

Mid South Coast Zone



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Meeting Minutes

Date: Monday 26th May 2014

Venue: Bomaderry Bowling Club

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

Centre Delegates

Albion Park:	Patrick McPhillips	
Kiama:	Mitch Terry	
Lake Illawarra:	Ann Crooks	
Milton Ulladulla:	Sharon Downton	Sue Whitford
Shoalhaven:	Chris Johnson	Lisa McConville
St Georges Basin:	Tracy Mandavy	Howard Vandervord

Apologies: Alex Arnold, Jamie Gossage

Visitors: Kerry O'Keefe, Chantelle Grills, Steve McConville, Linda McKay, Trish McNally, Michelle Moroney

Meeting opened at 7:05 pm

Previous Minutes

Moved Howard Vandervord (SGB), seconded Patrick McPhillips (AP), "that the minutes of the Annual General Meeting held 29th May 2013 were a true and accurate record." Carried.

Business Arising

Nil.

Correspondence In:

Nil.



Correspondence Out:

All Centres Minutes Of Previous AGM

Email All Centres Re AGM Agenda

Reports

1. Zone Co-Ordinator

I would like to take this opportunity to congratulate the Centres of the Mid South Coast Zone for another wonderful season of Little Athletics.

The Grand Prix series was well supported this season with approximately three hundred (300) athletes from the six (6) member Centres within the Zone contesting the various events. This was a reduction of around 10% on the previous season. Congratulations to the winning Centre, St Georges Basin who were finally able to prise the trophy from the grip of recent incumbents Shoalhaven. Those Centres that held Carnivals and supported the Grand Prix are to be commended for a job well done.

My congratulations go to the Albion Park Centre for the manner in which they hosted the Zone Championships over the weekend of the 14th and 15th of December 2013.

Once again the weather could have been a little kinder to us during the course of the weekend. Saturday was punctuated with intermittent showers that increased to a light drizzle either side of the lunch break. Sunday was a little better although the constant threat of rain was never far away.

Approximately three hundred and fifty (350) athletes competed at the Championships. This was on par with previous seasons.

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

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 unprecedented seventh (7th) successive year.

There were fifteen (15) records broken and/or equalled during the Carnival.

Thank you to everybody that assisted in any capacity at the Region 4 Championships in Wollongong. The weather was, at times, atrocious and the Team Managers deserve a special mention for their efforts and co-operation during the course of the weekend.

Next season the Western Riverina Zone will be hosting the Region 4 Championships at Leeton High School Oval, Leeton.

All Centres have now conducted their AGM's as required. The Albion Park Centre was unable to fill the positions of Vice President, Treasurer and Registrar at their AGM however I am confident that these positions will be filled prior to the commencement of next season. The Executive is unchanged at Kiama but the Centre is looking for a Canteen Co-

ordinator and a General Committee member. With the exception of several General Committee positions all vacancies were filled at Lake Illawarra. I am very pleased to report that virtually all positions have been taken at Milton Ulladulla but the Centre is looking for a President for next season. After some light hearted banter and discussion all positions were filled at Shoalhaven. There has been a changing of the guard at St Georges Basin with all positions catered for. Club stalwarts Michael McKay, Linda McKay and Jackie de Vries have stepped down and I would like to take this opportunity to thank them for their many years of service at Centre and Zone level.

Centre delegates you are to be congratulated 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 four (4) seasons. I have always enjoyed working with you Graham and this season was no exception.

Two (2) years ago I was appointed "Caretaker" Zone Co-ordinator and, at that time, I made it clear that I would not stand again. As such this was my final season as Zone Co-ordinator. I am extremely disappointed that no nominations have been received for the vacant position. This is a wonderful Zone to work with and I would be dismayed should it ever cease to exist. I have thoroughly enjoyed my time as Zone Co-ordinator and I would like to take this opportunity to thank the LANSW Board Of Management, Staff and, in particular, the Centres of the Mid South Coast Zone for the wonderful support you have given me over the years. I have made some truly wonderful friends along the way and, in all honesty, I will miss the regular interaction with you all.

I have conducted a detailed stocktake of the Zone's physical assets, which are currently stored at my residence, and attached it to these minutes.

I wish the Centres and their athletes all the best for the future.

