



Little Athletics New South Wales Ltd.
ABN 69 731 039 358
ACN 629 701 962
Suite 3, Level 2, 1 Showground Road
Sydney Olympic Park NSW 2127
Tel: 9633 4511
Email: admin@lansw.com.au

MINUTES of the 54th ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING of LITTLE ATHLETICS NSW held on 26 July 2024 Coffs Harbour Ex Services Club, COFFS HARBOUR

The meeting opened at 8.35am. The Little Athletics NSW Board resolved that the 2024 election of directors would be conducted as an electronic ballot. Voting for the election of directors closed 5pm, Monday 17 June 2024.

1. OPENING and WELCOME

Chris Giles handed it over to Costa Zakis, Chair of LANSW, for the formalities and Melissa Chandler Head of the Finance and Audit Committee, for the delivery of the 2023/2024 financial reports.

There are as many people in attendance at Coffs Harbour as we had in attendance at our last metropolitan Conference in St Mary's.

Costa welcomed Life Members, the LANSW Board (present), Matt Whitbread (Chair Athletics NSW Ltd), Christian Renford (CEO Athletics NSW Ltd), Anthony Reed (Little Athletics Australia), Kiemi Lai (Coles) and Centre Delegates and attendees of Conference 2024.

Update for Season 2023/2024

- Changes were achieved and delivered
- Grass roots/ Inter Club/ Zones/ Regions/ Scampers
- Delivered best outcomes in a changing landscape
- "Simply Do Better"
- Listen to Feedback
- Proud Reflection of the new Partnership "NSW Athletics"
 - 🏆 Design & Deliver
 - 🏆 Athletics First
 - 🏆 Remove Duplication
 - 🏆 Simplify Registrations for centres
 - 🏆 No Compromise
 - 🏆 Collaboration within the Sport
- Final Stages of the LANSW Charitable Foundation
- Increase into the School Space
- Less reliant on Centre Fees
- Maria McConville presented with an OAM
- Heather Mitchell & Ron Pollett presented with an ANSW Distinguished Service Award.
- Simon Nicola has Farewelled the LANSW Board
- Exciting agenda for the season ahead, bring the best of our sport together.

The quorum required was 17 Centres and 58 Centres were represented and therefore quorum was met.

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

2. APOLOGIES AND PROXIES

Apologies received from:

- Ron Richter – Life Member
- Ian Adams- Life Member

- Graham Downe – Life Member
- Neil Sandell- Life Member
- Doreen Dickson-SWR Little Athletics Centre
- Craig Elton – Zone Coordinator (Southern- Met Zone)
- Melissa O’Connell – Zone Coordinator (New England Zone)
- Nadia Saraceno – Zone Coordinator (West Met Zone)
- Dennis Coker – Zone Coordinator (North- West Met Zone)
- Karen Cundasawmy- Zone Coordinator (Inner City Zone)
- Graham O’Brien- Zone Coordinator (Mid- West Met Zone)
- Kerrie Edwards- Zone Coordinator (Western Plains Zone)
- Bruce Cox- Zone Coordinator (Western Ranges Zone)
- Simon Nicola – Board Member
- John McFadden- Board Member
- Nicola Drinkwater- Board Member

Proxies received from:

- Geoffrey Linder – St George Little Athletics

3. MINUTES OF THE 2023 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Minutes were provided in advance for the Annual General Meeting held on Saturday 15 July 2023 at St Mary’s Rugby League Club.

Amendments

Blacktown LAC in attendance

Kiama LAC in attendance

Wauchope LAC in attendance

Eschol Park in attendance

Moved Gordon Costello (Zone Coordinator/Life Member), seconded Maria McConville (Life member), “that the report of the meeting of 15 July 2023, was a true and accurate record”.

CARRIED

4. BOARD ANNOUNCEMENT

The appointed Returning Officer for Little Athletics NSW in 2024 and providing the electronic voting options, is Sport NSW CEO, Stuart Hodge. We again thank Stuart and Sport NSW for their support this year.

Stuart has provided the results. 3 positions for the board were open for election. I am pleased to advise that the following members have been elected to the Board for a two- year term:

- Nicola Drinkwater
- David Murphy
- Murray Gaudin

I would like to thank all candidates for submitting themselves for election.

5. PRESENTATION OF 2023/2024 ANNUAL REPORT

A copy of the annual report was provided to all delegates electronically prior to the meeting and a hard copy was made available to all attending.

Moved Judith Peel (Eastern Riverina Zone Coordinator), seconded Marion Bennett (Life member), “that the 2023/2024 Annual Report be adopted”.

CARRIED

6. PRESENTATION OF 2023/2024 FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

The audited financial statements were distributed with the notice of this meeting, and copies were available when you signed in this morning.

