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REPORT of the 50th ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING of LITTLE ATHLETICS NSW LTD Held Via Teleconference, 18 July 2020

The meeting opened at 4.32pm. The Little Athletics NSW Board of Management resolved that the 2020 election of Directors would be conducted as an electronic ballot only. Voting for the election of Directors closed at midday on Thursday, 16 July 2020.

i) INTERIM CEO ADDRESS

Melissa Chandler, Interim CEO of Little Athletics NSW, introduced herself and ran through the technical considerations for the teleconference meeting.

ii) CHAIRMAN'S ADDRESS

Craig Scott, Chairman of Little Athletics NSW, acknowledged the Traditional Owners of the land and welcomed all centre delegates, zone coordinators, life members, directors and members of staff, to the 50th Annual General Meeting of Little Athletics NSW. It was reported that there were twenty four (24) centres in attendance which exceeded the requirement for a quorum.

The AGM was then called to order. *(Full attendance list attached)*

iii) APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from:

- Susan Shinnick - Life Member
- Robert Quail AM - Life Member
- Darryl Channells - Life Member
- Allan Shaw - Life Member
- Lorna Magee - Life member
- Ann Pamplin- Life Member
- Allan Shaw - Life Member
- Ian Adams - Life Member
- Melissa Neilson - Staff Member
- Dereck Fineberg OAM - Life member
- Neil Sandall - Life Member
- Leesa Whyte - Southcombe Hunter Zone Coordinator
- Russell Scott - New England Zone Coordinator
- Yvonne Webster - Port Hunter Zone Coordinator
- Bob Maxwell - Western Ranges Zone Coordinator
- Lynne Whatman -Southern Met Zone Coordinator
- Gordon Costello - South West Met Zone Coordinator
- Veronica Cudmore - Griffith LAC
- Christine Butters - Revesby Workers LAC

Moved Ian Cowling (Cardiff and District Little Athletics Centre), seconded Daniel Giffney (Kings Langley Little Athletics Centre), "that apologies for this meeting of 18 July 2020, be accepted".

CARRIED

iv) REPORT OF THE 2019 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The report of the last meeting, having previously been circulated to all centres, was tabled.

Moved Judith Peel (Eastern Riverina Zone Coordinator), seconded Richard Butler (Northern Suburbs Little Athletics Centre), "that the report of the meeting of 20 July 2019, was a true and accurate record".

CARRIED

v) BUSINESS ARISING

Nil.

vi) CORRESPONDENCE

Nil.

vii) APPOINTMENT OF RETURNING OFFICER

The appointed Returning Officer for Little Athletics NSW in 2020 was Steve Loader, CEO of Sport NSW, who provided an electronic voting option for delegates. This gave delegates from every Little Athletics centre across NSW equal opportunity to cast their votes irrespective of geographic location.

viii) BOARD OF MANAGEMENT ANNOUNCEMENT

There were five (5) nominations for the four (4) Directors positions available. All votes were cast via electronic ballot. The following nominees were elected to the Board:

- Joe Burgess
- James Kermond
- Simon Nicola
- Michael O'Mara

Craig Scott congratulated the newly elected Directors and noted that a Chairman would be elected by Directors at the next Board meeting.

viii) PRESENTATION OF 2019/2020 ANNUAL REPORT & FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

The 2019/2020 Annual Report and Financial Statements were available for download from the Little Athletics NSW website.

Members were given the opportunity to electronically lodge questions relating to the 2019/2020 Annual Report and Financial Statements prior to the Annual General Meeting.

No questions were lodged in relation to the 2019/2020 Annual Report.

Moved Annette Tillman (Warradale Little Athletics Centre), seconded Rebecca Broughton (Hawkesbury City Little Athletics Centre), "that the 2019/2020 Annual Report be adopted".

CARRIED

The outgoing Finance and Audit Committee Chair, Glen Taylor, summarised the 2019/2020 Financial Statements.

- This was the first full operating year as a Company Limited by Guarantee
- Little Athletics NSW saw a small surplus (\$3,729.00) following last year's surplus (\$269,013.00).
- There was little movement in the balance sheet which remains steady at \$4,700,000.00 total assets. This total consists mainly of cash holdings and the building (Office) asset
- Little Athletics NSW is in a very solid financial position to withstand the challenges of the season ahead
- Little Athletics NSW will be waiving affiliation fees for 2020/2021 and will not increase registration fees
- All centres will receive 'Return to Sport Packs' which will include signage, sanitiser and disinfectant wipes

- There will be additional staff diverted to centres increasing investment in centres

Independent audit services were provided by KPMG.

Glen thanked the staff, Ken Carter (Company accountant), KPMG (Auditors), the Board and Kerry O’Keefe (outgoing CEO) for their efforts over the past season.

