

Mid South Coast Zone



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Meeting Minutes

Date: Monday 28th October 2013

Venue: Bomaderry RSL Club

Present: Zone Co-ordinator: Craig Scott
Zone Treasurer: Graham Nash
Zone Secretary:

Centre Delegates

Albion Park:	Patrick McPhillips
Kiama:	Alex Arnold
Lake Illawarra:	Ann Crooks
Milton Ulladulla:	Sharon Downton
Shoalhaven:	Chris Johnson Lisa McConville
St Georges Basin:	Howard Vandervord

Apologies: Nil

Visitors:

Meeting opened at 7:30 pm

Previous Minutes

Moved Alex Arnold (K), seconded Chris Johnson (Sh), "that the minutes of the meeting held 26th August 2013 were a true and accurate record." Carried.

Business Arising

1. **Zone Medals**

Four (4) seasons worth of Zone medals have been ordered from GA Miller.



Correspondence In:

BOM September
Newsletter September
Conference Report
Bluescope Re Donation
BOM October
Newsletter October

Correspondence Out:

Minutes All Centres
Joan Blair Re Invitation To Zone Championships
Mr & Mrs D Rickards Re Invitation To Zone Championships

Reports

1. **Treasurer**

General account current balance:	\$9,496.29
Term Deposit (Matures 26/11/2013)	<u>\$19,576.58</u>
Total	\$29,072.87

A reminder that the Albion Park (\$264.00) and Shoalhaven (\$279.00) Centres still have Zone Admin Fees outstanding.

Moved Graham Nash (ZT), seconded Howard Vandervord (SGB) "that the Treasurer's report be accepted." Carried.

2. **Zone Co-Ordinator**

Centre Visits

Since the last meeting I have had the opportunity to visit the Albion Park, Kiama and Lake Illawarra Centres during weekly competition. It's always interesting to see how individual Centres operate and this season is no exception. These visits also give me the chance to meet and communicate face to face with Centre Committee members.

Country Seminar

My sincere thanks go to those Centres that attended the Country Seminar at the Shellharbour Club last weekend. I have since received some very positive feedback from LANSW and various attendees. It was a wonderful opportunity to meet LANSW staff and Board members in a relaxed environment. Some interesting discussions took place during the course of the day.

Grand Prix Series

The Grand Prix carnivals commenced last weekend with the Albion Park Carnival followed by the Dragon Derby at St Georges Basin in two (2) weeks' time. A reminder to all Centres it is imperative that each athletes Name, Registration Number and Centre appear on the Results Sheets. If this information is not included it makes it difficult, if not impossible, to accurately determine Grand Prix points for athletes.

Officials Accreditation – Practical Component

The Grand Prix Carnivals offer the perfect opportunity for budding officials to complete the practical component of their accreditation. If anybody is interested in being assessed please contact the Zone Co-ordinator.

Meet Manager

The HY-TEK Meet Manager system will be used at the Zone Championships again this season.

Every athlete will receive a single certificate containing all their results. These certificates will be printed at the conclusion of the Carnival. Centres are reminded that, once again, it will be necessary to distribute certificates/medals after the carnival.

A reminder that, as a consequence of the move to Meet Manager, the Dean Blair point score can no longer be calculated automatically. As such it will not be possible to announce the Dean Blair winner at the conclusion of the Zone Championships. An announcement will be made post carnival informing Centres of the result.

Zone Championships

The Zone Championships will be held 14th and 15th December at Albion Park. Entries close at midnight Sunday 1st December. The family entry form, for use by Centres, is available from the Zone website (www.msczone.org.au). This form is for Centre use only. Do not submit your Zone entries on this form.

Zone entries will be accepted via any of the following two (2) methods:

1. The LANSW Championships Entry Form.
2. The Meet Manager Zone Entry Program which is available from the Zone website (www.msczone.org.au).

Appointing officials for this carnival is proving to be a challenge. The neighbouring South Coast Highlands Zone is running their carnival on the same weekend so I am unable to draw upon their resources this year.

The timetable for the Zone Championships is:

Saturday

8:00am	First call for Officials
8:15am	First call for March Past
8:30am	March Past commences
8:45am	Official Opening
9:00am	First call for Events
9:15am	First Events commence

Sunday

8:30am	First call for Officials
8:45am	First call for Events
9:00am	First Events commence

Region 4 Championships

Region will be run on the LANSW two (2) day program at the Kerryn McCann Athletics Centre, Wollongong on Saturday 15th and Sunday 16th February 2014.

Timing Gates will be used at this carnival.

The Mid South Coast Zone will be required to provide officials to cover Long Jump and Triple Jump. If anybody would like to volunteer for a particular role please contact the Zone Co.

Centres will be asked to supply officials based upon the number of athletes they have had qualify for Region.

Next Zone Co-ordinator?

Centres are once again reminded that this will be my last season as Zone Co-ordinator. I will not stand again. I am more than willing to train my successor but I am not aware of any individual who is willing to take on the position.

