



INGLEWOOD LITTLE ATHLETICS CENTRE

MINUTES OF ANNUAL GENERAL BUSINESS MEETING 2nd March 2019

Venue:

Inglewood Club Hall. Dianella Reserve No. 3

Meeting:

Opened at 10:30am by the President.

Welcome:

Good afternoon to all members and special guests and welcome to the 2018/2019 Annual General Meeting. A special welcome to our honoured guests: life members Apolonia Stegner, Bev Dainton, Denise Cleasby, Steve Pratt, Esther Armenti, Shannon Davies and ex-athletes Jazlyn Davies, Cameron Jones. Welcome also to Inglewood LAC's new Patron, Cr David Lagan.

Attendees:

Patrons, life members and ex athletes:

Steve Pratt, Apolonia Stegner, Bev Dainton, Denise Cleasby, Shannon Davies, Jazlyn Davies, Cameron Jones, Julia Armenti and Damian Armenti.

Caregivers and families of athletes:

Afroditi Blozonella, Amanda Onder, Lisa Grey, Loretta Van Der Ross, Natalie Bonnage, Sharon Thompson, Nick Milic, Marc Boudames, Nicola Johnson, Kristen Johnson, Marion Barker, Michael Icanovski, Ventriss Romanie, Brett Bairstow, Nicole Bairstow, Domenic Catania, Akiko Mackay, Leanne Marchesi, Dave Amos, Myleen Adams, Jasmyrn Lovelle, Trevor Lovelle, Gavin Godfrey, Damien Barrett, Robert Scott, Todd Teasdale, Fiona Bow, Cara Chia, Lisa Icanovski, Joanna Galvin, Elaine Husband, David Harrison, Jill Valli, Alicia Dadleff, Tara Brown, Sureyya Demir, Nancy Tunevska, Claire Sardelich, Shirley Sardelich, Ben Radford, Jenny Carter, Jacinta Martino, Natasha de Rosario, Philippa Craigue, Zouzie Rivers, Adam Miles, Brian Callaghan, Donna Sutherland, Daphne Naussedat, Darren Naussedat, Suzie Foreman, Kevin Doyle, Amanda Kaufman, Sascha Gibbs, Deb Tapscott, Kristi Astone, Justin Herrington, Chantal Herrington, Julie Bishop, Emma Hadfield, Nick Hadfield, Nikole Hooker, Glen Kerpchar, Lisa Reed, Regina Eccleston-Wirth, Adam Eccleston, Joe Vecchio, Michelle Vlahos, George Vlahos, Natalie Godfrey, Joanna MacRae, Carmela Ramos, Ashton Eva, Jodie Walsh, Monica Fuentes, Danielle Duff, Kirsty Wehr, Penny McNiff, Tanya Whittle, Damian Astone, Amanda Cipriani, Nicola Brandon, Tanya Moodley, Joanna Mashiah, Michael Mashiah, Libby Brockett, Nicky Booth, Dee Rowse, Jen Lote, Jeneta Masson, Kerrin Brown, Brad Smith, Jacqueline Quinn-Smith, Tamara Tesic, Djukan Tesic, Cathy Connolly, Tom Williams, Kaye Bendle, Claire Gent, Nick Sibbel, Gabby Ferolla, Tom Ferolla, Janelle Reeves, Fred Brockett, John Lim, Karmjit Kooner, Libby Demasi, Darren Demasi, Yvonne Lackey, Evy Plummer, Donella Greco and Chelsea Lim.

2018/2019 season committee members: David Rowse, George Pappas, George Lazarou, Tammi Doyle, Alice Pearce, Esther Armenti, Carmen Reynolds, Amy Eva, Kirsten Greenwood, Brendan Pyke, Bart Thompson.

Apologies: Life Members John Brennan, Mitch Cleasby, Sue Martison, Neil and Lyn Cole, Committee Member Carlee Prider and Carmen Reynolds, Members Georgina Ker, Michelle Rohrlach and family.

Established Quorum

Quorum established.

