



## **Board Update – May 2014**

Since my last update the Board has met several times. These have included a short meeting at the National Track and Field Championships, a full meeting on Friday 4 April 2014 and CE selection meeting. It is anticipated that the Board will meet more regularly until our new CE Linda starts.

### **CE Recruitment**

This week saw the announcement of Linda Hamersley as our new Chief Executive. The decision to appoint Linda was supported by the whole board. Linda's previous experience as a successful CE for 5 years has seen her deal with many issues and opportunities similar to Athletics. Her experience in working across sports demonstrates her adaptability, passion for sport and ability to bring a wider view. Linda's recent senior role with NZOC has provided insight to the New Zealand sporting sector and established relationships within the HP environment. The board was impressed with Linda's leadership skills and strong desire to work with and get the best out of people. We look forward to welcoming her on the 23 June.

### **Organisation Development Review**

The Board met with Peter Dale from Peter Dale Management Services whilst at Nationals. Peter conducted our Organisational Review last year along side Sport New Zealand's Karen Good. Having been in the position of reviewing a large number of NZ's sporting organisations, Peter's insight and feedback on his recommendations for improved organisational performance were invaluable.

### **Finances**

End of year finances were not complete as at our meeting on 4 April 2014. The projected position is still a deficit. The Board agreed that the Risk and Audit committee should meet the auditors as part of their Committee work plan. The 2014 year is looking to start on a more positive note with the Rotorua Marathon having over 9000 entries. Capability investment has been received from Sport NZ to assist with CE recruitment costs and some business plan initiatives.

### **Association Levy**

Scott Newman is continuing to develop this work on a project basis. A draft presentation and suggested consultation rollout and timeframe are being developed.

### **Business planning**

The Board provided guidance on the priorities for the 2014/2015 business plan.

### **AGM**

The board has only one suggested remit at this time and that is an alteration to the proxy timeline. It is suggested that the deadline for proxies be 48 hours prior to the AGM rather than 1 hour as it currently stands.

### **High Performance**

High Performance Director Scott Goodman and Convenor of Selectors Graham Seatter provided a paper to the Board asking the Board to consider extending the selection period for World Junior Championships. This change was requested under clause 8.5 of the 2014 IAAF World Junior Championship Selection Policy.

The Board was happy to extend the date to allow more athletes the opportunity to qualify. Details of the extension were released by the High Performance team.

The Board is also due to review it's High Performance Philosophy. This will be timetabled for a future board meeting date and will also include an update from the HP team on the overall HP plan.

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