

**MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS (BOD) MEETING**  
**Held at the LAQ Office, QSAC**  
**On Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> May 2021**

## 1. OPENING

In opening the meeting at 6.10pm, 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 C Harvey - all in favour*

*That the minutes of the Board of Directors meeting held on 13<sup>th</sup> April be accepted as a true record.*

## 4. BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES

Nil

## 5. CORRESPONDENCE (pre-circulated)

Letter received from Helensvale LAC requesting permission to extend their stay at Runaway Bay Sports Super Centre for another 12 months. Both venues they have been negotiating with are not ready and the Centre has nowhere else to go. After a lengthy discussion, the Board agreed that we need to approach Runaway Bay for comment, however, they do not approve with their request.

## 6. ITEMS FOR RATIFICATION

### 6.1 Completed 2022 / 2023 Budget

Finance Director presented the draft budget for 2022 / 2023. This budget will be presented to the 2021 Conference. Board agreed to the following increases for LAQ registered athletes:

- \$2.50 per athlete for membership
  - Tiny Tots - \$44
  - U6 - U17 - \$76
- \$20 per athlete for carnival and championship competitions
- \$5 per athlete per event for Regional Relays
- \$6 per athlete per event for State Championships
- \$24 per track team and \$12 per field team for State Relays

*Moved by G Morrisby - seconded by V Hooper - all in favour*

*That the 2022 / 2023 budget be ratified.*

### 6.2 RCC Nominations

Nomination received from North Queensland Region for Donna McLellan for Regional Competition Co-ordinator and Ashleigh Smith for Regional Secretary. Regional Recorder is to be confirmed. Competition date will be 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> September 2021 for Regional Championships.

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 6<sup>th</sup> November 2021 for Regional Relays and 4<sup>th</sup> - 6<sup>th</sup> February 2022 for Regional Championships.

*Moved by B Jones - seconded by V Hooper - all in favour  
That the Regional Competition Co-ordinator, Regional Secretary, Regional Recorder and Regional competition dates for the North Queensland and Met North Regions be ratified.*

## ITEMS FOR RESOLUTION / DISCUSSION

### 6.3 Reports LAA / AA Meetings

President and CEO spoke about meetings in Melbourne. Whilst it was useful to meet face to face for the first time in over 12 months, there was little time set aside to discuss important issues facing the sport especially leading in to the One Athletics vote in October.

### 6.4 2021 LAQ Awards Voting

Award nominations were presented to the Board for voting. There was one nomination received for LAQ Life Membership. Board voted on this nomination and it was unsuccessful.

The following people are winners of Association awards in 2021.

- Distinguished Merit: Sylvia McNamara (Bargara), Sue Williams (Bracken Ridge), Steve Handsaker (Ormeau), Paul Langton (Ipswich)
- Merit: Michelle Moore (Noosa), Kym Drummond (Redcliffe), Shane Pearson (Arana), Penny Goulter (Tablelands), Gail Albert (Mt Gravatt), Sheree Scott (Tweed), Dave Brown, Kylie Brown
- Volunteer of the Year: Mark Chester (Townsville Central)
- Coach of the Year: Mick Hooper (Noosa)
- Official of the Year: Tony Frampton (Balmoral)
- Officials Merit Award: Gary Barton (Gympie)
- Centre Innovation Award: not awarded

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

### 6.5 LAQ Conference Motions

Conference motions from Centres and the Competition Committee were discussed.

## COMMITTEE REPORTS

### 6.6 Competition Committee

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

- At the Winter Carnival:
  - a) Track events be conducted as timed finals
  - b) Field events (except High Jump) be conducted with a maximum of 3 attempts
  - c) High Jump will only be allowed a total of four (4) failures before being excluded from further competition in that event. Each athlete shall have three trials to clear a height. However, if an athlete misses three (3) consecutive trials they are also out of the competition.

**Board agreed. This will keep consistency across all LAQ Carnivals.**

- That the 400m, 200m Hurdle and 300m Hurdle events for all age groups at the Regional and State Championship, be run as timed final.

**Board agreed that only events 400m and over will be run as timed finals.**

- For field events (except High Jump), 3 + 1 attempts be implemented at Regional and State Championships.

**Board agreed this is covered in the current Board motion for Conference.**

### 6.7 Officials Committee

No meeting has been held.

## CEO REPORT

## 6.8 CEO Report

CEO presented a written report.

LAA - attended the One Athletics Forum organised by Kate Palmer. Was a useful exercise.

President and CEO attended a meeting the next day with the LAA Board, Presidents and CEO's.

Neither meeting had any time allowed to discuss significant matters - ALAC's, calendars, fees or anything substantial to do with the merge.

LAQ Conference - workshops and presentations are all confirmed. Dinner theme will be "Take Me To Tokyo". We have 50 delegates registered so far, with registrations closing on the 12<sup>th</sup> of May.

COVID - Outdoor sporting activities no longer need to follow an industry plan or checklist. We do still need to collect contact information, promote physical distancing and ensure enhanced cleaning processes are in place, but don't have to submit a plan. Any indoor places are still required to follow occupant density requirements.

Sponsorship / Marketing - with the agreement of all sponsors, we've changed the sponsorship levels of our competitions. All Championships will have McDonald's naming rights, all Carnivals will have Coles and all Regional competitions will now be Nordic Sport. This allows us to use shared medals for some events and have a better delineation between sponsors.

We have commissioned summer season advertising campaigns with 97.3GM, B105 and GOA billboards. We no longer do print advertising, but instead, have increased our Facebook and Instagram budget.

Centres - attended Beenleigh's AGM last month. They elected a new Centre Manager.

## OM REPORT

### 6.9 OM Report

OM presented a written report.

Centres - Dirranbandi and Texas will be affiliating this season after having a break in 2020. New Centre enquiries have been received from Bollon, Collinsville, Rolleston, Alpha and Mundubbera.

State Team - camp was a great success. Afternoon tea function ran very well with Cedric Dubler and Riley Day attending. There were a large number of families that didn't come to the function after RSVP'ing. We received praise from parents of U14 athletes for including them in the way that we did. Board agreed a letter is to be sent to the Selectors thanking them for their efforts of selecting two teams.

LAQ Conference - due to current Queensland Government COVID restrictions, our numbers have been significantly reduced. This means we have not invited our Life Members and guests to Conference as we usually would.

Social media - we have 1,703 followers on Instagram and 8,999 followers on Facebook as at 4/5/2021. Advertising for the winter season has been completed and we had much more interaction than we did with our campaign last year.

### 6.10 Registration & Centre Report

We finished the 2020 / 2021 season with 10,042 registrations (9,036 Summer Centre and 1,006 Winter Centre athletes). Current Winter Centre registrations for the 2021 / 2022 season are 588.

## 7. GENERAL BUSINESS

Nil

## 8. ITEMS FOR INFORMATION

### 8.1 Next Board Meeting

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> June 2021 at the LAQ Office.

## 9. CLOSE MEETING

Meeting closed at 10.10pm.

**SIGNED AS A TRUE RECORD**  
Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> June 2021

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President, LAQ