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REPORT of the 52nd ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING of LITTLE ATHLETICS NSW ETTALONG DIGGERS, ETTALONG AND VAI ZOOM 16 July 2022

The meeting opened at 8.30am. The Little Athletics NSW Board of Management resolved that the 2022 election of directors would be conducted as an electronic ballot only. Voting for the election of directors closed 8pm, Thursday 14 July 2022.

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 everyone to the AGM and Conference.

The quorum required was 17 Centres and it was reported over 30 Centres were represented and therefore quorum was met.

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

Chair's address

I must start by saying its great to be running this in person, the past 2 years have been run virtually and it's terrific to be in the same room and see some familiar faces.

On behalf of all the board I thank you all for attending both in person and via Zoom.

Once again, we faced a season with many challenges – COVID (again), torrential rains, and terrible floods, which effected Centres ability to operate every week or at all. And we've got centres that have been impacted once again by the recent floods. Throughout these tough times Centres and volunteers have demonstrated their absolute resilience and dedication to Little A's and the athletes, so I want to thank them for their unwavering ability to just get back up.

The board spent a considerable amount of time and effort late last year on the proposed National Merger of Little Athletics and Athletics Australia. There was a long period where the board had to go through the proposed constitution and business case, and whilst we all agreed that the intent was right, the documents themselves weren't where we would have liked for the betterment of Little Athletics in Australia and ultimately the merger did not get the votes required. So, we are now focused on making sure we provide direction for the sport and our centres, volunteers, officials, and families. I will speak

about this a little more later in the morning.

The staff worked hard this season on initiatives such as at home engagement during lockdown, personalised marketing assets and new events to create the current Winter Calendar, as well as engaging and supporting centres where possible so I would like to thank them for their efforts. They have some great initiatives rolling out over the next season which the conference will outline in more detail.

With the sale of Harris Park office, the board understand the proceeds need to be utilised in the best interest of the sport and we are looking at a number of options to invest in strategically aligned opportunities that generate new revenue streams, or long-term cost saving avenues. This will be a focus for us over the next 6 months.

I sincerely thank everyone for your attendance today.

iii) APOLOGIES AND PROXIES

Apologies received from:

- David Murphy – Board Nomination
- Nicki Drinkwater – Board Nomination
- Howard McGarry – Lake Illawarra Little Athletics
- Kevin McGarry – Lake Illawarra Little Athletics
- Daryl Channels – Life Member
- Ian Adams – Life Member
- Neil Sandall – Life Member
- Simon Nicola – Board Member
- David Mitchell – Blacktown Little Athletics

Proxies received from:

- Jessica Fowler – Warradale Little Athletics
- Jackie Bottrill – Revesby Workers Little Athletics
- Anna Carswell – Kiama Little Athletics

iv) REPORT OF THE 2021 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Minutes were provided in advance for the Annual General Meeting held on 17 July 2021 via Zoom.

Moved Maria McConville (Holroyd Little Athletics Centre/Life Member), seconded Gordon Costello (South West Met Zone Coordinator/Life Member), "that the report of the meeting of 17 July 2021, 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 2022 and providing the electronic voting options, is Sport NSW CEO, Ross Bidencope. We again thank Ross and Sport NSW for their support this year.

Ross has provided the results. As there were three nominations for three positions a majority vote was required to elect the Directors.

I am pleased to announce the majority vote has been received for each Director and therefore Simon Nicola has been re-elected and Nicki Drinkwater and David Murphy will join the Board.

As previously mentioned, David and Nicki are apologies today as they are overseas with their families.

Many of you would know David, he has obviously made an enormous contribution to the sport and will continue this with his appointment to the Board.

Nicki may not be known by many, and in preparation for her election to the Board passed on this message:

She is sorry she can't be here to say this in person. Thank you to the member clubs and volunteers for giving her this opportunity.

