

MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS (BOD) MEETING
Held at the LAQ Office, QSAC
On Tuesday 9th March 2021

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
Gary Morrisby	Finance Director	Brad Jones	General Director
Tony Frampton	General Director	Val Hooper	General Director
Clint Harvey	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 V Hooper - seconded by T Frampton - all in favour

That the minutes of the Board of Directors meeting held on 9th February be accepted as a true record.

4. BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES

Nil

5. CORRESPONDENCE (pre-circulated)

Letter received from Toowoomba Little Athletics regarding the equipment that remains on their grounds from the now non-operational Toowoomba South LAC. CEO to contact Toowoomba Regional Council to see where we stand with getting the equipment back as the shed and contents are located on Council grounds.

6. ITEMS FOR RATIFICATION

6.1 February 2021 Accounts

To 28th February 2021. The Profit and Loss report, Balance Sheet, Trade Debtors totalling \$30,062.27 and Payments Listing totalling \$84,142.50 for February were presented.

Moved by G Morrisby - seconded by B Jones - all in favour

That the Financial Report for February be accepted.

6.2 Completed 2021 / 2022 Budget

Gary presented the completed budget for 2021 / 2022 for comment. A new budget for 2022 / 2023 will be presented to the Board for comment before it is presented to the 2021 Conference.

Moved by G Morrisby - seconded by P Langton - all in favour

That the completed 2021 / 2022 budget be accepted.

6.3 QBP's Combined Event Championships

QBP's presented from the Combined Event Championships. There were 25 in total. Five individual QBP's were accepted by the Board. There was not enough detail presented for the remaining Combined Events, so they cannot be signed off at this meeting. Additional information will need to be provided for the next meeting.

Moved by P Langton - seconded by V Hooper - all in favour

That five individual QBP's from the Combined Event Championships be ratified.

6.4 DSW RCC Nomination

Nomination received from Downs & South West Region for Tamara Mickelborough for Regional Competition Co-ordinator and Kate Banaszek for Regional Secretary. No Regional Recorder was nominated. Competition dates will be 14th November 2021 for Regional Relays and 5th - 6th February 2022 for Regional Championships.

Moved by T Frampton - seconded by V Hooper - all in favour

That the Regional Competition Co-ordinator, Regional Secretary and Regional competition dates for the Downs & South West Region be ratified.

Board agreed that the RCC Nomination form needs a number of changes made as there is a lot of information that is never completed. CEO to speak to Projects Officer about these changes.

ITEMS FOR RESOLUTION / DISCUSSION

6.5 Reports - Combined Event Championships

Since the introduction of the Heptathlon, the event has become long and drawn out and a costly exercise to run, with having to hire the venue for two days. This will be discussed at the joint Board, Competition and Officials Committee meeting.

6.6 Reports - Met West and South East Regional Championships

Met West - competition ran well except numbers were low.

South East - great weekend, competition was well run. Photo finish was an issue so the track ran about an hour behind at some stage, but did manage to catch up before the end of the day.

6.7 Preliminary Discussion Board Conference Motions

Board agreed to put a motion for LAQ to not take the Annual Conference north every four years. This is a huge expense for the Association and we do not get the expected support from the Centres within these Regions. Instead, we could investigate giving an increased subsidy that particular year to those Centres wanting to attend, or even possibly paying for one delegate per Centre.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

6.8 Competition Committee

Meeting was held on 8th February. The following recommendations were made to the Board:

- At Centre Carnivals, results shall not be recorded for U6 track, field or other events. Events shall not be timed or measured during or at the conclusion of the competition races / rounds.
Board disagree. U6 athletes can have results recorded, but cannot have places or medals awarded.
- That ResultsHQ be setup to stop results being entered for U6's at Carnival - subject to advice from Timing Solutions.
Board does not agree.
- A motion be put to Conference that only the 1st, 2nd and 3rd placegetters progress to State Championships.
Board agreed. This will come after field event motion below and will be withdrawn if the below motion is successful.
- A motion be put to Conference that for field events (except for High Jump) 3 + 1 attempts be implemented at Regional and State Championships.
Board agreed.
- A motion be put to Conference that the 1st placegetter of Race Walking events and 1500m progress, irrespective of time.
Board does not agree.