Previous AGM Minutes Tabled (Minutes from 24th February 2018)

Accepted – Esther Armenti

Seconded – Leanne Marchesi

Carried

President's Report – David Rowse

Presented.

Thanks very much everyone for taking the time out of your long weekend and making the effort to attend our AGM. This brings to an end another summer season for Inglewood Little Athletics, our 46th in fact.

The big undertaking this year was of course last weekend's Zones Championship. Your organising group all put in an enormous amount of time and effort in getting the oval, buildings and Canteen up and running for what I think was a very successful weekend.

The feedback we've received so far, most importantly from those within our Centre, but also from those at other Centres was very positive and complementary. I'm thrilled we were able to put together a weekend which highlighted the very best of what we get to experience here at Inglewood every week.

Local Centre Level – Equipment / Facilities

During the year we have continued the process of updating our equipment and plenty of equipment such as hurdles, shot puts, training equipment and the like regularly gets renewed.

The most noticeable addition of course has been the purchase of our golf buggy. This has been a huge asset and most appreciated by our two arena mangers in Brendan & Ash. I'm sure this has slashed the number of steps they cover on a Saturday, but we sincerely hope that this hasn't been matched by any corresponding increase in their waist line. Although it doesn't officially have a name, the buugy definitely feels part of the family.

Perhaps unnoticed by many, but very important has been the resurfacing of our throw circles and I would like to thank Tom Ferolla for his efforts is getting that done.

Once again, the condition of our track and the arena as a whole has been excellent for most of this season. We would like to thank and acknowledge the efforts of the Parks & Reserves Department at the City of Stirling. Especially as there were some issues identified around Christmas, which they addressed and had the surface in fantastic condition in time for Zones.

The lighting upgrade for the Reserve took place last winter and although we didn't get that deep into the night for any of our twilight meets, the extra lighting meant that we avoided the need to having to hire any extra lighting.

The clubrooms and kitchen building were renovated by the City of Stirling and although there is no major change, the spruce up and improved kitchen facilities have certainly been welcome. The change room building are next on the city's agenda and work should get underway this year.

As always, we would like to acknowledge the City of Stirling for their continued support, without which our Centre would unlikely be able to function or exist. In particular, we would like to thank Deputy Mayor David Lagan and Councillor Bianca Sandri for their support and continued advocacy for our Centre.

Further big-ticket items are planned within the budget for the coming year, such as a couple of removable discus cages to help with set up and pack down and more high jump mat replacements.

Local Centre Level – Performance

One of the things that we are most proud of this season is that our athlete numbers have grown from last year. Small as it was, an increase of nearly 6% is well against the trend in youth sports across all codes across the whole country. I hope that this is a reflection of the work everyone here is doing towards building this place into something they and others want to be a part of.

I will draw your attention to Carlee's Records and Rankings Report for some details on how our athletes have performed over the course of this season and for a list of those athletes who have broken Centre Records this year. But in summary there were 26 records broken, 19 of which were broken by our senior athletes.

The oldest record broken this year was the 1992 U7 discus record that Yumeko MacKay topped at the end of the season. Only to go ahead and throw further at Zones.

Congratulations to all those athletes for your wonderful achievements.

I would like to make a special mention to Kobe Brown who has been short listed for the LAWA Athlete of the Year. This is to be announced next week at the State Championships and we are all very proud of Kobe achievements and wish him the very best.

Broader Issues - LAWA

On a broader issue, the sport of Little Athletics and Track & Field in general continues to strive for a position within the crowded youth sport and entertainment market. Having dealings with the board over the past year, I can assure our members that the people employed in their current positions within LAWA are not unaware of the challenges the sport faces and that they are very active and proactive in trying to drive the sport forward to ensure not only its survival, but it's growth. I'd like to thank CEO Vince del Prete, Chair Teresa Blackman and all their hardworking team for their support both at the state level, but also the support they have provided us here at a centre level at Inglewood.

Age Group Jump

This season saw a realignment of the age grouping as part of the Athletics Australia integration process. This saw some athletes "skip" an age group and whilst this was always going to be tough for some of those athletes in the first or second year, we hope that any kinks will smooth out as this becomes the "new normal". If there are any issues experienced by any of those athletes at any stage, then please let us know and we can see if there is any way we can help.

