



Mid South Coast Zone

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Annual General Meeting

Date: Monday 24th May 2010

Venue: Bomaderry RSL Club

Present: Zone Co-ordinator: Craig Scott
Zone Treasurer: Stephen Cooke
Zone Secretary: (Position Vacant)

Centre Delegates

Albion Park: Brett White, Graham Nash
Kiama: Janet Poppett, Michael Waldie
Lake Illawarra: Col Anderson, Howard McGarry
Milton Ulladulla:
Shoalhaven: Tony Hush
St Georges Basin: Paul Joines

Apologies: Nil

Meeting opened at 7:30 pm

Previous Minutes

Moved Craig Scott (ZC), seconded Brett White (AP), "that the minutes of the Annual General Meeting held 25th May 2009 were a true and accurate record." Carried.

Business Arising

Nil

Correspondence In:

Email Lake Re AGM

Correspondence Out:

All Centres Minutes Of Previous AGM
LAANSW Minutes Of Previous AGM
All Centres Re Zone Co. Nomination Criteria
All Centres Re Zone Co. Nominations Received
LAANSW Re Zone Co. Nominations Received
All Centres Re AGM Agenda
Email Lake Re AGM

Reports

1. Zone Coordinator

As another season draws to a close I am, once again, justifiably proud of the manner in which the Centres of the Mid South Coast Zone have conducted themselves. The continued support and co-operation between Centres was

exceptional and I congratulate all concerned.

In October Officials Courses were conducted at the St Georges Basin and Albion Park Centres. A total of fourteen (14) attendees successfully completed thirty four (34) C Grade exams. As a consequence of these courses the Zone has gained five (5) new C Grade Officials who between them are accredited in Discus, High Jump, Javelin, Long Jump, Place Judging, Race Walking, Timekeeping, Triple Jump and Starting.

Unfortunately the Grand Prix series came to a soggy conclusion when the Shoalhaven Centre was forced to cancel their Gala Day due to inclement weather. Consequently the Grand Prix only included the Albion Park, St Georges Basin and Lake Illawarra Carnivals this season. Approximately 250 athletes from the six (6) Centres within the Zone contested events in the Grand Prix. Trophies for the various Age Group winners were forwarded to Centres for distribution. I congratulate those Centres that held Carnivals and supported the Grand Prix for a job well done. Once again congratulations go to Albion Park as the winning Centre.

My sincere thanks go to the Shoalhaven Centre for hosting the Zone Championships. For once Mother Nature was kind to us and we were blessed with two (2) days of brilliant sunshine and a refreshing North Easterly breeze. The track was in good condition, considering the lack of recent rainfall, and we enjoyed an excellent weekend of competition. The Referees, Chiefs and key Officials that assisted at the Zone Championships deserve high praise for a job well done and I thank them for their support. I am, however, still of the opinion that the Zone needs to bolster its pool of accredited Officials and I recommend that we organise several Officials courses early in the new season.

At both the Region 5 Championships and the State Championships our Zone performed wonderfully. Athletes, Officials and parent helpers are all to be commended. Yet again I am particularly proud of our contribution at Region. The Mid South Coast Zone had six (6) Officials working in full time positions. Combining these people with our requirement to provide Timekeepers, Place Judges, Walk Judges, Triple Jump and Javelin support meant that the Zone had in the order of seventeen (17) Officials working at any given time.

My congratulations go to the Shoalhaven Centre for the manner in which they successfully hosted the recent State Multi-Event. After the disappointment of their Gala Day cancellation they even managed to thwart the rain that was forecast for the entire weekend. The Centre worked tirelessly to prepare and deliver an excellent weekend. This was a huge carnival that required an enormous effort. Well done Shoalhaven!

Centre delegates are to be congratulated for the professional manner in which you have conducted yourselves at Zone meetings. It's a pleasure to work with you all. I'm sure that many of you enjoy attending these meetings. I've said it before and I'll say it again. This, I believe, is a true indicator of the camaraderie within the Zone.

My sincerest thanks go to Alison Cull and Stephen Cooke for their continued efforts as Zone Secretary and Zone Treasurer respectively. Sadly Alison left us in January

when her family relocated to Darwin. I'm happy to report that this move has proven to be a positive for the Cull's and the family is enjoying life up North. Stephen has informed me that he will not be standing for the position of Zone Treasurer this year. I'd like to take this opportunity to publicly thank him for his many years of service, not only at Zone level, but with the Shoalhaven Centre as well. Without volunteers of your calibre Little Athletics would cease to exist. You will be sorely missed.

