

Mid South Coast Zone LAANSW
Minutes of General Meeting held at Bomaderry
RSL Club on Monday, June 22, 2009 at 7.25pm

1. Attendance

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

Centre Delegates:

Albion Park	Brenda Brazulaitis
Kiama	Michael Waldie
Lake Illawarra	Col Anderson
Milton Ulladulla	
Shoalhaven	Tony Hush
St Georges Basin	

Visitors:

Life Members:

2. Apologies

Howard McGarry, Brett White, Peter Cotter, Paul Joines, Mitch Terry, Janet Poppett

3. Minutes Of Previous Meeting

Motion: Moved Tony Hush (Sh), seconded Stephen Cooke (ZT) that the minutes of the previous meeting held Monday 23 March 2009 were a true and accurate record.

CARRIED

4. Business Arising

Coaches Insurance

Zone Coordinator has spoken with LAANSW CEO, Kerry O'Keefe. ATFCA and Athletics Australia are "discussing" coaching accreditation. Kerry has advised that if a Centre endorses a coach then they are covered for insurance purposes.

Grand Prix Trophies

Zone had excess Grand Prix trophies and Shoalhaven have purchased some of these. Treasurer will collect payment at next Shoalhaven Centre meeting.

Grand Prix Program

Has been updated to include U/17's and will be available on the website after Conference. Can Centres hosting Carnivals please make sure that Result Sheets clearly state athletes name, Centre and Rego Number.

Officials Courses

To be held on Saturday 17 October at Basin (Craig to confirm with Basin) and Sunday 18 October at Albion Park. There are approximately 20 people with outstanding practicals from courses held last season.

5. Correspondence

Incoming

St John Ambulance Re Donation Receipt
Lake Illawarra Re AGM
LAANSW BOM Minutes - April

LAANSW BOM Minutes - May
Kiama Re Committee
Lake Re Committee
Kiama Re School Visits
Lake Illawarra Re School Visits
St Georges Basin Re School Visits
LAANSW BOM Minutes - June
LAANSW Newsletter - June
AGM & Annual Conference Documentation
Report Of Zone Co's Meeting

Outgoing

Lake Illawarra Re AGM
LAANSW Re A Grade Accreditation
Albion Park Re Grand Prix Changes
Lake Illawarra Re Grand Prix Changes
Shoalhaven Re Grand Prix Changes
St Georges Basin Re Grand Prix Changes
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Motion: Moved Brenda Brazulaitis (AP) seconded Col Anderson (LI) that the correspondence be accepted.

6. **Reports**

Treasurer

As per Treasurers report distributed.

Current balance in General account is	\$136.58
Term deposit	\$10,000.00

2009/2010 Zone Fees due by October meeting.

Motion: Moved Stephen Cooke (Zone Treasurer) seconded Michael Waldie (K) that the Treasurer's report be accepted. CARRIED

Zone Co-ordinator

Centre AGM Minutes, Annual Reports And Financial Reports

Several Centres are yet to forward minutes of their AGM, a copy of their Annual Report and an audited Financial Report to LAANSW. If you have not already done so please mail these documents to Sydney.

Centre Paperwork

Centre Affiliations, Communication And Information Forms and Association Paperwork Orders were due to be returned to the Association Office by May 31, 2009. I'm happy to report that all Centres have forwarded the relevant paperwork to the Association.

Centre Committee Details

Centres that have not already done so are asked to forward details of their Committees to the Zone Co-ordinator.

Secretaries Mailing List

Please supply the Zone Secretary with the information required to update the Secretaries Mailing List

Registration Days

Centres are asked to forward details of their Registration Days to the Zone Coordinator.

Registration Fees

The registration fee will be \$40 per athlete this season, up from \$32.50 last season, but this allows for a rebate of \$5 for all registrations recorded on the IMG database (clubs ONLINE) as Active and Financial, and with fees paid to the office by the 31st October, 2009. Therefore, the real increase in fees is only \$2.50 per athlete.

Question: If an athlete registers after 31/10/09 will the club still receive the \$5 rebate?