Moved Craig Scott (ZT), seconded Howard Vandervord (SGB) "that the Zone Co-ordinator's Report be accepted." Carried.

Treasurer

The Mid South Coast Zone financial cycle for 2013/2104 ceased for recording purposes on the 19 May 2014, upon which bank reconciliations were finalised.

The Profit and Loss Statement for the period shows total income of \$2,834.74 with expenses of \$8,473.09. This in turn brings a negative result with a net loss for the year of \$5,638.35. This loss is a direct result of the bulk purchase of Zone medals from GA Millers Industries at a cost of \$7,689.00.

The detailed Balance Sheet for the reporting period shows the Zone's bank balance (cash on hand) as being \$22,792.92 of which \$2,537.55 is held within the cheque account and the balance of \$20,255.37 invested in a term deposit maturing 25/08/14.

The Balance Sheet in conjunction with the itemised Profit & Loss Statements are tabled and open for review.

Unfortunately due to business commitments and time restraints I will not be nominating for the position of Treasurer for the upcoming term. I would like to wish all the Centres and the Zone as a whole all the best for the upcoming season.

I would also like to acknowledge Craig Scott for the outstanding contribution he has made to not only the Mid South Coast Zone but to the Kiama Centre and Little Athletics in general. The professionalism Craig has displayed during his terms as Zone Co is to be commended.

Moved Graham Nash (ZT), seconded Mitch Terry (K) "that the Treasurer's Report be accepted." Carried.

Election Of Office Bearers

The Zone Co-ordinator declared the positions of Zone Co-ordinator, Zone Secretary and Zone Treasurer vacant and passed control of the meeting over to Kerry O'Keefe, CEO LANSW.

Kerry's attendance was necessary due to the lack of nominations for the position of Mid South Coast Zone Co-ordinator. She thanked the outgoing Zone Co-ordinator, Craig Scott, and Zone Treasurer, Graham Nash, for their efforts over many years.

She stressed the important role played by the Zone Co-ordinator, not only at Centre level, but as a conduit between Centres and LANSW. In doing so she requested the delegates in attendance to go back to their respective Centres and ascertain if anyone had the slightest inkling of interest in becoming Zone Co-ordinator.

Kerry also suggested that some of the duties historically performed by the Zone Co-ordinator could be designated to other personnel within the Zone. This would effectively reduce the Zone Co-ordinators work load and give others the opportunity to be actively involved in the running of the Zone. For example it would be beneficial to appoint an Officer For Officials, Equipment Officer and Information Technology support.

Due to the lack of a Zone Co-ordinator LANSW will assume responsibility for the conduct of the Mid South Coast Zone Championships for the 2014/2015 season. As such a suitable person will be appointed Carnival Manager. Future Zone communications from LANSW will be via email. Regular Zone meetings will cease and any future Zone meetings will be scheduled by LANSW on an as required basis.

In closing Kerry indicated that should the Mid South Coast Zone be unable to appoint a Zone Co-ordinator within twelve (12) months the Zone would be disbanded and cease to exist.

1. Zone Co-ordinator

No nominations were received for the position of Zone Co-ordinator.

2. Zone Secretary

No nominations were received for the position of Zone Secretary.

3. **Zone Treasurer**

No nominations were received for the position of Zone Treasurer.

The CEO then passed control of the meeting over to the former Zone Co-ordinator, Craig Scott.

General Business

1. **Region – Direct Entry For Under 13 To Under 17 Athletes**

Following the March Board meeting it was announced, and reported in the Centre Newsletter, that Zones/Regions now have the option of conducting Zone Championships for only the U7-U12 Age Groups and allowing direct Region entry for athletes in the Age Groups U13 and above.

However this can only occur where all Zones within a Region agree that this is the procedure for their Region.

The Board believes that this option will alleviate some of the pressure on our 'older' athletes by eliminating one Championship requirement, and either allow for a much shorter Zone Championships for athletes in our core age groups or allow Zones to consider increasing the number of U7-U12 athletes entering from each Centre.

All athletes must still participate at Region in order to qualify for the State Championships.

Centres were asked to discuss this development prior to the AGM and come prepared to vote on which option the Mid South Coast Zone will support.

Centres supporting this option: 2

Centres opposing this option: 3

Centres abstaining from vote: 1

As such the option was not supported.