Seniors

It was great to see the number of our senior athletes grow this season. So whilst a bigger number of senior athletes can have its challenges, such as having a bigger number of teenagers in one spot, there is no doubt the Centre is stronger for their presence, both in terms of their competition but also what they bring as an example to our junior athletes on competition days and the interaction that many of them gave at training.

To try and assist our athletes continue their involvement in the sport, last year we have established a Senior Inglewood Athletics Club which is made up of our registered Little Athletes wishing to compete at the Senior Strive Open competition in the Inglewood colours at the Athletics Stadium.

Thanks to Brendan Pyke who has taken on the role of coordinator and who has continued to build a nice core group of athletes with impressive performances that we hope will continue to grow as more of our current crop of U8-12 athletes grow older and reach an age at which they might like to compete in open competition.

I would like to formally acknowledge and thank our Under 17 athletes who will be leaving our Centre as competitors at the end of this season.

Bryce TAPSCOTT / Emily BAIRSTOW / Amy BAIRSTOW

Lauren INNES / Francesca MARTINO

This group are all long-time members of the Inglewood Family and we hope that it won't be the last time we see them here. We certainly have plenty of opportunities for them to continue to be involved in coaching or being an official on competition days.

We are very proud of the young adults they have become and as they come to the end of their competitive Little Athletics experience, on behalf of the whole Inglewood family, I would like to wish them the very best for their future endeavours and hope that the skills they have learnt in their time at Inglewood will help them cope with whatever life throws at them and allow them to thrive, be the best they can be and reach their potential.

Importance of Being Active

There continues to be a growing body of scientific evidence that reinforces what we perhaps intuitively know to be true, that is active kids learn better, are healthier and are happier.

The point I made last year with regards to rising rates of childhood obesity, chronic disease and mental health problems – remains just as relevant today and sadly will likely be so for many years and perhaps generations to come.

So, I can only reinforce another point I made last year, that there has never been a more important time to get kids moving and for them to receive the benefits that exercise has on youth physical, social, academic and psychological development.

No matter how hot the competition gets here on a Saturday, we are not in the business of creating Olympians here at Inglewood. But of course, should any of our athletes go on the sporting success, we will unashamedly take some credit for their development.

But what we are really in the business of is creating active kids. Kids that know how to move, having been provided with a level of physical literacy that allows them to feel happy, confident and keen to continue to keep moving. If we can achieve that, then our goal and reason for existence becomes one of building not just better track and field athletes, but perhaps better footballers or netballers, more importantly we can build better teachers and nurses, even more importantly we can build better fathers and mothers and ultimately we can help these kids to become the best version of themselves they can be.

It may seem hyperbole, but the research is building as to how important this activity and this phase can be.

Importance of Parents

To help all of this succeed, kids need adults that notice. Not just their parents (although that is ideal). Kids are also largely products of the examples they are set.

I cannot stress how important a role our parent volunteers perform every Saturday. You may think you are just holding a rake, or a tape measure. But by simply being involved and even better - being engaged, this adds to each and every child's experience for the weekend, for the season and hopefully much much more.

It is such a powerful thing that you do and, in my opinion, is vastly different from standing on the sidelines at football, occasionally time keeping at netball, or god-forbid having to score at cricket. The opportunity you get to hopefully share in the Saturday morning experience with your child, but also influence the experience of every other child who jumps at your pit or throws at your circle I think is unmatched in any other sport.

We hope as parents you embrace the opportunity and enjoy the experience. There are no events, there are no PB's or smiling faces and there is no Centre and no sport without you.

Thanks

So on to some thanks. Whilst it is true that there would be no sport without the athletes, it is also true there would be no Little Athletics without the volunteers. We acknowledge that parent and volunteer involvement is perhaps more involved in this sport than many, and consistently ranks highly in surveys of reasons as to why families leave the sport.

Firstly, to the set-up crew on Saturday mornings and to Ash Eva and Brendan Pyke for their personal support and help and their efforts as Arena Managers on Saturdays.

