

Mid South Coast Zone LAANSW
Minutes of Annual General Meeting held at
Bomaderry RSL Club on Monday, May 5th, 2008 at 7.40pm

1. Attendance

Craig Scott (Zone Co-ordinator), Stephen Cooke (Zone Treasurer), Alison Cull (Zone Secretary)

Centre Delegates:

Albion Park - Alison Cull
Kiama - Janet Poppett (LM), Beth Moon
Lake Illawarra - Col Anderson
Milton Ulladulla -
Shoalhaven - Tony Hush
St Georges Basin -

Visitors: Gary Poppett (LM)

2. Apologies - Howard McGarry, Milea Woods, Paul Joines

3. Minutes of previous meeting

Motion Moved Tony Hush (Sh), seconded Janet Poppett (K) that the minutes of the previous Annual General Meeting held May 7th, 2007 were a true and accurate record.

CARRIED

4. Business Arising

Nil

5. Correspondence

Incoming –

Lake Illawarra Re Zone Co. Nomination (H McGarry)
Kiama Re Zone Co. Nomination (C Scott)
Lake Illawarra Re Withdrawal Of Zone Co. Nomination

Outgoing

LAANSW Minutes Of Previous AGM
All Centres Re Zone Co Nominations

6. Reports

6.1 Treasurer

Stephen Cooke (Zone Treasurer) distributed a statement of income and expenditure for the period ended 4/5/08, showing an overall income of \$3901.44 and a total expenditure of \$6726.28 with a closing balance of \$12503.45.

Motion: Moved Stephen Cooke (Zone Treasurer) seconded Alison Cull (AP) that the Treasurer's report be accepted.

CARRIED

6.2 Zone Co-ordinator

When I think back to the last AGM I can scarcely believe that I am delivering the Zone Co-ordinator's report for the 2007/2008 season. Since my appointment as interim Zone Co-ordinator in September 2007 I have been extremely busy. Combining the duties of Zone Co-ordinator with those of Centre President proved to be quite challenging. It made me realise how fortunate the Zone has been to have someone like Peter Cotter who managed to successfully fill both positions for so many years. I'd like to thank the Centres for unanimously supporting my appointment and having faith in my abilities. I trust that my performance lived up to your expectations.

The Grand Prix series proved to be a success and it was pleasing to see the expressions of surprise in so many athletes' faces during the presentation ceremony. I was, however, disappointed to see the number of age groups in which insufficient numbers of athletes qualified to fill the first three (3) places. An athlete must have competed in at least 50% of the Grand Prix events for their respective age group to qualify for an age champion trophy. My congratulations go to the Centres that held Carnivals and supported the Grand Prix.

I'd like to commend the St Georges Basin Centre for the manner in which they hosted the Zone Championships. The track was beautifully prepared and the Centre even managed to organise favourable weather for the weekend.

To those key Officials, Referees and Chiefs that officiated at the Zone Championships I would like to express my heart felt thanks. It was obvious to me that many of you thoroughly enjoyed the opportunity to contribute and the company of those around you. Unfortunately it is becoming increasingly obvious the Zone needs to bolster its pool of accredited Officials. To this end I strongly recommend that we organise several Officials courses early in the new season.

The Zone performed its duties admirably at both the Region 5 Championships and the State Championships. I was particularly proud of our contribution at Region. There were no fewer than thirteen (13) representatives of the Mid South Coast Zone involved in the running of this Carnival over the duration of the weekend. On behalf of the Region 5 Championships Co-ordinator, Mick Ryan, I thank you for your support.

I'd like to take this opportunity to congratulate Centre delegates for the manner in which you have conducted yourselves at Zone meetings. I believe that many of you enjoy attending these meetings, which pleases me greatly and augurs well for the solidarity of the Zone.

My sincere thanks go to Alison Cull and Stephen Cooke for their efforts as Zone Secretary and Zone Treasurer. Both performed commendably in their respective roles.

In closing I'd like to inform you that I did not nominate for the position of President of the Kiama Centre at the recent AGM. It is my intention, if elected, to concentrate my efforts on the role of Zone Co-ordinator over the next few years.

