

Board Update February 2017

The Board met for the first time this year on 27 January in Auckland.

Risk

The Board received a recommendation from the High Performance Department that Athletics New Zealand should not send a team to the 2017 IAAF World Under 18 Championships in Nairobi in July, based on safety concerns. In light of these concerns the Board approved the recommendation noting that Canada, Switzerland, UK and Australia had already withdrawn.

Alternative events for the affected athletes would be targeted instead.

Finance and Membership

Year to date membership income remains on track with membership numbers still showing growth in some membership categories. Further initiatives to support on-line mandatory registration were discussed.

A positive year end result is potentially achievable if a number of sponsorship opportunities come to fruition. Considerable effort is going towards income opportunities while maintaining control across expenses.

The draft budget and supporting information were presented and accepted in principle. The CE has identified some key priority areas should commercial income opportunities be realised. A revised budget reflecting this will be finalised at the March meeting.

Governance

The CE and Chair gave a brief verbal update on the IAAF Special Congress.

The work to attain the Governance Qualmark is ongoing with the revised Strategic Plan and supporting work around the plan the main focus.

HP Department Update

Scott Goodman attended and provided an update on the HPSNZ review. Scott outlined his current areas of focus given the funding increase and how this fits within the Athletics NZ Tokyo Strategic approach.

Of note is that HP has been able to allocate funds to the shared recruitment of a Coach Education Manager who will sit within the Community team.

The Board thanked Scott for his update and commended him and the team on the outstanding results at Rio and with the HPSNZ funding.

Team Selections, Policies and Appointments

A number of policies have been released and the 2017 Nitro Series Squad was announced from expressions of interests. The 2018 Commonwealth Games Selection Policy has been published and we now anticipate having an increase to the number of athlete quotas as some of our athletes should receive gold entries.

It was noted that there were no applications for the World Cross Country Champs and at that stage, no applications for the Trail Champs. HP are looking to do some work within these event groups to understand why this is the case.

NZ Records

Name	Achievement	Event	Performance	Venue	Date of Performance
Zane Robertson	Men National	10km	27:28	Berlin, Germany	9/10/2016
Olivia McTaggart	Women U17	Pole Vault	4.30m	Mt Smart Stadium, Auckland	26/11/2016
Nicholas Moulai	Men U17	3000m	8:16.77	Douglas Track & Field, Waitakere	3/12/2016
Mellata Tatola	Women U17	Hammer	57.75m	Douglas Track & Field, Waitakere	4/12/2016

Regards
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Board Chair