

Mid South Coast Zone LAANSW
Minutes of General Meeting held at
Bomaderry RSL Club on Monday, March 23, 2009 at 7.30pm

1. Attendance

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

Centre Delegates:

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

Visitors:

Life Members:

2. Apologies - Howard McGarry, Rick Watkins.

3. Minutes of previous meeting

Motion Moved Tony Hush (SH), seconded Beth Moon (K) that the minutes of the previous meeting held Monday 19 January 2009 were a true and accurate record.

CARRIED

4. Business Arising

1. McDonalds Scholarship award winner Gerard Holland U/14 from Grenfell Centre.
2. Albion Park will not be submitting a claim for lunches from Zone - a donation from the club.
3. No answer regarding the coaching issue as yet.
4. Trophies for Shoalhaven Club from the Zone. Amount to be discussed at their next meeting.

5. Correspondence

Incoming -

LAANSW Re C Grade Accreditation - Lisa McConville
LAANSW Re C Grade Accreditation - Brett White
LAANSW BOM Minutes - February
LAANSW Re B Grade Accreditation - Graham Nash
LAANSW Association Minutes - February
LAANSW BOM Minutes - March
Life Membership nominations

Outgoing -

St John Ambulance Re Donation
LAANSW Mid South Coast Zone Championships Report
LAANSW Re McDonald's Little Athletics Scholarship
Zone Minutes
Email regarding Life Membership

Motion Moved Paul Joines (STG) seconded Tony Hush (SH) that the correspondence be accepted.

6. Reports

Treasurer

As per Treasurers report distributed.
Current balance in General account is \$2069.79
Term deposit \$8091.34

Review for athlete fee at AGM, Treasurer suggesting \$1 per athlete as long as Zone continues to hold the Regional Championships or that Zone no longer purchases medals for Zone Championships.

Motion Moved Stephen Cooke (Zone Treasurer) seconded Paul Joines (StG) that the Treasurer's report be accepted.

CARRIED

Zone Co-ordinator

Grand Prix Results

The Grand Prix concluded at the Shoalhaven Carnival in early February with the presentation of trophies. It was pleasing to note the increased participation by athletes in the older Age Groups this season. Congratulations to Albion Park who were the Grand Prix winning Centre again this season. The Grand Prix results are available from the Zone website (www.geocities.com/midsouthzone) under "Latest News". Please note that a document detailing the point score system has also been on the website for several seasons.

Run For Fun

I was pleased to see the Kiama Centre had submitted an article relating to the Mid South Coast Multi-Event Coaching Clinic in a recent edition of Run For Fun eNews. I am however disappointed that this was the only article submitted by a Centre from the Zone this season. I know that many Centres have some great news stories to be told and urge you all to make a concerted effort to support this publication in the future.

Region 5 Championships

My thanks go to everybody that assisted in some capacity at the Region 5 Championships in Wollongong. The Mid South Coast Zone had nine (9) Officials working in full time positions. Combining these people with our requirement to provide Timekeepers, Place Judges, Walk Judges and Shot Put support meant that the Zone had in the order of twenty two (22) Officials working at any given time.

I'd also like to thank the Team Managers for their efforts and co-operation over the weekend.

Next season the Region 5 Championships will be hosted by the Western Riverina Zone at Finley.

Discussion regarding Region 5 Championships

Problems experienced during championships included:

- Camera not working properly on the Saturday
- Issue with times
- 30 extra hurdles needed

- Fire appeal announcement - forcing clubs to try and commit without the necessary approvals.

Discussed that each centre should send any complaints to LAANSW.

State Championships

Last weekend saw the inclusion of Friday evening competition at State Championships for the first time with the last events (High Jump) concluding at 9:30pm. The program seemed to run smoothly on Saturday and Sunday but it will be interesting to see how the new format was received and whether changes will be made next season. I'd like to take this opportunity to congratulate every athlete that competed at State. There were some wonderful performances and I know that many of these athletes recorded huge personal bests. My congratulations also go to Gerard Holland from the Grenfell Centre who was awarded the Region 5 McDonald's Scholarship.

Once again I'd like to thank the Team Managers for their efforts and co-operation over the weekend. I'd also like to extend my thanks to those that volunteered their time in any capacity at State.

Discussion regarding State Championships

Problems experienced at these championships included:

- Problems with Javelin judging
- Hurdles that broke during competition and coming apart when knocked
- Mobile phones taken to marshalling
- Field events finished early both days and therefore probably no need for them on Friday night
- Equipment at High Jump in poor condition bar not having marks, foam coming out of bags
- No need for program selling to be there at 7am
- Wollongong Little Athletics not submitting a senior boy relay
- Disappointment from athletes no Lap of Honour and Show of Colours

School Visits

I know that next season seems to be a long way off but now is the time to start preparing for School visits. Schools have already scheduled events for later in the year so get in early. School visit request forms are due Monday May 11, 2009.