As the 2009/2010 season concludes we can all be justifiably proud of the contribution made by the Mid South Coast Zone.

2. Treasurer

For the 2009/2010 season the Mid South Coast Zone had income of \$2,337.00 and expenses of \$1,183.58 giving rise to a net profit of \$1,153.42.

The current bank balance is \$987.62 and the Term Deposit is \$10,500 plus around \$250.00 interest giving a total of \$11,737.62.

I had a look back and discovered the balance at the end of the 2005/2006 season, after the Region 5 Championships were run, was \$13,900.00. Therefore the Zone bank balance has dropped \$2,200.00 in four years.

We have since lost sponsorship of \$400.00 per season from Warilla Sports but BlueScope Steel has increased their sponsorship by \$100.00.

Over the past two seasons the balance in the account has reduced by around \$750.00 even allowing for the purchase of \$6,874.00 worth of medals last season.

I am of the opinion that the Zone fees again be held at \$1.00 per athlete as Zone will still show a profit based upon current expenses.

Next season I expect the Zone will purchase two years supply of medals for the 2011/2012 and 2012/2013 seasons. Next seasons medals are already in stock. The estimated price will be \$8,000.00. The Zone will then be left with around \$5,000.00 at the end of next season with no medals to be purchased in 2012/2013 season. The only other cost that may come around over the next season or two will be Zone medal ribbons but they are not a large expense.

In February 2012 the Mid South Coast Zone will host the Region 5 Championships. If this Carnival is run as a Zone effort the Zone bank account will be topped up to the tune of \$12,000.00 or more making the balance at the end of that season around \$18,000.00. This is enough to last the Zone until the 2018 season even with the purchase of new equipment such as Discus, Shots and Tapes.

Congratulations to Craig over the past few years in his position of Zone Coordinator. He really has made a difference and has allowed all clubs freedom of speech. It is great for the Zone that he has nominated for re-election.

I have enjoyed my time as Zone Treasurer and wish the Zone and the sport of Little Athletics every success. In closing I would like to inform those present that I would like to continue to assist at the Zone Championships.

Moved Howard McGarry (LI), seconded Paul Joines (SGB) "that the Term Deposit be reinvested when it matures in early June." Carried.

Moved Stephen Cooke (ZT), seconded Howard McGarry (LI) "that the Treasurer's Report be accepted." Carried.

Election Of Office Bearers

The Zone Coordinator declared the positions of Zone Coordinator, Zone Secretary and Zone Treasurer vacant. Janet Poppet (K) was appointed Returning Officer.

1. Zone Coordinator

One nomination had been received for the position of Zone Coordinator.

Craig Scott (Nominated by the Kiama Centre)

Ballot papers, listing the name of nominee, were distributed to Centre delegates and a secret ballot was held.

The result was: For 5 Against 0 Abstained 0

Craig Scott was declared the elected Zone Coordinator of the Mid South Zone and shall hold this position for a period of two years.

The name of the Zone Co-ordinator must be notified, in writing, to the LAANSW Board of Management via the Chief Executive Officer prior to the Association's Annual General Meeting.

2. Zone Secretary

No nominations were received for the position of Zone Secretary.

Centre delegates were asked to return to their respective Centres and inform their members that this position is vacant.

Nominations for Zone Secretary will be taken at the next Zone meeting.

3. Zone Treasurer

Graham Nash (AP) Self nominated, seconded by Tony Hush (Sh). Carried.

Graham Nash was declared Zone Treasurer of the Mid South Zone and shall hold this position for a period of one year.

General Business

1. Zone Championships – Host Centre

The Kiama Centre was offered the right to host the 2010/2011 Zone Championships. Michael Waldie (K) accepted the nomination. The next Centre on the rotation is Lake Illawarra.

2. Zone Championships – Date

Michael Waldie (K) expressed a desire to hold the Zone Championships in early

December. Howard McGarry (LI) preferred late January due to a perceived drop off in competitors when Zone is held in December. Lively discussion on the pros and cons of both dates ensued.

Moved Michael Waldie (K), seconded Tony Hush (Sh) "that the Zone Championships be held on the 11th and 12th of December 2010." Carried (For 4 Against 1)

3. Zone Championships – Closing Date For Entries

Closing date for Zone entries will be midnight on Sunday 28th of November 2010. Entries will be accepted by mail, Email or fax. Entries are to be forwarded to the Zone Coordinator via the Bob Wardle LAANSW Centre System or on the official LAANSW Zone Championships entry form. No other form of entry will be accepted. Centres using the Bob Wardle System are requested to submit their entries via this method.