Answer: No

Dual Registration

Dual registration will be applicable to all athletes in the Under 12 to Under 17 age groups this season. All athletes in this age bracket will be automatically registered with LAANSW and ANSW. An athlete or parent is required to make contact with the secondary Club/Centre to activate the dual registration.

"clubs ONLINE" To "Centre System" Program

This tool will be available again this season. It facilitates the transfer of athlete registration data from the IMG eCommerce "clubs ONLINE" system to the Bob Wardle LAANSW "Centre System". Only Athletes who are "Active" and "Financial" in the "clubs ONLINE" system will be transferred to the "Centre System". The program and a detailed User Guide will be available from the Zone website (www.geocities.com/midsouthzone).

Zone Championships

The Zone Championships will be held 12th and 13th December at Shoalhaven. Entries will close at midnight Friday 27th November. The family entry form, for use by Centres, will be available from the Zone website (www.geocities.com/midsouthzone).

Zone Admin Fees

Zone Admin Fees (\$1.00 per athlete registered in the 2008/2009 season) are due by the October meeting.

Safety Officer

As per LAANSW instruction a Safety Coordinator must be appointed at Zone and Regional Carnivals to deal with potential safety issues relating to athletes, officials and spectators.

IGA Docket Competition

Support from Centres for this promotion was much improved in the 2008/2009 season however there is still room for improvement. Some Centres that have an IGA store in their area did not support this promotion. All Centres are asked to get behind this initiative next season.

Carnival Dates

Could all Centres please advise their Carnival dates for the coming season as soon as possible.

Lake Illawarra - 4th October 2009 and 10th January 2010

Shoalhaven - 14th February 2010

Albion Park & Basin to provide dates.

South Coast Multi-Event Coaching Clinic

The two (2) day Super Coaching Clinic will be hosted by the Shoalhaven Centre this season on the 14th and 15th of November. The venue will be Shoalhaven High School.

Region 5 Championships

The venue for Region will be Finley Playing Field, Finley, on Saturday 20th and Sunday 21st February 2010. The Mid South Coast Zone will be responsible for Triple Jump and Javelin over the weekend. We also need to provide 2 Timekeepers, 2 Place Judges, 1 Track Umpire, 1 Walk Judge as well. Details will be confirmed at a future meeting. If anybody would like to volunteer for a particular role please contact the Zone Co.

Review Of Zones And Regions

LAANSW have identified, in their Operational Action Plan, the need to review the Zone/Region structure. Given the complexity involved in the review and restructure and the need to ensure widespread input and consultation, it was agreed that the project be extended for 12 months, with any new structure now to take effect from the commencement of the 2011/12 season.

Zone Website

The Zone website is currently hosted by Yahoo! Geocities, which is a free web hosting service. After careful consideration, Yahoo! has decided to close GeoCities later this year. This means the site will need to be relocated. There are numerous free web hosting services available so it will simply be a matter of selecting a service and recreating the site. Unfortunately the URL (web address) will change when this is done.

Delegate Reports

Albion Park

New committee formed at Albion Park and are trying to become familiar with roles and processes. We have been hosting many school carnivals at present with a few additional new ones. Looking at introducing an early bird fee.

Kiama

Our AGM in early April saw seven (7) new members elected to the Committee. The President, Secretary and Treasurer are all first time Committee members looking forward to the challenges ahead. Life Membership was bestowed upon Craig and Stacey Scott who join Janet and Gary Poppett as Life Members of the Kiama Centre. Planning for the new season is well underway and we are looking forward to another successful season. School visits are a very important part of our pre-season program and we are currently negotiating with several local schools.

Under 17 athlete, Talissa Scott, was recently named in Athletics Australia's National Under 17 Development Squad. Talissa was selected for Long Jump and the 100m Hurdles. She will join other emerging athletes from across the country in a range of athletics disciplines in the squad, the first step in Athletics Australia's National Development Pathway.

As a consequence of the resurfacing work that commenced in February 2009 we currently have no 400m athletics track. Although the regrowth of grass has been quite good there are several sections that are still completely bare. This is due to the fact that topsoil was removed during the resurfacing process and not replaced. The loss of the track has decimated our ability to fundraise via school carnivals during the off-season. All but Kiama High School have moved their carnival to another track. Even the two (2) day Tongarra District carnival, our major fundraiser, has been relocated to Albion Park and we have a genuine concern that "Tongarra" will not return to Kiama in future years.