Return Registration Information

As we are now approaching the end of the season LAANSW require any unused registration numbers to be returned to the office. Any outstanding registrations should also be forwarded to the office as soon as possible.

AGM Reminder

The next Zone meeting will be the AGM. I am currently half way through my two (2) year tenure as Zone Co-ordinator so it will only be necessary for us to elect a Secretary and Treasurer. Several important decisions relating to the 2009/2010 season will be made at this meeting so it is very important that all Centres are represented.

Delegate Reports

Kiama

The maintenance at the Kiama Fields has been done and the centre has some real concerns about the track. It was not top dressed when completed so the track is lowered by about 3 cm's. The grass has been placed back onto virtually rock. Also we have to mark the entire track. It is very unlikely that it will be ready for school carnivals first of which is in May. We are to approach the Council for discussions.

We had our best result yet with 13 athletes competing at State and bringing home 6 medals.

Our presentation is 27th March 2009

Our AGM is 2nd April. The committee viability is looking much better than indicated at last meeting.

Albion Park

Albion Park Little Athletics is finishing with an extremely successful season with 41 athletes attending the State Championships on the weekend. These athletes produced many personal bests and making top 8 finals. The following were successful in topping that and receiving 26 medals:

U/9	Sinead Austwick	2 nd 400m, 2 nd 800m, 2 nd 200m
	Kiara White	3 rd 200m
	Spencer Blunden	2 nd Long Jump
	Tristan Brazulaitis	1 st 70m, 3 rd Junior Boy Relay
U/10	Kade Szakacs	3 rd 800m
	Celeste Sulerzyski	2 nd High Jump
	Kobe Collier	3 rd Junior Boy Relay
U/11	Chloe Docker	2 nd 100m, 2 nd Long Jump
	Avalon Punch	3 rd 400m, 3 rd 200m
	Cody White	3 rd Junior Boy Relay
U/12	Jessica Hull	1 st 1500m, 2 nd 800m
	Luke Watts	3 rd Junior Boy Relay
U/14	Rachelle Grozde	1 st Shot Put, 2 nd Discus, 2 nd Javelin
U/15	Tayla King	1 st Triple Jump, 2 nd High Jump, 2 nd Long Jump
	Emily Debrot	1 st Javelin
U/17	Kirsty Honey	3 rd 400m
AWD 100m	Charnai Hutchison	2 nd AWD Shot, 2 nd AWD Long Jump, 2 nd AWD

Mitchell Potts from u/8 boys also attended the State Multi Championships in Lismore and won the event and set a new points record

Albion Park also won the Mid South Coast Zone Grand Prix Series with many athletes taking placing in their age groups.

We are having a fun night on Friday night for our athletes with tabloid games and a free BBQ.

Currently organising our AGM/Presentation to be held in May and trying to recruit some new faces to the committee.

We are very proud of our club's achievements and the commitment from the athletes and their families and will look forward to the new season starting in September 2009.

Lake Illawarra

A great season was had by all accounts from athletes and parents.

Friday 27 will be our final night for the season with a thank you BBQ for age managers.

Following that the next events on our calendar will be our AGM and Presentation April 26. Then we get into our school carnival season.

Shoalhaven

Was going to email but not received.

St Georges Basin

4 athletes represented club at State
Finished last week due to lack of interest.
9th April Presentation, AGM end of month
Thank you to Alison for covering duty at State

7. General Business

- 7.1 Lake Illawarra Little Athletics committee would like to see the same system put into place for Zone Championships that was used for Regional Championships, all helpers and committee members thought that it was great.
- 7.2 After Zone Championships what was the drop off rate per centre?
At Lake it was between 50-60% if it is significant amount throughout all centres, maybe the zone should rethink when zone champs should be held in the future.

Centres to discuss and the Zone Championships date to be discussed at AGM

- 7.3 Region- Parent from Shoalhaven went to Region to officiate at place judging on Saturday for her practical, she had no children competing and was told by chief place judge that she would have to be there all weekend for her to sign off. Craig was able to fix the problem.
- 7.4 AGM - Venue for Zone, Milton are next rotation
Date for Zone
Agenda will be attached to minutes
Date 25 May 2009

Next meeting AGM Monday 25 May 2009 at Bomaderry RSL.

There being no further general business, the Zone Co-ordinator closed the meeting at 9.10pm

Date: _____

Chairperson: _____