

**MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS (BOD) MEETING**  
**Held at the LAQ Office, QSAC**  
**On Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> July 2020**

## 1. OPENING

In opening the meeting at 6.27pm, the President welcomed everyone in attendance.

## ATTENDANCE

### Board of Directors

Donna Smith	President	Paul Langton	Vice President
Gary Morrisby	Finance Director	Brad Jones	General Director
Val Hooper	General Director	Tony Frampton	General Director
Simon Hinton	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 P Langton - seconded by V Hooper - all in favour*

*That the minutes of the Board of Directors meeting held on 9<sup>th</sup> June be accepted as a true record.*

## 4. BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES

Nominations for Little Athletics Australia's Hall of fame were submitted.

## 5. CORRESPONDENCE (pre-circulated)

Letter received (via email) from Helensvale LAC regarding termination of grounds lease and request for new grounds.

Email received from Runaway Bay LAC regarding Helensvale LAC's request.

Board discussed the issue and agreed to allow Helensvale to use the Sports Super Centre as their venue with the following conditions:

- Relocation will be for the 2020 / 2021 season ONLY
- Helensvale LAC cannot commence their sign on until after Runaway Bay LAC has held their first sign on
- Helensvale LAC will not accept any previous athletes of Runaway Bay LAC for this season
- With any new registrations from athletes in the area, Helensvale must advise that they are only using the Sport Super Centre facility for one season only and will then move completely out of the catchment area. They will advise that your Centre is the permanent Centre in that area.
- Runaway Bay LAC will have priority to use the BLK Performance Centre for at least one night to do something special for its athletes.

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

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

## 6. ITEMS FOR RATIFICATION

### 6.1 RCC Nominations

Nomination received from Met North Region for Tony Bryant for Regional Competition Co-ordinator, Dave Matthews for Regional Secretary and Claire Chadwick for Regional Recorder. Competition dates will be 7<sup>th</sup> November 2020 for Regional Relays and 29<sup>th</sup> - 31<sup>st</sup> January 2021 for Regional Championships.

Nomination received from Sun Coast Region for Nerissa Thomas for Regional Competition Co-ordinator, Alison Quirke for Regional Secretary and Val Hooper for Regional Recorder. Competition dates will be 7<sup>th</sup> November 2020 for Regional Relays and 6<sup>th</sup> / 7<sup>th</sup> February 2021 for Regional Championships.

*Moved by T Frampton - seconded by S Hinton - all in favour  
That the Regional Competition Co-ordinator, Regional Secretary, Regional Recorder and Regional competition dates for the Met North and Sun Coast Regions be ratified.*

## 6.2 June 2020 Accounts

To 30<sup>th</sup> June 2020. The Profit and Loss report and Payments Listings totalling \$70,512.75 for June were presented for ratification.

Summary of the Annual Report figures was also presented for ratification.

*Moved by G Morrisby - seconded by B Jones - all in favour  
That the Financial Report and Payments Listings for June and the Summary of Annual Report figures be accepted.*

## ITEMS FOR RESOLUTION / DISCUSSION

### 6.3 LAQ Competition Calendar

Draft was presented to the Board for information and discussion. Regrettably, due to COVID 19 and other financial factors, the Board agreed that the Winter Carnival will not be held in 2020. A decision on Spring Carnival will be made at the August Board meeting.

### 6.3 2021 State Team Composition

As it stands with LAA, no further information has been provided. This is unacceptable given that the ALAC's are only nine months away. Board agreed that this information should have been provided well over 12 months in advance so States can plan accordingly.

Without any additional information being provided at this time, it makes it difficult for LAQ to produce precise information for our members and to make proper financial decisions on team composition. With our Winter Centres already commencing their season, this information should already be available to them.

One thing that LAA have advised is that no changes will be made to the suggestions to Multi Class athletes being included in ALAC's, despite concerns being raised by a number of States.

### 6.4 LAQ Awards - Board Nominations

The closing date for award nominations from Centres is Friday 24<sup>th</sup> July. A number of suggestions were tabled from the CEO and OM, to which the Board all agreed. Further details will be provided once Centre nominations have closed.

### 6.5 Board Motions for Conference

The Hilton Hotel, Surfers Paradise advised LAQ that under current COVID restrictions, they can only have 62 people in their main conference room, with people observing social distancing of 1 person per 4 square metres. They also advised that we are unable to host our Saturday night dinner, due to difficulties with catering under the current restrictions.

Board agreed that the 2020 Conference will be cancelled and only essential motions will be discussed or voted upon this year at the AGM. The three motions received from Centres will be kept for the 2021 Conference.

The LAQ AGM will now be held on Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> September at 7am via Zoom. LAQ will advise all Centres of the details over the coming weeks.

