



## **Board Update March 2016**

The Board met on Friday 4 March in Dunedin ahead of the National Track and Field Championships.

### **Health and Safety**

Now a regular feature of the Board meeting, an update was provided on the Health and Safety Project and the Health and Safety Coordinators report was presented.

The Board endorsed the amendments to the Board Policies to include health and safety governance.

### **Finance and Membership**

The financial statements were reviewed and the forecast is still a considerable deficit. All efforts continue to be made to reduce this figure where possible.

The 2016/17 budget was approved. It was noted that any expenditure related to the Event Strategy recommendations had not been included in this current budget and would be considered a new expense if the Board accepted any of the recommendations.

### Membership Levy

The membership levy was the main focus of the meeting and the Board was involved in lengthy discussion on this matter. The feedback that had been received via emails to the CE or Board Chair had been previously circulated and the verbal feedback from the road shows to date were highlighted.

Whilst the Board would have wished to allow more time for the membership fee to bed in, the overriding factor was the need to ensure the organisations financial sustainability. A second year of reduced revenue would only further impact delivery levels as the only way to reduce expenditure further would be through reduction in staffing. This could also lead to reduced investment if we were unable to deliver on projects.

It was agreed that there would be no change for 0-6 age group, that 7-14 and social members would move to \$30 and 15+ would move to \$60. It was also agreed that during the remaining road show presentations we would canvass if there is a real need to introduce the social 7-14 category, as recommended by the NZ Children's Athletics Association.

Mandatory online registration was not discussed as it had been previously highlighted that the sport had no appetite to introduce this at this stage. The appointment of Kerrie Mott as the Membership and Club Co-ordinator means that we could take a more proactive approach over the coming 12 months to ensure that clubs and centres were well supported in using the system. This position is being fully funded thanks to the NZ Community Trust.

### **Strategic Matters**

Event Strategy Feasibility - The draft recommendations were provided for the Board's information and the working group will be asking for further detail on the proposals. A further update will be provided at the next meeting.

Strategic Plan Review - Sport NZ has confirmed some funding for the development of a Strategic Plan. It has been suggested that canvassing and involvement of membership could be completed by way of a session during the Club Connect Conference.

### **Records Noted by the Board**

There were no records for noting at this meeting.

Regards

Annette Purvis, Board Chair