To Esther Armenti for her continued outstanding efforts in building our coaching program into one that I can safely say remains the equal of anything offered around any of the State's centres and whose enormous contribution to this Centre past and current cannot be overstated.

To Leanne, Daphne & the whole canteen crew for their amazing efforts and to Mark Doyle for his stewardship during the Zones weekend. To Carmen Reynolds for her role as Team Manager and to the fantastic committee members including Amy, Kirsten, Carlee and Alice for their time and passion for the Centre's success and especially for their good humour and willingness to do whatever whenever it is required. Full stop, no questions asked.

To our announcers George, George and Richie for providing not only their Neil Diamond voices, but especially for managing the program and keeping our program flowing, on track and on time.

To George Lazarou as our Treasurer for ensuring that my spending habits are kept somewhat in check and keeping us financially healthy and just for a big chunk of other stuff as well. To George Pappas for his support in helping to driving the culture that underpins what we would like our Centre to be.

And a special thank you to Tammi Doyle. I can't begin to describe Tammi's contribution to this Centre. Seriously I can't. Time, effort, breadth, expertise, passion, commitment. You just need to insert inspirational adjective here. And when you exhaust all the ones you know, there will still be more to add. I don't know how many hours Tammi has in her day, but I do know that it is more than mine. Tammi – can I just say on behalf of every single member this season – thank you.

Next Season

So it's onwards and upwards towards next season.

Don't forget Winter competition. Your registration fees include involvement year-round. Keep an eye out on our usual social media / digital platforms for information about training and competition in the run up to the winter season.

And if you have any friends who might be interested at school or at the netball, soccer, hockey or football club then by all means ask them to come down and see what we think is a fabulous experience in its own right, but one that just may help them develop skills they can use to improve their performance and experience in their winter sport.

Thanks Again

Always remember it is your sport and your Centre – parent and athletes alike. It has to be fun for the athletes AND for the parents. So, if anyone has any ideas on how to make this a better place and improve the experience or if you would like to become part of the team here then please just come up and speak to any of your committee members.

I hope everyone has enjoyed themselves this year and that you enjoy the awards part of today. We hope to see each and every one of you back next season.

Cameron Jones entered meeting at 10:44am

Treasurer's Report – George Lazarou
Presented.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT FOR THE PERIOD 1 MAY 2018 TO 27 FEBRUARY 2019

Opening Balance as at 1 May 2018	\$35,951.35
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PLUS RECEIPTS

Registration fees	\$67,458.56
Canteen proceeds	\$16,423.40
Sponsorship	\$1,800.00
Sale of uniforms / Shirts/ Hats	\$10,278.30
Zone Fees	\$1,200.00
Hire Fees	\$150.00
Total Receipts	\$97,310.26

LESS PAYMENTS

Registration / Affiliation	\$33,257.66
Administration / Postage	\$1,355.22
Equipment	\$10,322.85
Canteen Float	\$300.00
Internet/Website	\$486.71
Uniforms / shirts / hats	\$11,040.42
Ground fees	\$4,432.45
Bank charges	\$163.01
Other (Specify)	
City of Stirling	\$1,221.04
Coaching Fees	\$6,114.50
AGM/ Windup	\$112.00
Centre Championships	\$1,812.50
Miscellaneous	\$1,216.84
Total Payments	\$71,835.20
Closing Balance as at 27 February 2019	\$61,426.41

Summary

We started the season with a bank balance of \$35,951.35.

We had external income of \$97k with majority of that coming from registrations \$67.5k. Other main income earners were the canteen at \$16.5k and sale of uniforms \$10k. We received \$3k in Sponsorship and Zone Fees.

Our external outgoings to date are \$71.8k which was made up of mostly registrations to Western Australia Little Athletics (\$33k) and purchase of uniforms (\$11k). Other main costs were Ground Fees of \$4.5k, Equipment Purchases \$10k and Coaching Fees of \$6k.

We currently have a balance of \$61.4k and expect this to come in at around \$50k by the end of the season, as we expect further costs to come through for trophies, coaching fees, ground fees & AGM.