Financial year 2023/24 saw us largely maintain the membership growth in Little Athletics Centres that we had witnessed the previous year. Despite some significant headwinds, responding to the competing product launched by ANSW through changed pricing decisions and some additional investment. Because of the overwhelming success of this membership season – in many regards unexpected, we did see a large increase in our revenue contrary to what was planned, resulting in a smaller than anticipated full year loss of (\$73,418).

Total income was up by \$231,677 (7%) largely driven by these increased registration numbers. In addition, we saw some modest increases in LEAP program revenue, gate and entry revenue and including from sponsors and other activities. The employment of brokers Bell Potter Securities Limited, saw a return of \$195,453 on our investments, against a budget of \$90,000

Consequently, operating expenditure also increased \$555,385 (18%) versus the prior year due to the increase costs associated with supporting our increased membership, new office leases, increase in insurance, new staff and redundancies.

The upcoming 2024/25 budget has been set for the organisation to make a small loss, with the Board endorsing a plan to invest some of the organisations retained funds on initiatives that aim to support Centres, grow the organisation and to diversify revenue to become less reliant on membership revenue. This includes officials' education and a continued investment in centre marketing support through marketing assets and centre websites.

Question:

\$388,852 in expenses can you explain what these consisted of?

A: General Office expenses that have been audited and a breakup can be provided at a later date.

Question:

\$125,000 increase in costs for LEAP program, State Championships, why?

A: The costs have increased by \$30,000 just for State Championships cost alone. Both programs/ championships have had a partial offset, from gate takings and entry costs.

Moved Lynne Whatman (Life Member), seconded Neil Hinton (Life member), "that the 2023/2024 Financial Statements be adopted".

CARRIED

7. APPOINTMENT OF AUDITORS

Once again, we thank KPMG for their excellent work as our auditors.

Moved Marion Bennett (Life member), seconded Craig Scott (Kiama Little Athletics Centre/ Life member) "that KPMG be endorsed as auditors for Little Athletics for the 2024/2025 season".

CARRIED

8. CLOSE

The Chair declared the Fifty Fourth (54th) Little Athletics NSW Annual General Meeting closed at 8.57am.

Constantine Zakis
Chair

ATTENDANCES - AS PER ATTENDANCE REGISTER

CENTRES

Albion Park LAC
Ballina LAC
Bankstown Sports Club
Blacktown LAC
Cabra Vale Diggers/ Fairfield Athletics
Campbelltown Collegians Athletic Club
Cardiff & District LAC
Cranebrook LAC
Doonside LAC
Dubbo Athletics Club
Eastlakes LAC
East Maitland Athletics & LAC
Eschol Park LAC
Finely LAC
Girraween LAC
Glenbrook LAC
Gosford LAC
Grafton LAC
Greystanes LAC
Griffith LAC
Hills District LAC
Holroyd LAC
Illawong LAC
Kiama LAC
Kings Langley LAC
Koorinal-Wagga Athletics Club
Ku Ring Gai LAC
Leeton LAC
Lethbridge Park LAC
Lismore LAC
Liverpool City LAC
Macquarie Hunter Athletics Club
Manly Warringah
Minchinbury LAC
Mount Druitt LAC
Northern Districts LAC
North Rocks Carlingford LAC
Parramatta LAC
Port Macquarie LAC
Quakers Hill LAC
Raymond Terrace LAC
Revesby Workers LAC
Rouse Hill Rams LAC
Ryde LAC
Smithfield Athletics
South- West Rocks LAC
Stuarts Point & District LAC
St George LAC
Tamworth LAC
Taree Athletics Club
Wallsend LAC
Warradale LAC

Warialda LAC
Wauchope LAC
Winston Hills
Woolgoolga LAC
Woy Woy Peninsular LAC
Wyong LAC

58 Centres

ZONE COORDINATORS

Ken Carter
Gordon Costello
Joshua Henry
Patrick Kelly
Doonan McLaren
Linda McPherson
Curtis Morris
Judith Peel
Yvonne Webster
Andrew Murray
Briony Leonard
Samantha Farrant

12 Zone Coordinators

LIFE MEMBERS

Peter Barnes
Gordon Costello
Dereck Fineberg
Maria McConville
Craig Scott
Lynne Whatman

6 Life Members

DIRECTORS

Melissa Chandler

David Murphy

Sally Richardson

Muhilan Sriravindrarah

Costa Zakis

5 Directors

STAFF

Chris Giles

Bronwen Adams

Trish Bright

Adam Jolliffe

Kathy Moran

Rebecca Newton

Daniel Warren

Darren Wensor

Josh Jacka

Pat McGregor

Jo McGinniskin

Yasmin Ayari

Kerry Smith

Kate Lynch

14 Staff Members