



**Athletics NSW Ltd
2016 Annual General Meeting**

***Minutes of the twentieth Annual General Meeting of Athletics NSW
Limited held on August 31, 2016 in the "Grand Prix" Room at Sydney Olympic Park
Athletics Centre.***

CHAIRMAN: Sean Scanlon opened the meeting at 7:37pm and welcomed the gathering and confirmed a quorum (26 clubs) present.

ATTENDANCE

Delegates: *Tim Jessup (ANL), John Murray (ASW), Wayne Crandell (ASW), Michael Doggett (ASW), Andrew Watson (BLM), Michael O'Mara (BAN), Youcef Abdi (BAN), Lindsay Watson (BAN), Dave Archbold (BLA), Richard Kolodziej (BAN), Brooke Collins (HIL), Jonathan Eagleton (HIL), Ron White (HIL), Janet Munro (IBS), John Munro (IBS), Graham Kearns (ILL), Ian Lister (ILL), Hans Tiller (MAC), Margaret Beardslee (MIN), Paul Buckley (NEV), Rod Gibb (NOW), Jan Gibb (NOW), Audrey Thomson (NMA), Jim Dawes (RBH) Simon Bergfield (RYD), Andrew Atkinson-Howatt (RYD), David Beck (SGD), Colin Wilson (SGD), Terry Ross (SGD), Robert McEntyre (SYP), Carol Hall (SYP), Jo Cowan (SSR), Brian White (SYU), Andrew Heil (SYU), Dean Gleeson (SYU), Paul Stenhouse (TGS), Sally Richardson (UTN), Andy West (UTN), Peter Douglas (UTN), Ross Douglas (UTN), Lindsey Watson (TSC), Bob Ryan (WAL), Peter Herd (WAL), Angela Haynes (WOD), Neil Hinton (WYO)*

Directors: *Chairman Sean Scanlon (WAL), Peter Higgins (UTN), Brian White (SYU), Angela Haynes (WOR), Andrew Watson (BAL)*

Visitors: *Ron Richter (CBT), Jeanette Richter (CBT), Heather Mitchell (SUT), Nick Bromley (SYU), Peter Bromley (AA), Sean Scanlon (WAL), Cathy Gardiner (ASW)*

Apologies: *David Higgins (KEJ), Neil Barnett (KEJ), Matthew Whitbread (BAN), Stuart Paterson (UTN), Jean Harmey (ANSW), Gordon Windeyer (SYU)*

Returning Officer: Heather Mitchell (SUT).

OBITUARIES:

Elvina Brodie

A moment's silence was held.

AWARDS

Margaret Beardslee – Award of Australia OAM

Margaret Beardslee – Life Member Award

Hills District Athletics Club – Community Service in Athletics

Tony Okulicz – Life Member Award

MINUTES of the 2015 AGM:

The minutes of the 2015 Annual General Meeting were made available to all attendees.

Concerns Raised

- Janet Munro and John Munro were not on the Delegates List however attended the 2015 AGM.
- Terry Ross and Peter Hutton were listed as Delegates from St George District Athletics Club however they were Delegates for Sutherland District Athletics Club.

Sean Scanlon moved to have the minutes amended. Wayne Crandell accepted the changes and Michael O'mara second that the minutes of the 2015 Annual General Meeting be accepted. The vote was confirmed by a show of hands.

The amended changes to the minutes were accepted as a true and accurate account of the meeting.

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT:

Sean Scanlon, Chairman, summarised the 2015-2016 season. He brought attention to the success Athletics NSW athletes had achieved throughout the season. A special mention given to the 12 Athletics NSW Athletes who represented Australia at the 2016 Rio Olympics, and the 18 Athletics NSW Athletes who represented Australia at the World Junior Championships. The 2015-16 season also saw New South Wales host the National Championships here at Sydney Olympic Park, which was a great achievement for Athletics NSW.

Sean acknowledged the input ANSW's new CEO Duncan Tweed has had on the organisation since his commencement in October 2015 as well as changes to ANSW staff which has continued to strengthen the team.

Sean drew attention to the recently completed report performed by McLaughlins Sports Consultancy in regards to the working relationship between Athletics NSW and Little Athletics NSW. Recommendations which emerged from this report were as followed:

- Review the Government Structure and Activities of Little Athletics NSW
- Review the Operations of both bodies
- Provide an assessment of future organisational requirements
- Make recommendations as to the future requirements of both organisations to achieve their potential
- Make recommendations as to changes required to the operation of both bodies
- Provide a roadmap for change with timeframes
- Both bodies continue to embrace the OneSport philosophy

These recommendations reinforced the work already undertaken by the Joint Working Party. Both organisations endorse all recommendations of the report in

principle and both boards are united in wanted to head in the direction of the recommendations made.

