

Mid South Coast Zone LAANSW
Minutes of Annual General Meeting held at McDonald's
South Nowra on Wednesday June 1st, 2005 at 7.30pm

Meeting opened: 7.10pm

Peter welcomed everyone to the meeting

1. Attendance

Peter Cotter (Zone Co-ordinator), Bruce Smith (Zone Treasurer),
Stacey Scott (Zone Secretary)

Centre Delegates:	Albion Park	- Debbie Kelly
	Kiama	- Janet Poppett, Craig Scott
	Lake Illawarra	- Howard McGarry (LM), Nicole Booth
	Milton Ulladulla	- Jane Smith
	Shoalhaven	- Rob Russell, Geoff Crook
	St Georges Basin	- Paul Joines, Jackie DeVries

Observers : Stephen Cooke

2. Apologies

Carol McGarry (LM), Di Austin (MU)

3. Minutes of previous meeting

Motion Moved Paul Joines (SGB) seconded Howard McGarry (LI) "that the minutes of the previous meeting held Wednesday, 5th May 2004 were a true and accurate record."

CARRIED

4. Business Arising

After the last AGM it was discovered that Jan Cotter's Life Membership nomination did not meet all the necessary criteria. This nomination now meets all the relevant criteria and was endorsed.

5. Correspondence

5.1 Incoming

Email - Heather Jiminez

Letter - H McGarry

5.2 Outgoing

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6. Reports

6.1 Treasurer

Bruce Smith (Zone Treasurer) distributed a statement of income and expenditure for the period ended April 30th, 2005, showing an overall income of \$3,716.87 and a total expenditure of \$2,695.87 with a closing balance of \$1,485.46.

Motion Moved Bruce Smith (Zone Treasurer) seconded Howard McGarry (LI) "that the Treasurer's report be accepted."

CARRIED

6.2 Zone Co-ordinator

The Zone should be proud of its achievements over the past twelve months. For me, the highlight being, our Zone's involvement in the State Relays. At least two centres were able to participate in this event that would normally not be able to and two other centres were also involved that probably wouldn't have been. While there were some headaches organizing the teams it was worth it in the long run. It is my belief that this is the first time Zone teams have been entered. Well done Mid South Coast.

Congratulations to all centres represented and to those teams who brought back medals.

The Grand Prix series was once again a success. Thank you to the four centres who hosted a carnival and congratulations to Shoalhaven for successfully defending their title. I have been scoring this event since its inception some 11 years ago and by far this year has been the easiest. This is due to the program developed by Craig Scott. Thanks Craig.

Despite the rain the Zone Championships were a great success. Many thanks go to the Kiama Centre and their organizing committee for the wonderful job they did this year. The weekend ran smoothly, though not without some minor concerns. Thank you to those centres that helped out Kiama with the lending of equipment. The experienced gained and the money made will not only help Kiama but also develop strength across the Zone.

Congratulations to Albion Park for winning the Dean Blair trophy and to Kiama for taking the Bill Young trophy.

Up until this year St Georges Basin were the only coastal centre to have their name on the Regional March Past trophy. In that same year they won the Zone March Past and were runners-up at State. This achievement has now been eclipsed. Well done to Kiama for winning the trifecta - Zone, Region and State March Past.

Three athletes from the Zone were selected in the State team to compete in the National Championships in Tasmania - 2 from Lake Illawarra and 1 from St Georges Basin. I was fortunate to make the trip to watch the competition. NSW dominated all day and won both the overall points score and the handicap score. National medals made their way back to the coast. A great effort.

My thanks to all centres for your help at the Regional and State carnivals. All centres carried out their duties. No one was called for over the PA which is always a good thing. As I am on the field working myself it is a relief to know that we are pulling our weight and doing our duties.

I would now like to address a couple of concerns. Firstly, there is enough experience at the executive level of each centre to be able to get Zone entries correct. If you take on that responsibility then also take the responsibility if it is wrong. I can only accept what is entered on the OFFICIAL form. If centre officials get it wrong then that's where the buck stops. Not with me. Each year I have the zone entries checked by someone else. I strongly suggest that centres do the same before sending in entries. **There will be no changes after the closing date.** Centres are given plenty of time to get their entries

correct, in on time and in the correct format. Centres who do not comply with established procedures for entry will find themselves sitting on the side line.

My other concern is the decline in the number of parents training to become officials. If this is not turned around in the near future it is going to become very difficult to have experienced people at either a centre level or Zone level. Please help out in this matter by planning for official seminars next season. One suggestion might be for Zone to host two seminars - one for the northern centres and one for the southern centres at central venues.

As a Zone we have worked through, though painfully slow at times, some major decisions. I encourage everyone to be involved in the decision making process. Have your say. Let others have their say. Have your vote. Then, win or lose, move on. In our decision making I believe we are obliged to put our athletes first.

I would like to thank Stacey Scott, the Zone Secretary and Bruce Smith, the Zone Treasurer, for their support and dedication to their jobs. They have carried out their portfolios diligently and I thank them for that.

Thank you to all delegates for your support over the past 12 months. I look forward to working with you over the coming season. I also look forward to working with the Regional Championships committee to organize the event to the best of our abilities.

Thank you once again.

7. **General Business**

7.1 Zone Championships - Date

The date for 2005-2006 Zone Championships will be 28th & 29th January 2006. The venue will be Shoalhaven.

7.2 Closing Date for Zone Championships

Closing date for Zone Entries will be on midnight Saturday, 31st December 2005. Entries will only be accepted by mail, email or fax. Entries must be sent to Peter on the **Bob Wardle System** or on the **Official Zone Entry form**. **NO OTHER FORMS WILL BE ACCEPTED.**

7.3 Zone Championships - Entries

A request came from the Lake Illawarra Centre asking if Zone Entry forms can be sent out earlier.

Stacey to include Entry Forms and Events in July's minutes.

7.4 Grand Prix

Motion Moved Craig Scott (K) seconded Rob Russell (S) that the Grand Prix still be conducted next season.

CARRIED

7.5 Administration Levy

Motion Moved Bruce Smith seconded Geoff Crook (S) "that the Zone Administration Levy stay at \$2.00/athlete based on April 2005 Board of Management Minutes.

CARRIED

7.6 Life Membership

Nomination dealt with in Business Arising.

7.7 Conference - Motions

Nil.

7.7 Elections of Office bearers

Peter declared all positions vacant and stood down as chairperson.

Stacey Scott (K) took the seat as chairperson.

There being only 1 nomination (Peter Cotter) for Zone Co-Ordinator. Peter accepted this position and resumed as chairperson.

Treasurer

Bruce Smith (S) was nominated by Janet Poppett (K) and seconded by Geoff Crook (S) for this position. Bruce accepted his nomination.

There being no further nominations Bruce Smith was declared Zone Treasurer for the next 12 months.

Secretary

Stacey Scott was nominated by Paul Joines (SGB) and seconded by Jane Smith (MU) for this position. Stacey accepted her nomination.

There being no further nominations Stacey Scott was declared Zone Secretary for the next 12 months.

There being no further general business, the Zone Co-ordinator closed the meeting at 8.20 pm.

Date: Chairperson