



Board Update September 2015

The Board has met three times since the AGM. The first being a brief meeting the day after the AGM followed by a full meeting in Christchurch on 7 August and by phone on 11 September. The Board welcomed Dean McKenzie in his first term and incoming President Henry Tudor. The Board reflected that Dean, Nicki Sutherland and Roger Carruthers hail from Southland so with Henry we have a strong Southern tilt!

Board Positions and Committees

Annette Purvis and Cameron Taylor were reelected to the roles of Chair and Deputy Chair. The Awards, Rules and Technical committees were returned unchanged. The Board acknowledged the work that these committees undertake on behalf of our members.

Finance

The financial statements as at 31 July 2015 reflect that the organisation is behind budget. Membership levies are the main areas of concern and a review of the budget and its forecast of the new membership fees is underway. With the new Commercial Manager not due to start until 28 September there has been limited activity around sponsorship income. However the Rotorua Marathon has performed ahead of budget which is pleasing. The Board noted that the 2016 event may be affected by a new Hawkes Bay event.

Strategic Matters

World Juniors

The feasibility study has been received. A decision on our ability to bid for the 2018 World Juniors will be made based on this report. The event would be reliant on MBIE and ATEED funding.

Sport NZ Anti- Match Fixing Policy

The board has agreed to adopt this policy in principle and will continue to work on a whistle blower policy before the policy will be released to the sport. The CE is appointed as the Integrity Officer and will consider appropriate people for the role of Integrity Review Officer and Tribunal roles.

Event Feasibility Study

A scope of work has been developed for an event feasibility study that will encompass current key Athletics NZ events and future opportunities. Two contractors are being considered to undertake this.

Associate Membership

The constitution requires that there are written agreements with Associate Members and this has not been undertaken since the Constitutional change in 2010. With the change in membership fee collection the timing is right to work with Centres around what these agreements should look like and how this may shape or provide clarity to their important role. The planned Road shows will be a good opportunity to start this work with Centres.

NZ Race Walking has requested Associate Membership and whilst the Board endorsed the request in principle it will not be formally approved until the current Associate Membership agreements are worked through.

The work with NZ Masters on a memorandum of understanding is continuing.

Regulations – Legal and Disciplinary Framework.

An update of work in progress and the draft framework from Maria Clarke lawyers was provided to the Board.

High Performance

The Board noted the strong performances at the World Championships which were largely in line with HP Sport NZ targets. A number of NZ records were set by athletes at the Championship along with several personal bests.

Our annual review with HP Sport NZ takes place in early November and this will be the focus for the HP Director over the coming weeks.

It was pleasing to note that a number of athletes have received Sport NZ Emerging Talent Grants.

Regulation Changes

After the 50-day consultation phase, the Rules Committee recommended the following Rule changes which were adopted by the Board:

- Amendments to Supplementary Competition Rule S260.9.
- Amendments to Regulation C3.1 Rule S230 to add Race Walking Pit Lane's.

General Matters

World Mountain Running Association (WMRA) - The board endorsed a nomination letter for Jonathon Wyatt for the position of Secretary of the WMRA at its upcoming elections.

The Chair provided an update on the IAAF Congress. Whilst we were not successful in direct elections to council and committees, Annette Purvis was returned as the Oceania representative to the Womens Committee.

It was also great to see Seb Coe elected as IAAF President. Seb has expressed his thanks for our public endorsement of him as a candidate.

Records Noted by the Board

NZ Men National: 1500m – 3:29.66 – Nicholas Willis, Lower Hutt – 17 July 2015, Monaco

Regards

Annette Purvis

Board Chair