

REPORT ON DECISIONS/ACTIONS OF THE ATHLETICS SA BOARD MEETING – AUGUST 2018

The Board addresses matters of Governance, Strategic Planning and Financial Management.

Meeting Opened 6:05 pm by Jane Russo

Present: Jane Russo (President and Chair), Andrew Tickle (Vice President), Bridget Senyszyn (Acting CEO), Caroline Jackman, David Cross and Michelle Devine.

Apologies: Peter Gayen.

Minutes: Lauren McLeod

ASA Staff Visit – Jon Henschke

Bridget informed the Board that, over the next year, a rotation of ASA staff will be presenting at the monthly Board meetings in order to give a greater picture of the organisations direction and progress. Jon informed the Board of the success of the 2018 Winter Season, with participation numbers having increased by 13% throughout. Despite such positive feedback, the efficient scheduling of winter events next year with other organisations (TRSA, SARRC, SA Masters) so as to avoid clashing was highlighted as an area for improvement.

Declaration of Pecuniary Interest or Conflict of Interest

No interests of adverse bearing were disclosed to the Board.

Actions Arising From Previous Minutes

Bridget Senyszyn provided an update on items from the previous minutes, and informed of the completion of all required actions.

General Business

In light of event expenses and comparisons with the membership fees of other sporting organisations, the Board discussed a moderate fee increase.

Current and outgoing sponsorship agreements were also discussed, with a concerted effort being made to attract new sponsors for the 2018-19 year.

As a result of a change in merchandise provider, it was also decided by the Board that remaining Canterbury uniforms be donated to willing charities.

Subcommittee Updates

Risk and Compliance Subcommittee

In light of the urgency surrounding the initiation of the subcommittee, it was decided that both Jane and Bridget would assist until such time as additional members be located.

One Sport Subcommittee

The Board was informed that a draft MOU is now in place, with a lawyer having being engaged to formalise the document.

CEO's Report

Bridget Senyszyn advised of continued work on the 2018-19 Operational Plan, with the general sentiment being that it is well aligned to the 2017-2020 Strategic Plan. Bridget also informed the Board that ASA will be sending a national cross-country team away in the coming weeks, with ASA staff member Matt Axford travelling as Team Manager.

Bridget also provided a number of facility updates, with work for the Salisbury Synthetic Track set to begin later in 2018.

Finance Director's Report

The Board was notified that all areas of the 2017-18 financial year have transpired as expected, with an auditor to provide further review before the 2018-19 budget is able to be passed.

Chair's Report

Jane Russo proposed the potential for the President's gathering to be held prior to the beginning of the season. It is thought this would present an opportunity for presidents to conduct open and discussions within a collaborative and informal forum.

Considering current Board vacancies, it was also decided that an additional member with legal acumen would be of great benefit to the Board. Discussions with potential candidates are expected to be carried out prior to the September meeting.

Meeting Closed 9:08pm