## COMMITTEE REPORTS

### 6.6 Competition Committee

Meeting was held on 7<sup>th</sup> July. The following recommendations were presented to the Board:

- Consideration be given to allow registered members of Tropical North and Maranoa alternate options to qualify for State Championships. The options proposed:
  - a) TN Members be allowed to use participation at Winter Carnival (if held) as a qualifier
  - b) MNOA Members be allowed to participate a DSW Region without displacing DSW athletes
  - c) TN & MNOA Registered members be allowed direct nomination to State Championships

- d) TN & MNOA Athletes that qualified last season (2019/2020) be allowed direct nomination to State Championships
- e) Athletes who would normally register with a Winter Centre that is not operating during the 2020/21 season, would be allowed to direct registration with LAQ and allowed to qualification / nomination under any of the proposal endorsed by the Board

**Board agreed that LAQ will approach Goondiwindi (Maranoa) and Tully (Tropical North) Centres to ask if they would be willing to host their Regional Championships. If the Centres decline, athletes within these two Regions will have the opportunity to qualify for the State Championships based on their Centre performances through Results HQ. The top 4 athletes in each event from across the Region will qualify.**

- The proposed Summer Carnival program be endorsed

**Board agreed to have a good look at the program and send feedback to Simon Hinton. They also agreed to the following:**

- **Race Walking events will start at 7.30am (not 8am as scheduled).**
- **The finish time needs to be reasonable, no later than 6.30pm.**
- **The 1500m Walk and 3000m Walk be offered at the same time and athletes must choose one event**

- That the following be adopted as an LAQ Policy

- At Centre Carnivals, only participation ribbons may be presented / awarded to U6 - U8s. Participation and or placegetter medals are not to be awarded or presented to U6 - U8s. Results for U6- U8s are not to be placed e.g. shall be published in alphabetical or competition order.

**Board agreed that athletes should get a participation reward instead of a placegetter reward. However, Centres can decide whether they want to give medals or ribbons. Board also agreed that names will be published for results in alphabetical order.**

- The Teams Event continues for a second season.

**Board agreed.**

- Endorse the suggested changes to Rule 1 of the Competition Handbook per the attached papers. And that Inclusion of Hurdle PVC hurdle as a specification for U6 be included

**Board agreed.**

- Javelin and 800m be introduced as MC trial events commencing in the 2020/21 season at the LAQ Carnivals and State Championships

And that at State Relays only, participation medals be presented, not placegetter medals.

**Board agreed to the trial of the Javelin and 800m events, but did not agree with replacing placegetter medals with participation medals.**

- A Relay Review Workshop or discussion group be included in the 2020 Conference.

**As there will be no Conference in 2020, this recommendation is not relevant.**

## 6.7 Officials Committee

No meeting has been held.

## CEO REPORT

### 6.8 CEO Report

CEO presented a written report.

Coles are keen to extend for a further 2 years.

McDonald's confirmed a \$30,000 reduction in sponsorship for this year only due to COVID.

Negotiated a good rate on our summer sign on radio campaign. An additional 25% advertising for the same money as last year.

LAA / AA want to jointly conduct this year's All Schools Cross Country.

We still have no further details on the proposed changes for ALAC's in April 2021.

Townsville Sports Reserve is being redeveloped into a sports precinct with indoor courts. Construction will start early next year and will be completed within 12 months. There should be no effect on athletics bookings.

Attended a State Government / QSport Zoom meetings late last week. Restrictions for community sport may be lifted further. Currently 1 person per 4 square metres up to 500 people in total. They're looking to bring in unlimited numbers of people at training, competition and events as long as it fits into a sport's usual calendar of competitions. Awaiting confirmation.

Strategic Plan has been finalised and will be sent to all Centres shortly.

Most staff are back to working 3 days per week in the office.

## OM REPORT

### 6.8 OM Report

OM presented a verbal report.

An update was given on Winter Centres. Dirranbandi, Mungindi, Cairns and Marlin Coast have advised that they are not operating this season.

Our Development Officers have confirmed a number of trips throughout July and August for our Winter Centres. They are hopeful that by the end of August, they will have visited every competing Winter Centre.

Second wave of advertising for Winter Centres took place the week beginning 22<sup>nd</sup> June and ran for one week only.

Information and nomination forms for the 2021 NZ Tour will be finalised over the coming week.

A total of 18 LAQ athletes were selected for the National U15 Camp. The AIS has cancelled LAA's booking so they are currently seeking an alternative venue.

We have 1,457 followers on Instagram and 8,095 Likes on Facebook.

### 6.9 Registration & Centre Report

No registration report presented as most Winter Centres have not yet signed on.

## 7. GENERAL BUSINESS

Nil

## 8. ITEMS FOR INFORMATION

### 8.1 Next Board Meeting

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> August 2020 at the LAQ Office.

## 9. CLOSE MEETING

Meeting closed at 9.50pm.

SIGNED AS A TRUE RECORD  
Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> August 2020

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President, LAQ