

Mid South Coast Zone LAANSW
Minutes of General Meeting held at
Bomaderry RSL Club on Monday, November 5th, 2007 at 7.30pm

1. Attendance

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

Centre Delegates:

Albion Park - Gary King
Kiama - Janet Poppett
Lake Illawarra - Col Anderson, Howard McGarry
Milton Ulladulla - Milea Woods
Shoalhaven - Tony Hush
St Georges Basin - Paul Joines

Visitors:

Life Members:

2. Apologies - NIL

3. Minutes of previous meeting

Motion Moved Howard McGarry (LI), seconded Paul Joines (SGB) that the minutes of the previous meeting held October 17th, 2007 were a true and accurate record.

CARRIED

4. Business Arising

McDonald's have shown support regarding sponsorship for grand prix series but nothing official has been received. Alison to chase up Logo (attached to minutes). Alison to follow-up with McDonald's regarding sponsorship (message left with Head Office 19/11).

Zone stocktake not yet done but will endeavour to do at the Dragon Derby.

Signatory still to be organised for Craig.

Officials course – date organised for 2nd December at Lake Illawarra – **now cancelled. Zone Co. unable to attend on this date.**

- Paul Joines – Shot/Discus
- Kevin McGarry/Craig Scott – Long/Triple/High.
- Howard McGarry – Time keeping/Place Judging

Zone will provide BBQ, Craig will issue a flyer and organise papers for level C.

Craig has found a filing cabinet

Uniform – all centres to take photos of uniform and send to Craig Scott

Zone Medals – Motion: Moved by Howard McGarry (LI) that two sets of medals be purchased. Seconded Tony Hush (SH).

CARRIED

Online registrations – Milton now online

Bike Pants – all centres send to NSW what colour they are allowing.

5. Correspondence

5.1 Incoming

Email Lake Illawarra Re Committee
Email Peter Barnes Re Officials Course
Email Re Zone Medal Quote
LAANSW Re Zone Certificates
LAANSW Re U/7 Zone Medals
LAANSW Re Zone Programme Covers

5.2 Outgoing

Email Re Officials Accreditation Scheme
Email Re Dragon Derby Form
Email Minutes Zone Meeting

Motion Moved Milea Woods (MU) seconded Tony Hush (SH) that the correspondence be accepted.

6. Reports

6.1 Treasurer

Apology from Milton for outstanding fees.

Cheque for Hart Sport returned from Peter Cotter to be shredded.

Current bank balance is \$5727.40, total balance is \$17727.40

Motion Moved Stephen Cooke (Zone Treasurer) seconded Howard McGarry (LI) that the Treasurer's report be accepted.

CARRIED

6.2 Zone Co-ordinator

The last few weeks have been hectic to say the least. The start of a season is always a very busy time. I've found that when you are Zone Co-ordinator things get even busier. I'd like to take this opportunity to thank the Centres for your unanimous support of my appointment as interim Zone Co. I trust that I am worthy of the faith that you have placed in me.

In late October I attended the Region 5 Zone Co-ordinator's Workshop in Wellington. I was pleasantly surprised to find new LAANSW, President Derek Fineburg, in attendance at this Workshop. Derek has had very little exposure to the issues facing Country Centres during his many years with Little Athletics. To his credit he wanted to experience first hand some of the challenges that Region 5 faced.

Several items were raised during this workshop need to be communicated to the Centres in the Zone.

Centres must submit a Financial Report at the end of each season. The quality of Financial Reports submitted by some Centres across the state is considered to be sub-standard. A Centre's Financial Report should contain, as a minimum, a Profit & Loss Statement detailing Income and Expenditure for the season. LAANSW will be closely scrutinising all Financial Reports at the end of this season.

By now Centres should have completed the Insurance Template they received and returned it to Sydney. If you have not it should be done as soon as possible.

LAANSW must be aware of each Centre's assets, and their replacement value, should it be necessary for a Centre to lodge an insurance claim.

If you organise School visits please don't cancel them at the last minute. The Association puts a lot of effort into planning these events. Last minute cancellations prevent resources being reallocated. Early notification of any cancellation gives other Centres the opportunity to fill the vacancy created.

There was some spirited discussion relating to the exclusion of Under 16 and Under 17 athletes from Region this season. As a result Region 5 has asked the Board to consider allowing these athletes to compete in four (4) "Invitation" events at Region.

During the weekend I took part in a ground inspection of Rygate Park the venue for Region next year. The track was in good condition with a surprisingly healthy cover of grass. There were a few minor issues identified that will be rectified. Wellington Centre was hard at work renewing a section of Long Jump run-up (Artificial grass with rubber underlay) when we arrived. The Tennis Club adjacent to the ground will be used to house the computer system. Carnival Manager, Mick Ryan (Western Plains) has borrowed the Computer hardware we used for Region at St Georges Basin. My thanks go to the Basin Centre for their generosity in allowing the Region to use their equipment. I'm pleased to report that the current Region 5 records database has been implemented. All records have been verified and will be correct this season.