Council would not allow Kiama High School to use the track for their athletics carnival because it was too rough underneath and there was a concern that ankles would be rolled. This indicates that further work needs to be carried out on the track to return it to a "safe" condition. As such we have written to Kiama Council and formally requested a meeting to discuss the schedule of work associated with the restoration of the 400m track at the Kiama Leisure Centre Playing Fields.

Even though the track was unavailable Kiama High School chose to run their Athletics Carnival at the Leisure Centre. A makeshift track was set up around the soccer fields and the day proceeded without incident. From the Centre's perspective it was a financial success and we thank Kiama High School for their continued support.

The Centre has applied to the Kiama District Sports Association for funding assistance for the acquisition of a new Line Marker and a set of High Jump Mats. We expect a response in the near future and are quietly confident of a positive outcome.

Lake Illawarra

Lake Illawarra's move to the new ground should take place this coming season all going well, this means that if all the infrastructure work is carried out and completed, after receiving a Capital Assistant Grant. It is now a matter of filling out all the paperwork to claim the grant from NSW Sport & Recreation.

Lighting will be in place by end of September 09 with thanks to Jenni George MP in gaining funding for the project at Myimbarr, and Howard McGarry in lobbying with council that we definitely need lights at the ground to run our Friday night competition.

Our Centre registrations will take place on the last two Sundays in August 2009.

Competition starting on the first Friday in September 2009.

Carnival dates for the coming season Sunday 4th October 2009 and Summer Carnival Sunday 10th January 2010.

Howard, Carol & Joseph McGarry will be representing Lake at Conference this year.

Milton Ulladulla

Not present

Shoalhaven

Slab for the shed was laid last school holiday. The block construction will take place in July School holidays with a massive working bee from club members and help from a few block layers. Hoping to have it to lock up stage at the end of the holidays.

Our 3rd & 4th shot put areas will be completed by the end of the month, along with our 3rd discus area.

Planning is well underway for State Multi with a keen committee very busy with organisation.

Based on our numbers last year we did not do school visits and with the coaching clinic, Zone, Gala Day and State Multi to organise we feel that 300 athletes will be enough to organise.

We have a number of vacancies including Canteen Manager & Fund Raising on our committee but we will try very hard to encourage some parents from younger age groups to get on board as some of the elder statesman will be departing at the end of this season.

St Georges Basin

Not present.

7. **General Business**

Grand Prix Changes

Question from Lake Illawarra Little committee: Why was the 400m taken out of the Grand Prix for U/13's to U/17's as our intention was not eliminate any other events what so ever? All that Lake Illawarra wanted was the introduction of the 200m/h as a Grand Prix event.

We realise that it wasn't the intention to remove events but discussion was held and based on this discussion it was felt the easiest solution was to change an event. This was due to:

- The affected Age Groups currently had thirteen (13) Grand Prix events.
- Centre Carnival programs were reviewed. It was agreed that changes to the Grand Prix format should result in minimal changes to existing Centre programs.
- The number of Grand Prix events hosted by individual Centres in the affected Age Groups.
- Any change to the Grand Prix format would need to be reflected in the Grand Prix Point Score software used to calculate individual Age Group champions and the winning Centre.

Alison will forward a letter to Lake Illawarra advising of these reasons.

Grand Prix Sponsor(s)

Any thoughts or ideas relating to a sponsor(s)?

At this stage we will approach the following:

Bunnings - Alison to send letter

McDonalds - Will try again - Alison will forward letter

BlueScope Steel - Craig will apply for donation

Bendigo Bank - Stephen Cooke will investigate

If any Centre has any additional ideas please contact Zone Coordinator, Zone Secretary or Zone Treasurer.

Conference

Reviewed all items for Conference and Centres advised to take back to club meetings for decision on voting. If not attending Conference please make vote count by either Proxy or Postal vote.

Next meeting Monday 24 August 2009 at Bomaderry RSL.

There being no further general business, the Zone Co-ordinator closed the meeting at 9.05pm

Date: _____

Chairperson: _____