She looks forward to the opportunity to meet many of you and hopes her background in athletics and passion for the sport, together with her professional expertise and the knowledge gained from volunteering for the past nine years, will help her understand and serve the needs of the membership and contribute to the sports continued success.

viii) PRESENTATION OF 2020/2021 ANNUAL REPORT & FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

Copies of the 2021/2022 Annual Report and the 2021/2021 Financial Statements were provided in advance of the meeting.

Melissa Chandler handed over to Joe Burgess, member of the Audit and Risk Committee and outgoing Board Member to provide an summary of the Financial Statements.

Deficit for the year increased from \$42,171 to \$210,242, an increase of 390%.

Primary driver of this were operating revenue decrease of 6.65% comprising of a drop in grants and registrations fees partially offset by an increase in championship fees and conference income.

Non-operating revenue dropped sharply with Job Save providing \$330,000 less than Job Keeper in FY21.

Registration fees were damaged by the timing of the second outbreak and the subsequent lockdown across the state which was compounded by our inability to leverage the Olympic Games to drive registrations as we were unable to open registrations to coincide with the Games as we had hoped to do. We may have also been hurt by crickets' decision to open their registrations in October also.

The organisation did respond quickly to make amendments to the budget and subsequent spending to mitigate the risk of potential loss significantly higher than what was expected. This is reflected in the reduction in advertising and program expenses compared to our budget and administration and program expenses in comparison to FY21 if you refer to the financials.

Through these measures we did also manage to deliver a more favourable result than initially budgeted for with the Board initially budgeting a deficit of \$341k.

Our cash position did drop during the financial year by \$274,805 but \$187,120 was used in investment activities largely as a result of the two million term deposits you will see in the financial report. Operating activities generated a decrease in cash of \$15,508.

The Board looks forward to operating in a less disruptive season with the intent of growing registrations back to the numbers seen in previous years as confidence in Community Sport restores and we are able to realise returns on our advertising activities.

We have been fortunate to have a strong Balance Sheet to be able to sustain Little Athletics in NSW during the tough last few years and hope to be able to deliver a return to you in the future.

Moved Heather Mitchell (Life Member), seconded Craig Scott (Kiama Little Athletics Centre/Life Member), "that the 2021/2022 Annual Report be adopted".

Moved Gordon Costello (South West Met Zone Coordinator/Life Member), seconded Chira Fernando (Doonside Little Athletics Centre), "that the 2021/2022 Financial Statements be adopted".

ix) ANNOUNCEMENT OF 2022/2023 LANSW ADVISERS

Once again, we thank KPMG for their excellent work, and Mr John Bateman who continues to provide legal advice on a pro bono basis. His work went above and beyond this year with his assistance in the sale of the property at Harris Park.

Moved Daniel Giffney (Kings Langley Little Athletics Centre), seconded Peter Barnes (Life Member "that the Little Athletics NSW advisors of KPMG and Mr John Bateman be endorsed for the 2022/2023 season".

CARRIED

x) LIFE MEMBERSHIP

We received one nomination for Life Membership. Again, via the Sports NSW online platform voting has taken place in advance of the meeting, and I am very pleased to advise that Lynne Whatman has been awarded Life Membership of Little Athletics NSW.

Lynne commenced her time with the St George Centre when her family joined the "Rangers Club" in the 1985/86 season.

With 4 children competing, her early years were spent as a volunteer helper, contributing whatever was needed. She served on the committee for many years including 8 years as President.

In 1983, Lynne became a Level 2 Throws Judge and for the following few seasons took the role of chief throws judge for St George. Lynne has been actively involved as an LANSW official since 1992 and began a very long career as a Judge that has seen her officiate at Zone, Region and State level carnivals.

She continues an active role as Southern Metropolitan Zone Coordinator & Region 8 Coordinator, positions she has held since 2014.

xi) SPECIAL RESOLUTION

As provided with the Agenda of this meeting, the Little Athletics Board would like to propose changes to the Constitution.