The following question was received from Terrigal Little Athletics Centre.

“Why does Little Athletics NSW carry such a huge surplus of funds rather than put the accumulated monies back into the sport in terms of better technology (rather than the archaic systems and paper processes centres have to deal with), increased staff (rather than relying on volunteers), more accessible and relevant resources for clubs, reduced fees, reduced cost for education of officials, etc. It is quite incredible to see the organisation sitting on nearly 3 million dollars (if I am reading the financials correctly?) when clubs are struggling to maintain members and safely/efficiently run competition days/nights in the modern era.”

Glen replied that the Little Athletics NSW was in a strong financial position which had allowed us to combat the current emergency better than many other sports. Little Athletics NSW has been able to retain all staff, divert funds back to centres and meet all challenges encountered last season from fire, floods and poor air quality through to COVID-19. Glen thanked Terrigal Little Athletics Centre for their question and said he would send them a separate, more detailed email response.

Moved Glen Taylor (Director), seconded Richard Butler (Northern Suburbs Little Athletics Centre), “that the 2019/2020 Financial Statements be adopted”.

CARRIED

ix) ANNOUNCEMENT OF 2020/2021 LANSW ADVISERS

- A. Auditors- KPMG
- B. Medical Prof. Marcus Vowels AM
- C. Legal Mr. John Bateman OAM

Moved Christina Frost (Westlakes Little Athletics Centre), seconded Daniel Giffney (Kings Langley Little Athletics Centre), “that the Little Athletics NSW advisors be endorsed for the 2020/2021 season”.

CARRIED

x) VOTE OF THANKS

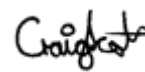
The Chairman thanked outgoing Directors Mavis Godber and Heather Mitchell, for their extraordinary service and wished them both continued success in all their endeavours. Mavis has been a member of the Board since the 2014/2015 season. Heather joined the Board in the 1990/91 season in the Publicity portfolio and has an incredible thirty (30) years’ service on the Board

Craig also acknowledged the significant contribution outgoing CEO, Kerry O’Keefe, has made to Little Athletics in NSW. Kerry, a former Little Athlete, commenced her employment with Little Athletics NSW in 1989 as an Education and Development Officer and was appointed CEO during the 1993/1994 season. Kerry has a wealth of experience in the Australian sporting landscape and has decided that now is the right time to pursue new opportunities. LANSW thanks Kerry for her lengthy service and wishes her success in all future endeavours. Kerry O’Keefe thanked the staff and members of Little Athletics and stated that she had thoroughly enjoyed her time with Little Athletics NSW and it had been a privilege to serve in a sport that she loved and has memories that will last forever.

Craig also paid tribute to Di Levy, the longest serving staff member of Little Athletics NSW. Di has been a staff member for thirty four (34) years and will be retiring in October. She has made an enormous contribution to Little Athletics in NSW over an extended period. It was a shame that the disappointing end to the season robbed Di of the opportunity to farewell numerous friends and colleagues.

The Chairman thanked delegates, zone coordinators, life members, directors and staff for their attendance.

There being no further business the Chairman declared the fiftieth (50th) Little Athletics NSW Annual General Meeting closed at 5.01pm.



Craig Scott
Chairman

ATTENDANCES - AS PER ATTENDANCE REGISTER

CENTRES

Balmain
Bankstown Sports
Blacktown
Bowral
Cherrybrook
Cardiff
Canterbury
Hawkesbury City
Hills District
Inner West
Kings Langley
Minchinbury
Northern Suburbs
Parramatta
Port Stephens
Prestons Robins
Raymond Terrace
Revesby Workers
Stuarts Point & Districts
Warradale
West Lakes
Western Blues
Winston Hills
Wollondilly
Wollongong City
25 Centres Represented

ZONE COORDINATORS

Linda McPherson
Bruce Cox
Judith Peel
Howard McGarry
Robbie Sain
Ken Carter
Allan Johnson
Ronald Pollett
Ron White
Glen Richardson
10 Zone Coordinators

LIFE MEMBERS

Trevor Hinwood
Maria McConville
Ron Richter
Grahame Searles
Peter Barnes
Graham Down
6 Life Members

TOTAL AT ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

63

DIRECTORS

Craig Scott
Mavis Godber
Glen Taylor
Heather Mitchell
Simon Nicola
Matt Andrews
Melissa Chandler
7 Directors

STAFF

Kerry O'Keefe
Kathy Moran
Diane Levy
Darren Wensor
Rebecca Newton
Youcef Abdi
Trish Bright
Adam Jolliffe
Jessica Earsman
Daniel Laus
Cheryl Webb
Alvin Umadhay
12 Staff Members

LANSW BOARD NOMINEES

Joe Burgess
Michael O'Mara
James Kermond
Lindsay Watson
4 Nominees