I have prepared a document detailing Region 5 Officials and Centre responsibilities, which I intend to distribute to all Centres.

My sincere congratulations go to the Albion Park Centre for the superb job they did in hosting the Trans Tasman trials. After a night of steady rain there was much concern about the condition of the track and the possibility of continuing showers. All fears were allayed during the morning inspection in bright sunshine. Many officials were amazed at how well the track had absorbed the water.

Since the last meeting I have attempted to visit Albion Park on several occasions only to be thwarted by a break in at Kiama and a washout the following week. However I did manage to spend an enjoyable evening at Lake Illawarra last Friday and would like to thank them for their hospitality.

The final item I have is the closing date for Zone entries, which will be midnight on Monday 31st December 2007. Entries will be accepted by mail or Email. Athletes full name must be supplied. Initials will not be accepted. Entries must be sent to Craig Scott on the Bob Wardle Centre System or on the official LAANSW Zone entry form. No other forms or formats will be accepted. All Centres using the Bob Wardle Centre System are requested to submit their entries via this method. If you are having trouble with the Centre System ask for help.

6.3 Delegate Reports

Kiama

Each week we continue to take new registrations and we fully expect this trend to continue this week with the move to Friday evening competition on the 9th of November. We currently have two hundred and forty seven (247) athletes registered with us and recently placed an order for more Registration Numbers.

In the first few weeks of competition we have had four (4) records broken. Two (2) of these records were achieved by athletes who are new to the Centre this season which is particularly pleasing.

One interesting development this season has been the demand for uniforms. At Kiama uniform is not compulsory but it seems that almost everybody wants a uniform this year. To date we have placed two (2) orders on our uniform supplier and a third is a distinct possibility.

Since the last Zone meeting the grandstand where we store our equipment has been broken in to on two (2) more occasions. This brings the total to four (4) break ins this season. We are very concerned about this situation. Quite frankly the Centre cannot continue to endure these repeated assaults by a few delinquents frequenting the adjacent Skate Park. Kiama Municipal Council has received numerous letters from our Committee and irate parents. We have requested, and been granted, an on site meeting with senior Council representatives to discuss our grievances and formulate an action plan. What irks us is that we wrote to Council prior to the Skate Park being built expressing our concerns about the location and consequences of its construction. Needless to say they did not believe it would be a problem. It would appear they were wrong.

Albion Park

Albion Park Athletics has had a busy couple of weeks.

We currently have 304 athletes registered. Our registrar has placed all online and sent majority to NSW. We still have only two U/16 girls registered. But have had requests for teens.

On Sunday 4th November we had Trans Tasman Trials. We had 1 athlete and team manager entered. We would like to thank Lake Illawarra for the loan of equipment – even though some was not used, and their help on the day. Thanks also to Craig Scott for his assistance before and on the day. We hope the day was a success with only limited complaints. A rough estimate has shown we have made money. Thanks must go to the efforts to our committee with special thanks to our groundsman, treasurer, secretary, canteen and few parents that assisted on the day. But we did lose our Bertha, (Large tent) due to an incident with the wind.

We have entered 15 teams for the State Relays.

We have a number of athletes attending Dragon Derby.

Next events will be our carnival and looking forward to a rest over XMAS.

Lake Illawarra

We currently have 275 Rego's

Have had one washout to date

Have 1 junior team & 1 senior team entered into state relays

Have 1 athlete going on tour Trans Tasman plus his father is going as the medical officer on tour also that is Family name Brooker.

St Georges Basin

Have run out of numbers approx 220 registered.

Dragon Derby being held this weekend.

Have had problem with graffiti on every building and council will not clean up.

So far have held 3 nights with lots of new faces.

Shoalhaven

252 athletes registered.

8 nights have been run so far. Nights running very smoothly.

3 teams for State Relays.

3 athletes attended Trans Tasman Trials.

Having some problems with online system, sent on to State.

7. General Business

7.1 Thank you gift for Peter Cotter

Suggestion for a gift to thank Peter Cotter.

Discussion held and decided that a thank you to be given at Zone, Craig Scott to organise.

7.2 Regional Duties

To be discussed at next meeting. Decision that Team Managers have walkie talkie again to assist with organising duties.

7.3 Zone Carnival

Craig Scott will organise First Aid for carnival. St Georges Basin track to be surveyed. Chiefs for Zone, centres to forward nominations.

Next meeting Monday 7th January 2008 at Bomaderry RSL.

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

Date: _____

Chairperson: _____