The Club once again kept fees charges to members at the same price as the last few years.

Some of the significant items purchased during the year were as follows:-

- Golf Buggy - \$3.2k; and
- Re Concreting the Shot Put Sites - \$2.4k

The club also has \$28.4k in a separate investment account for use at a later date. It remains the current Committee's intention to use these monies for major capital / equipment purchases and not for the day to day running costs of the Centre.

The club is in a sound financial position; however, we can't rest on our laurels.

As a committee we are constantly striving to make the club better each year, and it is important that we continue to provide fantastic coaches, equipment and facilities to our wonderful athletes.

INGLEWOOD LITTLE ATHLETIC CENTRE (CANTEEN)

FINANCIAL STATEMENT FOR THE PERIOD 1 MAY 2018 TO 19 FEBRUARY 2019

Opening Balance at 1 May 2018		\$200.00
<u>PLUS RECEIPTS</u>		
Canteen proceeds	<u>\$28,293.20</u>	<u>\$28,293.20</u>
<u>LESS PAYMENTS</u>		
Transfer to Main Account	<u>\$16,423.40</u>	
Canteen Supplies	<u>\$11,368.77</u>	
		<u>\$27,792.17</u>
Closing Balance as at 27 February 2019		<u><u>\$701.03</u></u>

Canteen Summary

The canteen has once again been a significant provider of funds to support the centre's activities.

This is only possible through the dedication and hard work of our core helpers and parent volunteers.

I would like this opportunity to thank Leanne who have done a wonderful job running the canteen this year. Leanne's enthusiasm, hard work and dedication have been greatly appreciated.

I would also like to thank Daphne who was kind enough this year to take on the role of buying all the canteen supplies each week. Your assistance has been greatly appreciated.

To the wonderful pool of parent volunteers that helped out in the canteen pretty much week in, week out during the season, I would like to say a big thank you, your efforts have been greatly appreciated.

Unfortunately, Leanne will not be with us next year, and as a result, we are currently looking for people to take over the running of the canteen. I encourage those that would like to get involved, to please come forward and speak to a committee member about what the role entails.

The canteen is the major revenue source outside of registration fees for the centre, and hence it is critical the centre finds volunteers to run the canteen next year.

Financials Accepted- Lisa Grey

Seconded- Ashton Eva

Other Board Reports – presented in digital form prior to and hardcopy during the AGM.

Reports Accepted – Deb Tapscott

Seconded – Daphne Naussedat

Carried

MOTIONS: CONSTITUTION CHANGES

In accordance with Inglewood Little Athletic Centre's Rules, a Constitutional review was carried out this 2nd year after the previous review. In response to this review, the following Constitution Rule changes are proposed for ratification at the 2019 AGM:

MOTION 1: Three (3) new Definitions will be added to Section 2 of the Constitution.

2. DEFINITIONS

"Membership Year means period commencing 1 October in any given year and expiring 30 September the following year."

"Ordinary Member means member of the Member Centre as defined in Rule 6.1.2(a)."

"Registration means submission of Member details by a Member to the Member Centre's Register of Members."

Motion carried by show of hands majority

Ex-Athletes Julia and Damian Armenti arrived 11:00am

MOTION 2: One Definition amendment will be made to Section 2 of the Constitution.

2. DEFINITIONS

"Financial Year means the period commencing 1 May and concluding on 30 April in the following year."

Will be amended to:

"Financial Year means the period commencing 1 January and concluding on 31 December in the same year."

Motion carried by show of hands majority

MOTION 3: One Rule amendment will be made to Section 9 of the Constitution

"9. TERMINATION OF MEMBERSHIP OF MEMBER CENTRE"

Will be amended to:

" 9. MEMBERSHIP

Membership may commence at any time during the Membership Year and will expire at the end of that Membership Year, unless terminated in accordance with Rule 9.1.

9.1 Termination of Membership from Member Centre "

Motion carried by show of hands majority

MOTION 4: One Rule will be added to Section 14.1 of this Constitution

“14.1(f) No Elected Director may be paid from Member Centre funds in return for work relating to the fulfilment of the Board position to which the Elected Director was appointed unless payment is authorized by a resolution of the Member Centre.”