3. **Delegate Reports**

Albion Park

Our numbers will be similar to last year at around 260 athletes. We have had an increase in the older age groups. This year we have both boys and girls in the oldest age group.

Our track was remarked by "Around The Grounds" (a Sydney based company) so the distances will be correct for Zone.

We are having watering issues (especially with the 100m track) and have notified Shellharbour Council. Hopefully improvements will occur before Zone.

The Centre is looking to improve PA system performance before Zone.

The Albion Park Grand Prix Carnival was run on Sunday 27th October. Good weather meant for a lot of entries on the day. Numbers appeared comparable with other years. Very good numbers in U/10s age groups. Thanks for all the help from the other clubs, much appreciated.

Kiama

The Kiama Centre has had a wonderful start to the 2013/2014 season. We currently have 323 athletes registered which is the second highest number in the Centre's 36 year history. As you can imagine we have a significant number of first time athletes so our Orientation Days were well received.

Traditionally we have been quite bottom-heavy with large numbers in the Tiny Tots, Under 6 and Under 7 Age Groups. This season, in a very pleasing development, we have excellent numbers in both Boys and Girls from Tiny Tots through to Under 12. Our older Age Groups, although smaller in numbers, are quite well represented as well.

We recently had an ex-Registrar from many, many years ago attend a competition night with her grandchild. She was astounded when she saw the number of athletes in

attendance.

Weekly competition is running quite smoothly thanks to our small, but dedicated band of helpers. Quite an achievement when you consider the number of athletes “running” around.

Kiama hosted a very successful Coaching Clinic in late September with thirty four (34) athletes in attendance including some Sydney visitors.

The Centre has gained the services of a dedicated High Jump coach this season. To date response has been very good with a steady stream of athletes attending each coaching session.

We have lost one (1) day to rain – our first meet of the season. Considering that there had not been any decent rain for seventy (70) odd days it was a bitter pill to swallow.

Lake Illawarra

October Carnival had approximately 260 athletes in attendance from more than 30 Centres. There were 31 records broken on the day. A story on this carnival will appear in The Mercury on Thursday 31st October complete with photos.

Registrations currently sit at 270.

Preparations for State Multi are ongoing.

Milton Ulladulla

We are 3 weeks into our season proper after our second registration day was washed out and are proud to advise that we currently have 103 registrations. This is a 20% increase on last season, just over a 40% increase on the 2011/12 season and the highest registrations numbers that we can recall. Regular enquiries regarding registration are still being received. Due to our increased membership we have acquired a lot more parents who are very willing to assist.

We have lost our club coach, Wensley Carter, to AIS Gymnastics and therefore have arranged with Barry & Sharon McCleer to travel to Frogs Hollow to conduct weekly coaching clinics. We are hoping that we can maintain the numbers interested to make it financially viable for them to conduct these sessions long term as we have no coaches in the area. Local sprinter Scott Richardson has expressed interest in conducting sessions, however only in sprint events.

We are currently in the process of obtaining quotes for runways on our second long jump pit. This is a large pit and we can have two runways - budget and/or funding permitting. We are working with the park management committee to improve and increase the facilities at our ground firstly out of necessity with our increasing numbers and also with the aim of hosting Zone next season. The management committee have also upgraded the PA system in conjunction with other facility users which will be helpful to us throughout the season. The track and fields are being top dressed by council over the Christmas and New Year period which will hopefully assist in evening out the surfaces across all fields.

Shoalhaven

Season started September 3rd. Three (3) nights have been cancelled to date due to rain and severe wind

Registrations are numbering approximately 260 with a number trialling.

Our older age groups are remaining steadily strong with 12yrs – 23, 13yrs – 21, 14yrs – 7, 15yrs – 11 and 17yrs – 10

A good showing of athletes from Shoalhaven competed at Albion Park Gala Day.

St Georges Basin

The Centre was very pleased to have School Visits and a Skills Clinic in August/September. This has resulted in registrations of nearly 200 athletes which is the highest number enrolled in some time.

General Business

1. Zone Championships - Video

Testing of the video system at the finish line during the Albion Park Gala Day was an outstanding success. Thanks go to Howard Vandervord (SGB) for supplying a generator and Lisa Johnson (Sh) for volunteering to be trained in the use of the system.

As a consequence the video system will be implemented at the Zone Championships in December.

2. Zone Program

The Lake Illawarra and Shoalhaven Centres requested that their respective Carnival entry forms be included in the Zone Program. There was no objection to this request but ultimately it is up to the host Centre, Albion Park, whether they are included.

3. Zone Championships Preparations

Preparations for the Zone Championships, at the Albion Park Centre, are well in hand. The requisite venue inspection was completed at the conclusion of the Albion Park Gala Day. A report will be forwarded to the host Centre in the very near future.

There being no further business the Zone Co-ordinator closed the meeting at 8:27pm.

Next meeting will be at 7:00pm on Monday 2nd December 2013 at Bomaderry RSL.

Craig Scott
06/11/2013

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