- The current starting heights for State Championships, be adopted as a qualifying limit, that is athletes who do not achieve the State Championships starting height shall not progress to State Championships, except for 1st place.

Board does not agree. Board agrees that the starting heights need to be reviewed.

- A motion be put to Conference that Rule 6.4.9 a) be rescinded.

Board does not agree.

- LAQ competitions will only include events that have a base line performance.

The CEO tabled a letter from a parent of T43 athlete who can't compete in the 800m at the State Championships because there is no baseline in this event. This is due to the changes by IAAF in this category beyond the athlete's control.

Board agreed with allowing this athlete to compete but not be awarded a medal in this event. The Board also agreed to introduce the need to have a baseline performance at LAQ competitions from the start of next season.

6.9 Officials Committee

Meeting was held on 22nd February. The following recommendations were made to the Board:

- At all future Summer, Spring and Winter Carnivals, medals be presented at field events. Track events be presented at a location close to the finish line at the conclusion of timed finals.

Board agreed. They also agreed that at State Championships, State Relays and Combined Event Championships, full medal presentations for all events will be conducted.

CEO REPORT

6.10 CEO Report

CEO presented a written report.

LAA - Spoke with Kate Palmer this morning about One Athletics and the issues with LAA. Another Zoom meeting is scheduled for next week.

With ALAC's cancelled, a points system will be used to calculate national champions from all of the State Championships conducted around the country.

Conference - the total number of people permitted under COVID in the main conference room is 125. This means we will need to potentially limit Centres to two people (or less) depending on final numbers. Our VIP's list will also be reduced significantly. We've asked Centres to list their attendees in priority order to facilitate this.

COVID - no further changes from the Department of Health or Sport.

Sponsorship / Marketing - The Coles activations have been increasing with the Community Rounds, Athletes of the Month and the new virtual ALAC's.

We've chosen our 12 McDonald's Travel Grant recipients. In total, we had 32 high quality applications. We're also doing a smaller officials travel grant for the State Championships.

Centres - Donna and I attended Beenleigh Committee meeting last week. Donna has sent a report to the Committee and a separate one to the Centre Manager.

State Resource Sharing - we had our first meeting with LA's SA, Victoria and NSW. We're looking to share online training portals, skill development programs, marketing strategies and service delivery quality control programs.

May Board Meeting - this will have to change to 4th May so we can get the Conference motions out in time to Centres.

OM REPORT

6.11 OM Report

OM presented a written report.

Goodna will resume this coming summer season. The anticipated move to Springfield Lakes was put on the back burner when they allocated too many other sports on their new ovals.

MSO has contacted those Summer Centres that had the biggest increases and decreases in registration numbers this season. A full report has been included.

It was agreed that LAQ will select an U13 and U14 team from the State Championships, and an U15 and U16 team from the Combined Event Championships. We will hold a one day camp on 28th April for these athletes.

We have 1,622 followers on Instagram and 8,838 followers on Facebook as at 9/3/2021.

6.12 Registration & Centre Report

There are currently 9,035 Summer Centre registrations. This is 1,454 less than the previous season. Full season figure overall are 10,041, which is 1,789 less than the previous season.

7. GENERAL BUSINESS

7.1 Joint Board & Committees Meeting

A joint meeting between the LAQ Board, Competition and Officials committees is scheduled for 27th April.

8. ITEMS FOR INFORMATION

8.1 Next Board Meeting

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday 4th May 2021 at the LAQ Office.

9. CLOSE MEETING

Meeting closed at 10.03pm.

SIGNED AS A TRUE RECORD
Tuesday 4th May 2021

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President, LAQ