In late 2021, the LANSW Board undertook a review of the Constitution in the lead up to the vote for the proposed national merge and sought external legal advice.

These proposed amendments can generally be categorised as per the following:

- Unnecessary inclusions eg. IAAF not required in the definitions
- Amendments to assist ensuring the Board functions in a manner that best serves the organisation and members
- Supports Centres and eliminates confusion

It has been brought to our attention that in the proposed changes there was a typo and a grammatical error. 7.1 i.e. to change to e.g. This amendment is supported by the Board and is the grammatical error.

7.2 has a typo where “and all amendments” is typed twice.

With these amendments these changes to the Constitution will be put forward as one motion.

Gordon Costello (South West Met Zone/Life Member) – objection to 7.1 and requiring a CPA or CA. Clubs have not been required to do this previously, they just needed a qualified person to review financials. Small Clubs can't afford this.

Peter Barnes (Life Member) – clarified that by changing the i.e. to an e.g. a chartered accountant wasn't required as it was just an example.

Melissa Chandler – the purpose/spirit of the change was to make it easier so a Centre didn't have to use an auditor, just a suitably qualified accountant.

Moved Craig Scott (Kiama Little Athletics/Life Member), seconded Christine Butters (Revesby Workers Little Athletics Centre), “ to amend the Constitution of Little Athletics NSW Ltd. as per Appendix A, attached to this Notice with the two typo/grammatical corrections”.

CARRIED
Delegates - 47 For, 6 Against
Proxies – 3 For, 0 Against

xi) OTHER BUSINESS

Thank you to board member Joe Burgess who has not re-nominated. Joe was part of the Finance and Audit Committee and added some much-needed diversity to the board. His contributions over the past 2 years will not be forgotten and we wish him all the best as he focuses on his career in banking, but he does not leave the sport, he will still be coaching at Hornsby and I suspect he'll be back in the future ready to add more value to Little A's at a board level.

The Chair declared the Fifty Second (52nd) Little Athletics NSW Annual General Meeting closed at 8.58am.

Melissa Chandler
Chair

ATTENDANCES - AS PER ATTENDANCE REGISTER

CENTRES

IN PERSON
Greystanes
Wauchope
Edgeworth
Ku-Ring-Gai
Finley
Parramatta
Revesby
Liverpool
Winston Hills
Eschol Park
Parkes
Warradale
Wallsend
Hills District
Ryde
Smithfield
Woy Woy
East Maitland
Blacktown
Tiger West
Holroyd
Gloucester
Campbelltown
Northern District
Temora
Gosford
Hawkesbury City
Doonside
North Rocks/ Carlingford
Terrigal Wamberal's
VIA ZOOM
St George
Kings Langley
Woy Woy
Griffith
Quakers Hill
Corowa
Mingara
Kurrajong-Bilpin
Ku-ring-gai
East Maitland
Prospect
Edgeworth
Kurri Kurri
Girraween
Rouse Hill

45 Centres Represented

ZONE COORDINATORS

Patrick Kelly
Judith Peel
Ken Carter
Allan Johnson
Ronald Pollett
Ron White
Bob Maxwell
Bruce Cox
Kelly Hunter
Lynne Whatman
Dennis Coker
Lesley White
Melissa O'Connell
Gordon Costello
Graham O'Brien
Mark Searles
Curtis Morris
16 Zone Coordinators

LIFE MEMBERS

Trevor Hinwood
Maria McConville
Peter Barnes
Craig Scott
Dereck Fineberg
Heather Mitchell
6 Life Members

DIRECTORS

Melissa Chandler
Joe Burgess
Costa Zakis
John McFadden
Sally Richardson

5 Directors

STAFF

Rebecca Shaw
Kathy Moran
Daniel Warren
Darren Wensor
Rebecca Newton
Trish Bright
Alvin Umadhay
Adam Jolliffe
Natasha Bailey
Harry Hannaford

10 Staff Members