

Mid South Coast Zone



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Meeting Minutes

Date: Wednesday 29th May 2013

Venue: Bomaderry RSL Club

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

Centre Delegates

Albion Park:	Patrick McPhillips	
Kiama:	Alex Arnold	
Lake Illawarra:	Robyn Shaw	Ann Crooks
Milton Ulladulla:	Sharon Downton	Sue Whitford
Shoalhaven:	Tony Hush	
St Georges Basin:	Howard Vandervord	

Apologies: Graham Nash, Michael McKay

Visitors: Nil

Meeting opened at 7:33 pm

Previous Minutes

Moved Tony Hush (Sh), seconded Howard Vandervord (SGB), "that the minutes of the Annual General Meeting held 28th May 2012 were a true and accurate record." Carried.

Business Arising

Howard Vandervord (SGB) asked if there had been any developments relating to the creation of a new Centre at Robertson. The Zone Co-ordinator replied that that no further information had come to hand at this stage.

Correspondence In:

Nil.



Correspondence Out:

All Centres Minutes Of Previous AGM
LANSW Minutes Of Previous AGM
Email All Centres Re AGM Agenda

Reports

1. Zone Co-Ordinator

As the 2012-2013 season concludes I would like to take this opportunity to congratulate the Centres of the Mid South Coast Zone for a truly outstanding season of Little Athletics.

In October Officials Courses were conducted at St Georges Basin and Lake Illawarra Centres. Attendance was average with a total of six (6) people successfully completing fifteen (15) C Grade exams. This season also saw the LANSW Online Officials Assessment system make its debut. I am pleased to report that a further fifteen (15) C Grade exams were completed online. As a consequence the Zone has gained four (4) new C Grade Officials who between them are accredited in Starting and Timekeeping.

The Grand Prix series was an outstanding success this season. In excess of three hundred and thirty (330) athletes from the six (6) member Centres within the Zone contested events in the Grand Prix. This is the largest number of competitors I have seen since becoming Zone Co-ordinator. Congratulations to the winning Centre, Shoalhaven, who have made this trophy their own in recent years. Those Centres that held Carnivals and supported the Grand Prix are to be congratulated for a job well done.

The Mid South Coast Zone Championships were hosted by the St Georges Basin Centre at Sanctuary Point Oval and were held on the 8th and 9th of December 2012.

The weekend began on a sour note when we arrived on Saturday morning only to find that vandals had visited overnight. A significant amount of graffiti "Tagging" had been deposited upon various items around the ground. Unfortunately a hired cool room copped the brunt of it. Needless to say the St Georges Basin Centre was less than impressed with the Security Officer who had been on site all night. A report was subsequently made to the local Police.

The weather could have been a little kinder to us during the course of the weekend. Saturday was warm with intermittent squalls that played havoc with several sun shelters. A Southerly late in the day cooled things down just in time for the 3,000m events. Sunday was a challenge right from the start with a gale force Southerly wind and light showers. The strength of the wind was such that every hurdle on the track was blown over on several occasions. As such it was necessary to have volunteers place ropes behind the hurdles to hold them in an upright position for the duration of the hurdle events.

Approximately three hundred and sixty (360) athletes competed at the Championships. This was an amazing twenty (20) per cent increase on the previous season.

The Championships commenced with a very keenly contested March Past, which was won by the Kiama Centre.

Once again my sincere thanks go to all the Officials, Centre Committee members,

Computer Operators and parents who assisted at the Carnival. Everybody did a magnificent job.

Congratulations to the Albion Park Centre who took out the “Dean Blair Trophy” for an astonishing sixth (6th) successive year.

The Region 4 Championships were hosted by the Centres of the Eastern Riverina Zone at Jubilee Park in Wagga Wagga. This venue is without doubt the best grass track I have ever seen. Eastern Riverina did a wonderful job during the course of the weekend and even the fickle weather was kind to us for once.

Issuing each Team Manager with a radio proved to be extremely beneficial and I recommend that this practice be continued at future Region Championships.

A reminder that next season the South Coast Highlands Zone will be hosting the Region 4 Championships at Kerryn McCann Athletic Centre, Wollongong.

Once again I’d like to congratulate Centre delegates for the professional manner in which you have conducted yourselves at Zone meetings. It has been a pleasure to work with you all. The camaraderie within the Zone continues to flourish and I’m particularly proud of the fact that many of you still enjoy attending these meetings.

My sincerest thanks go to Graham Nash for his efforts as Zone Treasurer over the last three (3) seasons. I have always enjoyed working with you Graham and this season was no exception.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the Centres of the Mid South Coast Zone for the wonderful support you have given me again this season.

Centres are once again reminded that this will be my last tenure as Zone Co-ordinator. The 2013-2014 season will be my final season as “caretaker” Zone Co-ordinator. I will not stand again. I am more than willing to train my successor but, at this time, I am not aware of any soul who is willing to take on the position.

Treasurer

Due to the Zone Treasurer’s inability to attend this meeting the Zone Co-ordinator presented this report on his behalf.

