

Board Update May 2015

The board met on the 17th April and then had a conference call on the 30 April. There has been a change to the Board with the resignation of Trevor Spittle at the end of the 17th April meeting. Trevor has taken up a role as a fixed term employee covering Amy McClintock's parental leave. As an employee Trevor cannot hold a position on the board and with his term finishing at this AGM Trevor chose to actively assist development in his area of passion – officiating. Trevor has been a member of the board since 2005 and the board acknowledged his contribution at the end of the meeting.

Board Appointments Panel (BAP)

Unfortunately Club Appointee Dave Norris is unavailable to undertake the BAP work for this year's AGM. Under the constitution this meant that a SGM was required to appoint a further Club representative. An SGM would make the work of the BAP logistically challenging and put the organisation and sport to some additional cost. Dave had suggested that John Tylden President and chosen by the sport to represent them on the board would be a suitable member representative in his place. The board agreed that this was a pragmatic solution to ensure club representation on the panel. The AGM will be asked to ratify this decision. Additionally it was agreed that the constitution required updating to provide a solution that was pragmatic and better protected the member's representation on the panel. Roger Carruthers was selected as the board representative on the panel, a position he held last year. A number of names were put forward as having suitable qualifications as the independent member and they were to be contacted to check their availability.

Finance and Risk

Whilst the meeting was just a few weeks into the new financial year, the board was presented the draft financial report for the year end. A deficit of \$7k had been budgeted but a surplus will be posted as a result of the 2014 50th Anniversary Rotorua marathon result and Get Set Go performance.

Coaching

With Trevor fulfilling the part-time officials co-ordinator position, we have a 3 day per week coaching role to fill during Amy's parental leave. Sport NZ have indicated that they will fund the dollar gap to allow a full-time role for the term of the parental leave contract.

Strategic Matters

The board has asked Maria Clarke lawyers to review our constitution to understand what improvements are required to allow the board to adopt policies such as new WADA rules, NZOC Integrity Regulations, Sport NZ Anti-Match-Fixing policy, etc under the current constitution. The constitution, with amendments as recommended by Maria Clarke was tabled for discussion. A large range of changes was suggested, however the board felt it important to limit change to that necessary only whilst utilising Maria's expertise on NSO and IAAF Constitutional work.

New Work Place Safety Legislation- Discussion was held on the pending legislation and a number of the board had recently attended information sessions on the new legislation. The question of the ANZ Board's jurisdiction limits was discussed, including delineation between ANZ events, competitions and programmes with Clubs and Centre activities needing clarification. Further legal advice may be required on these points.

The CE will work through the Audit and Risk Committee to set up a plan for compliance for the whole of sport. It was further agreed that we need to lead and assist our members through the changes and act as an information conduit.

Governance

The Board Works governance benchmarking exercise that ANZ had participated in was reviewed. We were one of 24 sports that had a similar review completed 10 years ago.

The review findings overall were positive, noting some very good processes are in place. There were a number of recommendations for further improved performance that the Board considered. A number of action points were agreed to supplement the boards ongoing governance improvement work.

Records Noted by the Board

New Zealand records recorded since the last meeting

NZ Women U17 National: Triple Jump – 12.21m – Atipa Mabonga – Southland, 6 December 2014, Wanganui

Women U20 & U19 National: 3000m Steeplechase - 9:50.67 - Rosa Flanagan – Canterbury, 24 January 2015, Timaru NZ

Women National: 20km Race Walk - 1:35.07 – Alana Barber – Auckland, New Zealand, 24 January 2015, Adelaide, AUS

NZ Men’s National: 15km Road - 42:17+ - Zane Robertson – New Zealand, 1 February 2015, Kagawa JPN

NZ Mens National: 20km Road - 56:40+ - Zane Robertson – New Zealand, 1 February 2015, Kagawa JPN

NZ Mens National Indoor: Mile - 3:51.46 - Nicholas Willis – New Zealand, 14 February 2015,

New York, USA

NZ Women U17 National: 2000m Steeplechase – 6m 52.72s – Kelsey Forman – Wellington, 8 March 2015, Wellington

Women U20 National: 1500m – 4m 14.19s - Rosa Flanagan – Canterbury, 8 March 2015, Wellington

NZ Mens U19 National: 110m Hurdles – 13.92s – James Sandilands – Canterbury, 13 March 2015, Wellington

Regards

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