



Board Update June 2015

The Board met on the 26th June in Auckland. At that meeting the Board had the opportunity to meet 2 new staff members, Phil Armstrong Finance Manager and Lisa Russell Executive Assistant (EA). The EA is a new role that will support the CE and senior staff.

Finance

The 2014-15 Financial Statements were approved by the Board. At less than 2 months into the current financial year there were no material matters to report on the current budget. Phil Armstrong attended the finance discussion and shared his first impressions along with some initial thoughts on how to improve the financial reporting for the Board.

Strategic Matters

Organisation - An organisation review had been undertaken and the report was tabled. Staff had been fully consulted and engaged throughout this review. The report endorsed the move of the Community and Participation Manager and Get Set Go Managers roles to Auckland and gave some suggestions for future roles and responsibilities should budget allow.

Stakeholders - Positive conversations are underway with Masters Athletics in regards to a potential integration with Athletics NZ. A draft Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) is being considered as a starting point. Linda and I met with NZ Childrens in April and had a positive discussion across a range of topics aimed at creating a greater understanding of how we could work more collaboratively together.

IAAF Congress - The Board agreed that the NZ delegate will vote for Seb Coe as its preferred candidate for IAAF President. Both Coe and Sergey Bubka have presented compelling visions for the future of the IAAF. However it was felt that Coe's vision more strongly aligned to Athletics NZ. It was agreed that this information would be publicly released as a number of members had indicated an interest in our intention as had a number of stakeholders. This was announced on the website and to media on the 9 July 2015.

AGM

Remits - Draft constitutional changes were tabled for the Board to include as remits for the AGM. These related to the need for the Board to be able to effect regulation changes such as the IAAF Code of Ethics, the Sport NZ Anti-Match Fixing and Sports Betting Policy as well as requirements from WADA and NZOC. It was agreed that an explanatory note would accompany this and the Board Appointment Panel changes. Additionally it was felt that some extra notes in relation to the Financial Statements would be of benefit to the members.

Board Appointments Panel (BAP)

Roger as the Board's BAP member gave an update on the Board Appointments Panel meetings and recommendations. Again it was agreed that the BAP should add some notes around the process and number of candidates.

High Performance

An update was provided on the work by the Selections Panel. It was noted that there was now a selection criteria for the Rio Olympics Long List and the background to this was discussed by the Board. It had been noted that the NZOC and ANZ documents did not align in regards to the long list standards and that this needed clarification. This has since been updated on the website as at 3 July 2015.

Regulation Changes

After the 50-day consultation phase, the Rules Committee have made a recommendation that the amendments to Regulation C3.4 be adopted by the Board. These changes relate to the appointment of officials to National Championships and also to align the description of start officials to the current IAAF rule. The regulation change was approved.

Records Noted by the Board

New Zealand records recorded since the last meeting

- NZ Men Allcomers: Shot Put – 21.03m – Ryan Whiting, USA – 25 February 2015, Christchurch
- NZ Men Allcomers: Shot Put – 21.27m – Ryan Whiting, USA – 26 February 2015, Waitakere
- NZ Women U17 National: Triple Jump – 12.32m – Atipa Mabonga, Southland – 13 March 2015, Sydney Australia
- NZ Women U18 National: 4 x 100m Relay – 46.32s – Symone Tafuna’i, Brooke Somerfield, Lucy Sheat, Georgia Hulls – 13 May 2015, Sydney Australia
- NZ Men National: 400m Hurdles – 49.72s – Cameron French, Waikato BOP – 14 March 2015, Sydney Australia
- NZ Women U20 National: 3,000m Steeplechase – 9:41.42 – Rosa Flanagan, Canterbury – 21 March 2015, Melbourne Australia
- NZ Men National: Shot Put – 21.37m – Tomas Walsh, Canterbury – 21 March 2015, Melbourne Australia
- NZ Women National: Javelin Throw – 55.14m – Tori Peeters, Otago – 21 March 2015, Melbourne Australia
- NZ Women U18 National: Heptathlon – 5163pts – Phoebe Edwards, Wellington – 27 March 2015, Brisbane Australia
- NZ Men National: 110m Hurdles – 13.69s – Joshua Hawkins, Auckland – 29 March 2015, Brisbane Australia

Regards

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