

**MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS (BOD) MEETING**  
**Held at the LAQ Office, QSAC**  
**On Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> July 2021**

**1. OPENING**

In opening the meeting at 6.25pm, the President welcomed everyone in attendance.

**ATTENDANCE**

**Board of Directors**

Donna Smith	<b>President</b>	Paul Langton	<b>Vice President</b>
Gary Morrisby	<b>Finance Director</b>	Brad Jones	<b>General Director</b>
Tony Frampton	<b>General Director</b>	Val Hooper	<b>General Director</b>
Clint Harvey	<b>General Director</b>		

**Staff**

Simon Cook	<b>Chief Executive Officer (CEO)</b>	Shannon Kruger	<b>Operations Manager (OM)</b>
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**2. APOLOGIES**

Nil

**3. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING**

*Moved by T Frampton - seconded by P Langton - all in favour  
 That the minutes of the Board of Directors meeting held on 4<sup>th</sup> May be accepted as a true record.*

**4. BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES**

Nil

**5. CORRESPONDENCE (pre-circulated)**

Email received from Helensvale LAC requesting permission use the Gold Coast Performance Centre for the first four weeks of the new season. Board does not agree with their request, but are happy for Helensvale to put agreements in place with other Centres in the Region.

**6. ITEMS FOR RATIFICATION**

**6.1 June 2021 Accounts**

To 30<sup>th</sup> June 2021. The Profit and Loss report, Balance Sheet, Trade Debtors totalling \$107,443.77 and Payments Listing totalling \$76,156.24 for March, \$103,615.85 for April, \$138,633.87 for May and \$100,845.94 for June were presented.

*Moved by G Morrisby - seconded by B Jones - all in favour  
 That the Financial Report for March to June be accepted.*

**6.2 Coles Winter Carnival Best Performances**

Winter Best Performances presented from the Coles Winter Carnival. There were 33 in total, including 2 QBP's.

*Moved by P Langton - seconded by C Harvey - all in favour  
 That the Best Performances from the Coles Winter Carnival be ratified.*

**6.3 RCC Nominations**

Region	Co-ordinator	Secretary	Recorder	Regional Champs	Regional Relays
Sun Coast	Alison Quirke	Vanessa Vaughan	Val Hooper	5-6 February	6 November
South Coast	Steve Handsaker	Angela Finkel	Chris Anderson	5-6 February	14 November

South East	Anthony Kruck	Danielle Sibenaler	Jacque Mills	Not provided	Not provided
Central Coast	Kerri Wills	Leayr Franchetto	Sylvia McNamara	5-6 February	-
Met West	David Boddington	Joy Daly	Glen Kennedy/ Kirstie Parsons	5-6 February	7 November
Tropical North	Brenda Gracie	Gavin Devaney	Sabina Zieger	9 October	-
Maranoa	Kylie Hindle	Brooke Cranefield	Anita Smith	11 September	-

*Moved by V Hooper - seconded by T Frampton - all in favour  
That the Regional Competition Co-ordinators, Regional Secretary, Regional Recorder and Regional competition dates for the above Regions be ratified.*

## ITEMS FOR RESOLUTION / DISCUSSION

### 6.4 Winter Carnival Reports

All reports from the Carnival were extremely positive. The competition had a really great vibe. There were no issues with officials throughout the entire weekend. The change to 3 attempts for field events worked very well. Thank you to the Centres in the north for supporting the Carnival. Special mention must go to Mark and Jane Chester and their team at Townsville Central LAC for their work on the ground and also to Ross River for assisting with the supply of some additional equipment.

### 6.5 LAQ Conference Feedback

Summary of survey results from the 2021 LAQ Conference were presented. Feedback was quite positive. The One Athletics presentation and workshop received the most negative feedback. Board agreed that this feedback should be sent to Kate Palmer for her information.

### 6.6 One Athletics Update

An update has been provided but stops short of supplying the information LAQ and our Centres asked for at Conference in order to make an informed decision. It is hoped that it will be forthcoming prior to the merger vote in October.

## COMMITTEE REPORTS

### 6.7 Competition Committee

Meeting was held on 15<sup>th</sup> June. The following recommendations were made to the Board:

- For qualification to State Championships, further consideration be given for a motion to conference that the 1<sup>st</sup> - 3<sup>rd</sup> placegetters only having automatic qualifying.

**Board does not agree. With the introduction of 3 + 1 attempts in field events, they would like to see if this alleviates some of the pressure on the program before making other significant changes.**

- For Spring Carnival:
  1. Race Walking events (no other events) start at 9am, other events start at 9.30am
  2. The 200m Hurdles and 300m Hurdles be removed from the program
  3. Nominations be limited to 4 per athlete
  4. At High Jump 5cm increments, until 3 competitors, then in 3cm increments

**Board agreed with points 1 and 2, but did not agree with points 3 and 4.**

- For Summer Carnival:
  1. Race Walking events (no other events) start at 7.30am, other events start at 8am
  2. Nominations be limited to 4 per athlete
  3. At High Jump 5cm increments, until 3 competitors, then in 3cm increments
  4. At field events two trials only, excluding HJ which would be contested under current rule

Board agreed with point 1, but did not agree with points 2, 3 and 4. Board also agreed that rather than nominating a specific time each year for each carnival, that administratively we agree the Race Walking events will start 30 minutes prior to all other events.

