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REPORT of the 51st ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING of LITTLE ATHLETICS NSW VIDEO CONFERENCE 17 July 2021

The meeting opened at 8.32am. The Little Athletics NSW Board of Management resolved that the 2021 election of directors would be conducted as an electronic ballot only. Voting for the election of directors closed 8am, Thursday 15 July 2021.

i) CEO ADDRESS

Rebecca Shaw, CEO of Little Athletics NSW introduced herself to the delegates present at the Annual General Meeting and ran through the technical considerations for the meeting.

ii) CHAIRMAN'S ADDRESS

Melissa Chandler, Chair 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 51st Annual General Meeting of Little Athletics NSW. It was reported that we have quorum.

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

Chair's address

It is unfortunate that we are here again running this AGM virtually as I was really looking forward to the conference, however current public health orders and COVID restrictions bring us back to the screens.

We were however very fortunate to be able to run a season and most competitions and despite registration numbers being down, we were able to still deliver a good financial result. This was obviously assisted by JobKeeper and COVID grants, but we also controlled costs wherever possible. We are still in a good cash flow position and the imminent sale of the Harris Park property will allow us to invest further in core initiatives in line with our strategic priorities.

I wanted to quickly touch on where National One Athletics is at. Recently more communications have been going out about this, and the next milestone is sharing the business case details with the MA's next month. Once we receive this, we will be able to share more details with centres. At this time, we do not have a definitive position on our voting preference but rest assured that we will be taking feedback from all our members.

Finally, I just wanted to provide an update on Unification discussions with ANSW. I want to emphasise that the state level discussions have no connection to the national effort. We have created a Unification committee, signed a Heads of Agreement, and agreed on some short-term gains for the sport with a better Dual registration process, a combined summer calendar, and appointing a project manager. We are

aligned regarding principles and benefits, and our top priority is to retain the Little Athletics brand and ethos.

Thank you to everyone for your attendance today.

iii) APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from:

- Yvonne Webster – Port Hunter Zone Coordinator
- Rick Gardiner - Western Riverina Zone-Coordinator
- Dennis Coker – North West Met Zone Coordinator
- Nicole Mooney – Port Stephens Little Athletics

Moved Daniel Giffney (Kings Langley Little Athletics Centre), seconded Kelli Edwards (Parkes Little Athletics Centre), “that the apologies for this meeting of 17 July 2021, be accepted”.

CARRIED

iv) REPORT OF THE 2020 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

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

We have been made aware that the AGM Centre attendance list does not accurately reflect the Centres that were present. Lake Illawarra have advised they were not included in the attendance list. There were some attendees that couldn't be identified at last year's AGM and we documented this to the best of our ability.

This amendment will be included and I ask for someone to move the Minutes from the previous meeting.

Moved Daniel Giffney (Kings Langley Little Athletics Centre), seconded Trevor Coyte (Kurrajong Bilpin Little Athletics Centre), “that the report of the meeting of 18 July 2020, was a true and accurate record”.

CARRIED

v) BUSINESS ARISING

Nil.

vi) CORRESPONDENCE

NIL

viii) BOARD OF MANAGEMENT ANNOUNCEMENT

The appointed Returning Officer for Little Athletics NSW in 2021, and providing an electronic voting option, is the CEO of Sport NSW, Ross Bidencope. Thanks Ross and Sport NSW for your support again this year.

There were 6 nominations for the 3 Directors positions now available.
After all votes were cast, via electronic ballot and counted I have the results.

Following the count of the votes by Sports NSW the following nominees have been elected for the Little Athletics NSW Board:

- Costa Zakis
- Melissa Chandler

For the final position on the Board of Directors, two nominees received the same number of votes resulting in a tie.

These nominees are:

- Nicola Drinkwater
- John Michael McFadden

Following legal advice, Little Athletics NSW will conduct a run-off vote between the two nominees.

Sport NSW will reopen the voting for these two candidates on Monday, 19 July 2021.

Delegates who are eligible to vote will be sent a new link at this time.

Voting will close at 4pm Friday 23 July 2021.

The successful candidate elected to the board will be announced to the membership as soon as possible.

viii) PRESENTATION OF 2018/2019 ANNUAL REPORT & FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

Copies of the 2020/2021 Annual Report and the 2020/2021 Financial Statements were made available for delegates in attendance at the Annual General Meeting. Both documents are also available for download from the Little Athletics NSW website.

Questions received from Balmain Little Athletics:

- 1) LANSW's Harris Park property appears to have been devalued by \$260,000 or 14% (pgs 1, 9 & 26). How can such a significant write down occur given plentiful media reports of ever increasing Sydney property prices?

Response: -

As part of the Sale process, we engaged Colliers International to advise us on the best method of marketing our office premises at 90 – 92 Harris Street, Harris Park.

In establishing a reserve price for the sale Colliers provided a valuation advice with a lower range value than set in our Balance Sheet. As the sale is on market prior to auction, I will only refer to the lower valuation.

Our auditors KPMG in reviewing Colliers report, advised it would be prudent to adopt a the lesser valuation, your board accepted this advice. This is not a view or comment on the reserve that the board have set, as you noted "current market is increasing" the reserve price set for the market has been set above this lower valuation.