4. Zone Championships – Entry Form

A Zone Championships entry form has been designed to assist Centres with the collection of entries. This form is for Centre use only. The Zone Coordinator will not accept entries submitted on this form. The form will be available from the Zone website after the LAANSW Conference in mid July.

5. Zone Administration Levy

Stephen Cooke (Sh) reiterated his belief that the levy should remain at \$1.00 per athlete. Col Anderson (LI) stated that the levy should not be scrapped completely. Lengthy discussion relating to the current and future financial position of the Zone followed.

Moved Stephen Cooke (Sh), seconded Col Anderson (LI) "that the Zone Administration Levy be set at \$1.00 per athlete registered in the 2009-2010 season." Carried

Registration numbers, obtained from the April 2010 Board Of management Minutes, are:

Albion Park	312
Kiama	235
Lake Illawarra	198
Milton Ulladulla	92
Shoalhaven	279
St Georges Basin	140

Payment is due by the October Zone meeting.

6. Grand Prix

The Grand Prix will be conducted in the 2010-2011 season under the same structure as last season. There will be no changes to Grand Prix events.

Grand Prix Trophies are traditionally presented to the winners (1st, 2nd, 3rd) at the conclusion of the Shoalhaven Gala Day. In recent times we have had insufficient athletes qualify for trophies to fill all three (3) places in many Age Groups. This has

resulted in the Zone purchasing numerous trophies, at significant cost, that are never issued.

The Zone Coordinator proposed the following:

Announcing the Grand Prix winners at the conclusion of the Shoalhaven Gala Day.

Ordering the exact quantity of Grand Prix trophies.

Issuing the trophies to Centres for presentation at their respective Club nights.

There are several distinct benefits in adopting this procedure. We purchase the exact number of trophies required thus minimising costs and waste. Presenting the Grand Prix trophies at Club nights/Presentation Day should generate more interest in the Grand Prix.

The down side is that Grand Prix winning athletes will not leave the Shoalhaven Gala Day with a trophy. However athletes could be presented with a certificate at the conclusion of the carnival.

Moved Paul Joines (SGB), seconded Brett White (AP) "that the proposal presented by the Zone Coordinator be adopted." Carried

The Zone Coordinator advised that, once again, there were problems with Centre's Grand Prix Result Sheets last season. It is imperative that each athletes Name, Registration Number and Centre appear on the Results Sheets.

7. Zone Meetings

Moved Col Anderson (LI), seconded Brett White (AP) "that Zone meetings be convened at the Bomaderry RSL Club on the fourth Monday of every second month for the duration of the 2010-2011 season." Carried

8. Officials Courses

The Zone Coordinator proposed that two (2) Officials Courses be conducted during the 2010-2011 season. One (1) course at the Southern and the other at the Northern end of the Zone. Tentative dates/venues are Saturday 16th October at Shoalhaven and Sunday 17th October at Lake Illawarra. These details are to be confirmed at the next meeting.

9. Correspondence

Centres agreed that Zone correspondence be distributed via Email. It is a Centres responsibility to distribute correspondence to members who do not have Email.

10. Conference

This year Conference will be held at Port Macquarie on the weekend of the 17th and 18th July. If a Centre is not attending Conference they should apply to LAANSW for postal or proxy votes. Please make your vote count!

11. Centre Paperwork

All Centres were reminded that unused Registration Numbers, AGM Reports, Financial Reports, Centre Affiliation Forms and Association Paperwork Order Forms should be forwarded to LAANSW by the end of May.

12. Zone Account Signatories

As a consequence of the change in the Zone Executive the Zone account signatories need to be updated accordingly. Craig Scott will be retained, Stephen Cooke and Alison Cull are to be removed and Graham Nash is to be added. A third signatory should be considered in case Craig or Graham are not available.

13. Zone Mailing List

Centres are to supply the Zone Coordinator with the necessary information to allow the Zone Mailing List to be updated.

14. Region Medal Presentation

Howard McGarry (LI) asked if the practice of presenting medals at the Region Championships could be rekindled. It sometimes proves difficult for Team Managers to distribute these medals. After consulting the Centres in attendance the Zone Coordinator agreed to raise this at the upcoming Zone Coordinators meeting.

15. Zone Medal Presentation

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There being no further business the Zone Co-ordinator closed the meeting at 9:02pm.

Next meeting will be at 7:30pm on Monday 28th June 2010 at Bomaderry RSL.

Craig Scott
31/05/2010
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