Several Centres did however express a desire to support the option should it be restricted to the Under 15 and Under 17 Age Groups.

2. **Zone Championships – Host Centre**

The Milton Ulladulla Centre was offered the right to host the 2014/2015 Zone Championships. The CEO, Kerry O'Keefe, expressed concern that significant logistical support would be required should Milton Ulladulla accept the offer. This support would need to be co-ordinated from the LANSW office in Harris Park which would further complicate matters.

Moved Howard Vandervord (SGB), seconded Ann Crooks (LI) "that the Milton Ulladulla Centre be given the option to host the Zone Championships next season. Furthermore that the next Centre on the rotation, Kiama, be offered the right to host the 2014/2015 Zone Championships." Carried.

Mitch Terry accepted the nomination on behalf of the Kiama Centre.

3. Zone Championships – Date

Moved Mitch Terry (K), seconded Howard Vandervord (SGB) “that the Zone Championships be held on the 13th and 14th of December 2014.” Carried.

4. Zone Championships – Closing Date For Entries

Closing date for Zone entries will be midnight on Sunday 30th November 2014. Entries will be accepted by Email and should be forwarded to the Competition & Volunteer Coordinator, Diana Levy (dlevy@lansw.com.au), via the Meet Manager Zone Entry Program. No other form of entry will be accepted.

5. 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 Competition & Volunteer Coordinator will not accept entries submitted on this form. The form will be available from the Zone website after the LANSW Conference in July.

6. Zone Administration Levy

Graham Nash (Ex ZT) 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 Mitch Terry (K) “that the Zone Administration Levy be set at \$1.00 per athlete registered in the 2014/2015 season.” Carried.

Registration numbers, obtained from the April 2014 Board Of management Minutes, are:

Albion Park	256	Kiama	329	Lake Illawarra	280
Milton Ulladulla	104	Shoalhaven	267	St Georges Basin	200

Payment is due by the end of October. Cheques should be forwarded to Graham Nash at 14 Jindabyne Rd, Flinders NSW 2529.

7. Grand Prix

Moved Mitch Terry (K), seconded Ann Crooks (LI) “that the Grand Prix be conducted in the 2014/2015 season under the same structure as last season and that there be no changes to Grand Prix events.” Carried.

Historically the Zone Co-ordinator has been responsible for recording the results and collating the point score for the Grand Prix. Next season Centres that run Grand Prix Carnivals will be responsible for entering their own results relating to their respective Carnivals.

8. Zone Meetings

As stated previously future Zone meetings will be scheduled by LANSW on an as required basis. Any such meeting(s) will be convened at the Bomaderry Bowling Club preferably on the fourth (4th) Monday of the month.

9. Conference

This year Conference will be held at Cessnock on the weekend of the 19th and 20th July. All

Centres are encouraged to attend.

10. Centre Paperwork

All Centres were reminded that unused Registration Numbers, AGM Reports, Financial Reports, Centre Affiliation Forms should be forwarded to LANSW by the end of May. Centre Paperwork Forms are due by 13th June.

11. Officials Practicals

Howard Vandervord (SGB) asked how Officials practicals would be handled next season. The CEO, Kerry O'Keefe, replied that LANSW would do their best to arrange suitably qualified personnel to conduct practical examinations.

12. Line Marking Paint

Patrick McPhillips (AP) enquired if the current practice for the acquisition of line marking paint would continue. Craig Scott (Ex ZC) explained that this was no longer possible and suggested that Centres communicate closely to maximise their buying power when dealing with Crockers Paint and Wallpaper in Albion Park.

13. Zone Equipment Storage

The CEO, Kerry O'Keefe, asked the outgoing Zone Co-ordinator, Craig Scott, if it was permissible for the Zone's equipment to remain in storage at his residence until the Zone Championships in December. Craig replied that he was happy for this equipment to remain under his jurisdiction.

14. Zone Account Signatories

Moved Howard Vandervord (SGB), seconded Patrick McPhillips (AP) "that under the circumstances and for ease of administration the Zone account signatories, Craig Scott and Graham Nash, be retained until such time that a new Zone Co-ordinator is appointed." Carried.

There being no further business the Zone Co-ordinator closed the meeting at 8:50pm.

Craig Scott

04/06/2014

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