- 2) There have been 3 seasons since the \$5 registration rebate for clubs was ceased. Over that period this has provided LANSW with an accumulated windfall amount of approximately \$450,000. What specifically has this been spent on, and if there hasn't been any specific programs supported are these funds better off back in the hands of the clubs?

Response: -

There have been times that we have offered rebates to centres as incentives to encourage specific behaviour or to offset a one-off expense. I believe that your question is referring to when several years ago Little Athletics NSW still utilised a hybrid, online and paper-based registration system. We offered a \$5 rebate on all registrations submitted and paid for by the 31st October. This decision was undertaken to provide incentives to our centres to submit their paperwork and payment in a timely manner. The need for this incentive was due to centres not providing this paperwork and payment on time, which lead to us having difficulty knowing our registration data, being able to provide insurance for members etc. From the 2016/17 season when we switched to a fully online system there was no further need for this rebate to be offered.

Since we ceased offering this rebate there have been increases in our expenditure including increases in levy from Little Athletics Australia, Insurance fees, CPI increases in general expenses, as well as additional board investment in additional staff, programs, and services across New South Wales. I do not believe that Little Athletics NSW has received a windfall that we are holding on too. As you can see from our financial results LANSW does not generally make a profit.

We thank Balmain Centre and David Murphy for taking the time to review the financial reports.

Moved Colin Muir (Southlakes Little Athletics Centre), seconded Elizabeth Hottes (Toukley Little Athletics Centre), "that the 2020/2021 Annual Report be adopted".

Moved Michael Kemmis (Campbelltown Collegian Athletics Club), seconded Raeleine Eiler (Oberon Little Athletics Centre), "that the 2020/2021 Financial Statements be adopted".

ix) ANNOUNCEMENT OF 2021/2022 LANSW ADVISERS

A. Auditors- KPMG

B. Legal Mr. John Bateman OAM

Moved Annette Tillman (Warradale Little Athletics Centre), seconded Christine Butters (Revesby Workers' Little Athletics Centre), "that the Little Athletics NSW advisors be endorsed for the 2021/2022 season".

CARRIED

xi) OTHER BUSINESS

Finally, I would like to take this opportunity to thank the two outgoing Board members for their significant contribution to Little Athletics.

Glen Taylor joined the Board in 2017. He has served in a number of roles including Chair of the Finance and Audit Committee, Chair of the Governance and Risk Management Committee and Company Secretary.

He has left a legacy with the work he conducted moving Little Athletics NSW from an incorporated association to a not-for-profit company limited by guarantee under the Corporations Act and spent a lot of time improving our financial systems and processes.

Glen will still be around at many of our events Officiating. Like many others in the sport he just can't stay away.

Thank you also to Craig Scott. It is hard to put into words what Craig has contributed since he joined the Board in 2016 when he was immediately voted in as Chair. Craig's leadership has been exceptional, and I had big shoes to fill when I became Chair in February after he stood down. He has previously also been a member of the Governance and Risk Committee.

Like Glen, we won't be losing Craig from the sport. His knowledge in relation to programming, Meet Manager and competitions I believe are second to none, and his continued support as a great source of knowledge will always be appreciated.

Unfortunately, due to restrictions Craig and Glen could not be here today however we look forward to thanking them in person.

There being no further business, the Chair declared the Fifty First (51st) Little Athletics NSW Annual General Meeting closed at 8.50am.

Melissa Chandler
Chair

ATTENDANCES - AS PER ATTENDANCE REGISTER

CENTRES

Balmain
Bankstown Sports
Blacktown
Campbelltown Collegians
Canterbury
Cherrybrook
Girraween
Greystanes
Hawkesbury City
Helensburgh and District
Hills District
Holroyd
Hornsby District
Kings Langley
Ku-ring-gai
Kurrajong Bilpin
Lake Illawarra
Liverpool City
Manly Warringah
Minchinbury
Mount Druitt
Nepean
Northern Suburbs
Oberon District
Parkes
Parramatta
Port Hacking
Prestons Robins
Revesby Workers'
Riverstone and District
Rouse Hill
Ryde
Smithfield
South Eastern
Southlakes
St George
Toukley
Tuggerah Lakes Mingara
Warradale
Winston Hills

40 Centres Represented

51 Individuals

Zone Coordinators

Linda McPherson
Judith Peel
Howard McGarry
Robbi Sain
Ken Carter
Allan Johnson
Ronald Pollett
Ron White
Glen Richardson
Bob Maxwell
Kelly Hunter
Lynne Whatman

12 Zone Coordinators

LIFE MEMBERS

Trevor Hinwood
Maria McConville
Grahame Searles
Peter Barnes
Craig Scott
Dereck Fineberg
Neil Sandall

7 Life Members

TOTAL AT ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

91

DIRECTORS

Michael O'Mara
Glen Taylor
Simon Nicola
Matt Andrews
Melissa Chandler
James Kermond
Joe Burgess

7 Directors

STAFF

Rebecca Shaw
Emily Brunton
Darren Wensor
Rebecca Newton
Trish Bright
Alvin Umadhay
Laura Crowhurst
Stephanie Grujoski

8 Staff Members

LANSW Board Nominees

Costa Zakis
John McFadden
Nicola Drinkwater
Vivian Miller
Karen Cundasawmy

5 members

Other

Sally Richardson

1 Other