The Profit And Loss Statement for the reporting period shows total income of \$6,340.44 with expenses of \$3,361.74 which brings a net profit for the year of \$2,978.70. It should be noted that late income relating to the Region 5 Championships, held in Kiama, totalling \$1,365.00 is included in these figures. The major component, for both income and expenditure is Line Marking Paint.

The detailed Balance Sheet for the reporting period shows the Zone’s current balance as \$28,444.27 comprising of a \$25,576.58 Term Deposit and \$2,867.69 in the Cheque Account. The Balance Sheet in conjunction with the itemised Profit And Loss Statements are tabled and open for review.

Delegates are reminded that it will be necessary for us to purchase Zone medals for the coming season(s). I also recommend, upon reflection of the previous year's income, the Zone Admin Levy remain in place to ensure the long term profitability of the Zone.

Moved Craig Scott (ZC), seconded Howard Vandervord (SGB) "that the Treasurer's Report be accepted." Carried.

Election Of Office Bearers

The Zone Co-ordinator declared the positions of Zone Secretary and Zone Treasurer vacant.

1. 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.

2. Zone Treasurer

Graham Nash (AP) nominated by Tony Hush (Sh), seconded by Howard Vandervord (SGB). Although Graham was not in attendance he had previously communicated that he was willing to continue as Treasurer if there were no other nominees. 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 Albion Park Centre was offered the right to host the 2013/2014 Zone Championships. Patrick McPhillips (AP) accepted the nomination. The next Centre on the rotation is Milton Ulladulla.

2. Zone Championships – Date

Moved Ann Crooks (LI), seconded Sue Whitford (MU) "that the Zone Championships be held on the 7th and 8th of December 2013." Delegates were reminded that this was the same weekend as the Australian All Schools in Townsville. This generated some discussion. Carried (For 6 Against 0)

Update

The following weekend saw the Zone Co-ordinator attend the Zone Co-ordinators two day Workshop in Parramatta. At this Workshop it became clear that the majority of Zones had avoided scheduling their Zone Championships for the weekend of the 7th and 8th of December due to the clash with the Australian All Schools in Townsville. The Zone Co-ordinator was aware that a discussion relating to this clash had taken place at the meeting when this date was confirmed. However he thought it prudent to check with Centres and ask them to confirm their support for this date.

As such an email was sent to all Centres requesting they respond with their preferred dates

by 5:00pm Monday 3rd June. This tight time frame was necessary due to LANSW finalising the 2013-2014 calendar on Tuesday 4th June.

The responses were as follows:

30th November / 1st December	1 Centre
7th December / 8th December	1 Centre
14th December / 15th December	4 Centres

Consequently the Mid South Coast Zone Championships will now be held at John O'Dwyer Oval, Croom Regional Sporting Complex, Albion Park on Saturday 14th December and Sunday 15th December 2013.

3. Zone Championships – Closing Date For Entries

Closing date for Zone entries will be midnight on Sunday 1st December 2013. Entries will be accepted by mail, Email or fax. Entries are to be forwarded to the Zone Coordinator via the Meet Manager Zone Entry Program or on the official LANSW Zone Championships entry form. No other form of entry will be accepted.

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 LANSW Conference in mid July.

5. Zone Administration Levy

Craig Scott (ZC) stated that the levy should not be scrapped completely. Discussion relating to the current and future financial position of the Zone followed.

Moved Howard Howard Vandervord (SGB), seconded Patrick McPhillips (AP) "that the Zone Administration Levy be set at \$1.00 per athlete registered in the 2013-2014 season." Carried (For 6 Against 0)

Registration numbers, obtained from the April 2013 Board Of management Minutes, are:

Albion Park	264	Kiama	350	Lake Illawarra	348
Milton Ulladulla	87	Shoalhaven	279	St Georges Basin	149

Payment is due by the October Zone meeting.

6. Grand Prix

Moved Howard Vandervord (SGB), seconded Ann Crooks (LI) "that the Grand Prix be conducted in the 2013-2014 season under the same structure as last season and that there be no changes to Grand Prix events." Carried (For 6 Against 0)

7. Zone Meetings

Moved Robyn Shaw (LI), seconded Tony Hush (Sh) "that Zone meetings be convened at the Bomaderry RSL Club on the fourth Monday of every second month for the duration of the

2013-2014 season.” Carried (For 6 Against 0)

8. Officials Courses

There will be no Officials Courses conducted during the 2013-2014 season. Previous course attendance has been very poor and the successful introduction of the online Officials Assessment system negates the need for individual courses to be run. The Zone Co-ordinator will be available at Carnivals to assist with the completion of the practical component for those that have completed their theory online.

9. Conference

This year Conference will be held at Taree on the weekend of the 20th and 21st July. If a Centre is not attending Conference they should apply to LANSW for postal or proxy votes. Please make your vote count!

10. 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 LANSW by the end of May.

11. Zone Mailing List

Centres are to supply the Zone Co-ordinator with the necessary information to allow the Zone Mailing List to be updated.

There being no further business the Zone Co-ordinator closed the meeting at 9:07pm.

Next meeting will be at 7:30pm on Monday 24th June 2013 at Bomaderry RSL.

Craig Scott

12/06/2013

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