February, due to the extreme wet weather. Currently, only the date and back up dates are advertised to members.

From next season, LAQ will provide a date that these competitions need to be completed by, rather than supplying a date and back up date. This date will be determined each season.

8. ITEMS FOR INFORMATION

8.1 Next Board Meeting

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday 28th April 2020 at the LAQ Office.

9. CLOSE MEETING

Meeting closed at 9.35pm.

SIGNED AS A TRUE RECORD

Tuesday 10th March 2020

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President, LAQ