Sean noted Athletics NSW's close working relationship with Athletics Australia. Specific mention was given to Mark Abib who has taken over as the President of the Athletics Australia Board.

Sean thanked the continual support provided by our numerous sponsors, with a special mention to:

- Sydney Olympic Park Authority
- Greater Bank
- Accor Hotels
- 2XU
- Kings Sport Store
- H Events
- NSR Australia

Lastly, Sean acknowledged Duncan; the ANSW CEO, and the ANSW staff for their dedication, the ANSW Officials for their tireless effort and application to the sport, and lastly his fellow ANSW Board Members.

ANNUAL REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS 2015-2016

Andrew Watson, board member and member of the Finance and Audit Committee, was introduced in order to deliver the 2015-2016 Financial Report.

Andrew stated that the reports were prepared in concordance with Australian standards and audited independently. He highlighted the healthy overall profit for the year as well as Athletics NSW returning to surplce.

Andrew drew attention to the outcomes which emerged from the 2015/16 audit of Athletics NSW, which was performed by (BFK). The most visible outcome which emerged was a \$98,000 profit for the organisation. This was essentially a result of multiple factors, including:

- Increased registration and membership numbers
- Increased coaching revenue (approximately \$40,000)
- Strong attendance at the Treloar Shield and School Carnivals
- The departure of Grey Meagher (ANSW's former CEO)

Andrew acknowledged multiple investments Athletics NSW had made throughout the 2015-16 financial year. The most significant of these including:

- Tableau – a data analytics software used for communication purposes
- Resources – such as sporting equipment
- New roles within the Athletics NSW Office

No questions or comments were received from the floor.

Sean asked that the Annual Report and Financial Statements be received by the quorum. A show of hands confirmed the acceptance.

In accordance with the Athletics NSW Constitution, Sean moved to have (BFK) Auditors approved for the following financial year at a fee of (up to) \$10,000. This was second by the quorum, approving the (BFK) Auditors.

Sean stepped down as 'Chair of the Meeting' and handed over to Andrew Watson for the Election of Directors.

CANDIDATES' SPEECHES

Candidates for election were given two minutes each to discuss their contribution to Athletics and their reasoning behind running for Board.

There were four (4) directors to be elected from the following five (5) nominations:

- Sean Scanlon*
- Peter Higgins*
- Angela Haynes*
- Brian White*
- Nick Bromley

* Currently a member of the Board

CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER:

Duncan Tweed (CEO) commented on his 10 months so far as the Athletics NSW CEO. Duncan drew attention to the newly created and produced Athletics NSW Ad which communicates the message of 'Athletics – You're Already Doing It'. Duncan commented on the elite stigma which has for so long surrounded Athletics. This promotional piece is effectively being used to counteract this stigma and communicate to individuals that Athletics is for everyone, not just those dreaming of elite status.

Duncan touched on the three structural and strategic areas which were given to him by the board when he commenced his role at Athletics NSW as the CEO. The first of which being the 'One Sport Philosophy', specifically drawing attention to the 'Joint Working Party' and the 'McLaughlins Sports Consultancy' Report. Duncan acknowledged the significant decrease in Stand Alone Clubs (*clubs with only a senior component*), and accredited the 'Joint Working Party' for their dedication and commitment in achieving this result so far. Duncan also commented on the significant decision by the ANSW Board to provide all Little Athletics dual eligible athletes with complimentary 'Dual Athlete Memberships' for the 2016/17 season. This is a great

step forward for both organisations and will continue to serve as a vital element in the OneSport Philosophy.

Secondly, Duncan acknowledged the significant changes in the delivery of Coaching Accreditations within New South Wales. In 2015, there were three (3) organisations throughout New South Wales providing Athletics and Recreational Running Coaching Accreditations. These were; Sports Education and Leadership Services, Australian Track and Field Coaches Association and Athletics NSW. Now, just one (1) year later, Athletics NSW is the sole provider of Athletics and Recreational Running Coaching Accreditations within NSW. This is a major achievement for the organisation, not only from a monetary standpoint but also from a structural standpoint.

Lastly, Duncan announced that the new Officials Co-ordinator Role will commence on Monday the 5th of September. This is a joint role between Athletics NSW and Little Athletics NSW, however it will be located within the Athletics NSW Office. This role is a component of the One Sport Philosophy, guided by the 'Joint Working Party.'

The CEO thanked the board and the staff for their commitment to the organisation in the 2013-14 season.

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Andrew congratulated Peter, Angela and Brian on their re-appointment to the board and also congratulated Nick on his appointment to the Board.

CLOSING COMMENTS

Sean Scanlon declared the meeting closed at 8.36pm.