Motion carried by show of hands majority

MOTION 5: One Rule will be added to Section 18.8 of this Constitution

“18.8 Minutes

The Secretary shall record minutes of the resolutions and proceedings of each Board Meeting. “

Motion carried by show of hands majority

MOTION 6: One Rule amendment will be made to Section 30 of this Constitution

“30. INSPECTION OF RECORDS, ETC. OF THE MEMBER CENTRE

A member may at any reasonable time inspect the books, documents, records and securities of the Member Centre, but may not remove such records.”

Will be amended to:

“30. INSPECTION AND CUSTODY OF RECORDS, ETC. OF THE MEMBER CENTRE

- (a) A member may at any reasonable time inspect the books, documents, records and securities of the Member Centre, but may not remove such records.
- (b) The Member Centre financial records will be held in custody of the Treasurer. All other items in Rule 30(a) will be held in custody of the Secretary. “

Motion carried by show of hands majority

Election of Office Bearers (Read by Life Member Bev Dainton):

2018/2019 Committee stands down.

POSITION	NOMINEE	ACCEPTED BY	SECONDED BY
PRESIDENT	David Rowse	Alice Pearce	George Pappas
TREASURER	George Lazarou	Alice Pearce	George Pappas
SECRETARY	Amy Eva	Alice Pearce	George Pappas
REGISTRAR	Alice Pearce	George Pappas	George Lazarou
RECORDS & RANKING OFFICER	Carlee Prider	George Pappas	George Lazarou
COACHING COORDINATOR	Tammi Doyle	George Pappas	George Lazarou
CONTROLLER OF OFFICIALS/ TEAM MANAGER	Carmen Reynolds	George Pappas	George Lazarou
PARENT VOLUNTEER COORDINATOR	Vacant		
CANTEEN MANAGER	Vacant		
EQUIPMENT OFFICER	Bart Thompson	Alice Pearce	George Lazarou
MEETING MANAGER	Ashton Eva	Alice Pearce	George Pappas
DEPUTY MEETING MANAGER	Brendan Pyke	George Pappas	George Lazarou
WINTER OFFICER (walks)	Tammi Doyle	George Pappas	George Lazarou
WINTER OFFICER (cross country)	Yvonne Lackey	Alice Pearce	George Lazarou
AWARDS OFFICER	David Rowse	Alice Pearce	George Pappas
UNIFORM COORDINATOR	Kirsten Greenwood	George Pappas	George Lazarou
COMMUNICATIONS OFFICER	Tammi Doyle	George Pappas	George Lazarou
PUBLICITY & SPONSORSHIP OFFICER	George Pappas	Alice Pearce	George Lazarou
GENERAL COMMITTEE MEMBER	Penny McNiff	Alice Pearce	George Pappas
GENERAL COMMITTEE MEMBER	Damian Astone	George Lazarou	George Pappas
GENERAL COMMITTEE MEMBER	George Vlahos	George Lazarou	George Pappas
GENERAL COMMITTEE MEMBER	Esther Armenti	Bart Thompson	George Pappas
GENERAL COMMITTEE MEMBER	Karmjit Kooner	Penny McNiff	George Pappas

General Business – presided by Dave Rowse

- *Thank you to current and departing office bearers; presentation of gifts.
Esther Armenti is presented a gift of thanks for her efforts.*
- *U17 athletes farewell
Amy Eva – presented framed photo gifts to departing U17 athletes: Lauren, Amy, Emily, Francesca and Bryce (Debbie accepted on Bryce's behalf).
High volunteer rate families thanked.
Parent volunteers Emma Hadfield, Afroditi Bolzonella, Jen Radford, Daphne Naussedat, Leanne Innes presented with flowers for their efforts.
Amy Eva thanked David Rowse and Tammi Doyle. Gifts presented.*
- *Other business.
Nil*

Meeting Closed at 11:25am by the President, followed by presentation of Trophies.