Finally it would be remiss of me not to mention my predecessor, Peter Cotter. Peter served as Zone Co-ordinator for six (6) years. He steered the Zone through some testing times and, in doing so worked hard to develop a supportive, cohesive and positive attitude within the Zone. Only now are we seeing the fruits of his labour. On behalf of the Zone, Centre delegates, Centres and athletes I thank Peter for his tireless efforts in support of Little Athletics and wish him well in future endeavours.

7. General Business

7.1 Zone Championships - Date

Motion: That we hold Zone Championships in early December preference for 2nd weekend in December, dates to be confirmed, dependent on clashes with other athletic championships.

Moved Stephen Cooke, Seconded Col Anderson

Carried unanimously

7.2 Zone Championships – Host

Offered to Albion Park to hold 2008/09 Zone Championships and accepted by Alison Cull (AP).

7.3 Closing Date Zone Championships

Closing date will be on midnight Friday two weeks prior to Zone (dates to be confirmed) Entries will only be accepted by mail, email, or fax. **Entries to be sent to Zone Coordinator on the Bob Wardle System or on the official Zone Entry Form. NO OTHER FORMS WILL BE ACCEPTED.**

All Centres using Bob Wardle System are requested to submit their entries via this method.

7.4 Zone Championship Entries

Secretary to include Zone Entry Forms as soon as date is confirmed. A copy will be forwarded to each centre and be available on the Zone website.

7.5 Admin Levy

Motion Moved Col Anderson (LI) seconded Janet Poppett (K) that the Zone Administration Levy to remain at \$2/athlete. Registration numbers to be obtained from the April Board of Management Minutes, 2008.

CARRIED

Payment due by November Zone Meeting

7.6 Grand Prix

Motion moved by Stephen Cooke seconded Janet Poppett (K) that U/17 not included in the Grand Prix Series but up to each individual centre to cater for older age group.

CARRIED

Motion moved by Beth Moon (K) seconded T Hush (SH) that the Grand Prix be conducted next season in the same format.

CARRIED

7.7 Zone Meeting

Motion moved by Alison Cull (AP) seconded C Anderson (LI) that the Zone meetings for the next 12 months be held at the Bomaderry RSL on the 4th Monday every second month.

CARRIED

7.8 Conference

Conference is at Tamworth 19-20 July.

If a centre is not attending Conference this year could they please apply to LAANSW for proxy votes and to give them to someone who is going. MAKE YOUR VOTE COUNT.

7.9 Paperwork

All centres are reminded that if they have not already done so then they need to send in their AGM report, Audited Financial Statements, unused Registration numbers to LAANSW.

Reminder that any changes to constitutions need to be forwarded to the Dept of Fair Trading.

7.10 Correspondence

All centres happy to receive via email. It is centres responsibility to distribute to members without email.

7.11 Officials Course

Proposed that two courses be conducted on 18 & 19 October 1 in north and 1 in south. Discussion to be held at next meeting. Kiama & Shoalhaven have already nominated to host these courses but if other centres wish to nominate please bring to next meeting.

7.12 Elections of Office Bearers

The Zone Co-ordinator declared the positions of Zone Co-ordinator, Zone Treasurer and Zone Secretary vacant so that elections could be held.

Motion Moved Tony Hush (Sh) seconded Beth Moon (K) that Gary Poppett be appointed Returning Officer.

CARRIED

Zone Co-ordinator

Secret ballot held. Craig Scott be appointed Zone Co-ordinator for the next two years.

Treasurer

Stephen Cooke nominated by Alison Cull (AP) seconded Beth Moon (K) for this position. Stephen accepted the nomination

CARRIED

Secretary

Alison Cull nominated by Janet Poppett (K) seconded Stephen Cooke (SH) for this position. Alison accepted the nomination

CARRIED

Motion moved Tony Hush (SH) seconded Alison Cull (AP) that ballot papers be destroyed.

CARRIED

Next meeting Monday 23rd June 2008 at Bomaderry RSL at 7.30pm.

There being no further general business, the Zone Co-ordinator closed the meeting at 9.30pm.

Date: _____

Chairperson: _____