- For Winter, Spring and Summer Carnival:
  - For field events (except High Jump), on the day of competition, the Competition Manager may decide that field events shall be conducted with 2 trials only

Board does not agree.

Board agreed to the following:

- For Spring Carnival:
  - Remove events offered for non-LAQ registered athletes
  - 3000m Walk to be removed from the program
  - 200m and 300m Hurdles to be removed from the program
  - Javelin and Triple Jump be offered alternatively for age groups
  - 800m and 1500m be offered alternatively for age groups
- For Summer Carnival:
  - Remove 3,000m Walk, 200m Hurdles and 300m Hurdles from the program
  - Javelin and Triple Jump be offered alternatively for age groups
  - 800m and 1500m be offered alternatively for age groups
  - Eddie Fabian to create two programs - one including U7 & U8 athletes and one without. This is to determine whether the U7 & U8 age groups will be included in the Carnival or not.
- The following alterations be adopted as part of the Relay restructure trial:
  - For Track - Same Age Teams
    - Add: where a Centre has four or more athletes in the same age group and gender, they must form Same Age Teams (Boys teams and Girls teams) before forming Combined Age Teams
    - Add: if a team is nominated in a Same Age Team event at Regional Relays and an athlete is withdrawn due to absence or injury on the day, and a substitute from the same age group is not available; the remaining three (3) athletes can compete in the same event as a Combined Age Track team with a substituting athlete from an appropriate age group, provided all other rules are applied. This rule can only be applied at Regional Relays.

Board agreed.

- Combined Age Teams
  - Remove: the requirement to have at least one boy and one girl
  - Replace / Add: teams can be all girls, all boys or a mix of boys and girls; however, athletes cannot be all from the same age. Eg. cannot be a combination of U12 boys and U12 girls.
  - Add: A maximum of three (3) from the same age group may be assigned to Combined Age Track teams. Eg. 3 U12 boys and girls.

Board agreed.

- For Field - Mixed Events
  - Add: if three athletes are nominated in a Mixed Event at Regional Relays and one athlete is withdrawn due to absence or injury on the day, leaving the Centre with two boys or two girls, those two remaining athletes can compete in the relevant Boys Event or Girls Event. This rule can only be applied at Regional Relays.

Board agreed.

## 6.8 Officials Committee

Meeting was held on 25<sup>th</sup> May. There were no recommendations for the Board.

## CEO REPORT

### 6.9 CEO Report

CEO presented a written report.

OA / LAA / AA: A One Athletics update has been included in the Board papers. It still doesn't go down to the detail required for neither us nor our Centres to make an informed decision. The timelines are also unachievable given the progress rate to date. Their forum in June was cancelled due to COVID. I'll be sitting on a One Athletics Commercial Working Group and an LAA National Platform Group. Also met with Acting AA CEO, Peter Bromley.

State Government: Our funding for next year has been approved. A full review will take place prior to the next 3 year funding cycle in June 2022.

COVID: notwithstanding any lockdowns, outdoor sport is still not required to follow an industry plan or collect contact tracing information. The promotion of physical distancing and enhanced cleaning is still recommended though. Our Back on Track guide has been updated.

Sponsorships / Marketing: we are currently assessing our obligations for the Coles sponsorship and organising summer season activations with McDonald's. Also met with Comfort Inn & Suites Robertson Gardens who are extremely happy with how the sponsorship is going.

## OM REPORT

### 6.10 OM Report

OM presented a written report.

Centres - enquiries received for starting a new Centre at Yarrabilba and restarting our Centre at Forest Lake. FAST program has been rolled out in Bollon and Collinsville.

New Zealand Tour: nominations are now open. The tour will be held over 11 days and athletes will compete in two competitions. We have already received 11 nominations since Friday. Recommended that the Board approve the following people as the pool of Managers to select from once nominations have been finalised:

Males: Adam White, Simon Hinton, Nick Bennett, Kendal Newton-Smith  
Females: Bec Brice, Jo Spyro, Taneille Crase

*Board agreed.*

LAA U15 Camp: 13 LAQ athletes have accepted positions at the camp. It will be held at the Gold Coast Performance Centre at Runaway Bay on Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> - Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> October. Recommended that Mick Hooper, Tracey Tuia and Kendal Newton-Smith be approached as the Queensland Managers for this camp.

*Board agreed.*

Social media - we have 1,714 followers on Instagram and 9,078 followers on Facebook as at 20/7/2021.

### 6.11 Registration & Centre Report

Current registrations for Winter Centres is at 1,144. This is 138 more than last season.

## 7. GENERAL BUSINESS

### 7.1 National Technical Committee

Paul provided a brief update on what has been going on with LAA's National Technical Committee.

## 8. ITEMS FOR INFORMATION

### 8.1 Next Board Meeting

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> August 2021 at the LAQ Office.

**9. CLOSE MEETING**

Meeting closed at 9.10pm.

**SIGNED AS A TRUE RECORD**  
Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> August 2021

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President, LAQ