

Board Update February 2015

The board met on the 28 February, the meeting was focused on completing the 2015/16 planning and budget processes. As we head into the new financial year, the board is pleased with the progress that has been made over the last 12 months. The bedding in of the new membership system will enable us to better understand our membership and allow us to attract new members. Our improved business planning and financial management will support us to achieve the new set of key initiatives for the oncoming year. It is absolutely essential that we are seen to have a value offering for our members.

Finance and Risk

The January Monthly P&L, Year to Date P&L and the statement of cash flow were presented. The CE is confident that the 2015 year end forecast with the anticipated surplus of \$90k plus would be realised. This figure is largely the unbudgeted profit from the 2014 Rotorua Marathon.

The second draft of the proposed 15/16 budget was presented and approved by the board. A considerable amount of work by the CE and staff had gone into ensuring the budget reflected true costs and the board commended the team engagement in the budget process.

The updated Risk Assessment Worksheet as recommended by the Audit & Risk Committee was accepted.

The Sport NZ Anti-Match-Fixing and Sports Betting Policy was reviewed and discussed. It was noted that continued funding through Sport NZ (which includes HPSNZ) would be dependent on the Board adopting the policy, or similar prior to 1 July 2015. It was agreed that this should be a topic at the Club Connect Conference to make all our member Clubs aware of the policy.

There are a couple of aspects of the policy that require clarification from Sport NZ and a summary of the policy will be needed to assist athletes to understand what would be required of them under the policy.

Levy Review and Feedback

Feedback had been gathered in relation to the Road Relay Championship Levy. Positive feedback had been received in regards to a 'Team' Road Relay Championship levy. The team fee would be levied to the club who will then decide whether they pass it on to the individual team members. It was agreed that the Road Relay Championship Fee be set as a Team Fee at \$120.00 for Seniors and \$80.00 for Juniors. It was felt that this fee was set at a level that still encouraged large team participation. For many members this will be the only championship fee paid on top of the new membership registration fee.

Oceania/IAAF

A report on the OAA Congress was provided along with a summary of the discussions held with Seb Coe during his Auckland visit. Sergey Bubka the other IAAF President nominee had not attended the OAA Congress but an email had been received by him in relation to his nomination for President.

Trevor Spittle was re-elected to OAA Council, with Council once again appointing him as Vice- President.

The board was delighted to learn that Mariah Rinui had been awarded an inaugural OAA Future Women Leaders Scholarship. This award will be presented to Mariah at Nationals. Also to be presented will be an Oceania award for New Zealand's nominee for the inaugural OAA Women's Award. This will be presented to Raylene Bates.

The board endorsed the following nominations to IAAF positions at the 2015 Congress.

Annette Purvis – IAAF Council, Womens Committee Chair and member

Trevor Spittle – Technical Committee

It was further agreed to support Australia's nominations for Race Walking and Cross Country Committee's.

Athletics NZ delegates at the 2015 IAAF Congress will be Annette Purvis, Linda Hamersley and Trevor Spittle.

High Performance

The board noted some excellent performances over the last few weeks. The National Track and Field Championships are just a week away with some strong performances predicted from a number of athletes. It is exciting to have Les Mills on board as a sponsor for the event.

The Commonwealth Youth Games, 2015 IPC World Championships, World University Games, OAA Area Championships and Combined Events policies have been approved by the Team Selections Committee.

Records Noted by the Board

NZ Men National: 3000m Race Walk - 11:15.20 - Quentin Rew – Wellington Harrier AC, 23 January 2015, Wellington NZ

Women U19 National: 3000m - 9:07.85 - Rosa Flanagan – Canterbury, 23 January 2015, Wellington NZ

NZ Men's National: Half Marathon - 59:47 - Zane Robertson – New Zealand, 1 February 2015, Kagawa JPN

NZ Men's National Indoor: Mile - 3:51.61 - Nicholas Willis – New Zealand, 7 February 2015, Roxbury USA

NZ Women National: Triple Jump - 13.65m - Nneka Okpala – New Zealand, 7 February 2015, Canberra AUS

Women U20 & U19 National: 3000m Steeplechase - 9:48.39 - Rosa Flanagan – University of Canterbury, 7 February 2015, Hamilton NZ

Other items

The board agreed that Athletics NZ become a signatory to the Brighton plus Helsinki 2014 Declaration on Women and Sport. The agreement was duly signed by Annette Purvis and Cameron Taylor in the meeting break.

The AGM timeline and conference programme was reviewed. It is expected that the board may present some remits as a result of its work to the updated regulations.

Regards
Annette Purvis
Board Chair