

Athletics Ireland Board Bulletin 05/07/2021

Present on the Zoom Virtual Call:

John Cronin	President
Brid Golden	Deputy President, Chair Coaching & Development
Andrew Lynam	Chair Competition
Evelyn O'Reilly	Chair Juvenile
Michael Quinlan	Chair Finance & Risk
Fintan Reilly	Chair High Performance
Brendan McDaid	Ulster Rep
Brian Bruton	Connacht Rep
PJ O'Rourke	Munster Rep
Greg Duggan	Leinster Rep
Laura Brennan	IUAA
Rory Friel	ISAA
David Abrahams	Athletics Northern Ireland

In Attendance

Hamish Adams

Apologies

none

The following is a summary of the key items discussed at the meeting:

The President opened the meeting welcoming all present and introduced the agenda.

CEO

Minutes

Minutes of meeting 1st June 2021 were then considered and agreed. All actions were completed except composition of the Appeal Committee(s) which was left over to the September meeting with current members in place until then. Also, finalisation of the High Performance & Governance Committees.

Board bulletin for 1st June 2021 was agreed. It was decided that the Board Bulletin would be published on the Athletics Ireland website starting with the 1st June 2021 edition.

Correspondence: None

Board Appointments

Board Co-Optees – Greta Hickey, Nuala Hunt.

Finance & Risk Committee - Ciara Dillon, Gillian Browne, Dermot Nagle, George Maybury.

High Performance Committee – recently retired international athlete (tbc)

<u>Technical Committee</u> - Declan Curtin (Chair) (approved at last meeting), Killian Lonergan, Iain Shaw, Pierce O'Callaghan, Karl O'Connell, Michael Quinlan, Ronan O'Hart, Jackie Mulhall, President, Andrew Lynam (Competition), Evelyn O'Reilly (Juvenile). CEO and Competition Director have a standing invitation.

<u>Ultra-Running Committee</u> - Liam Hennessy (Chair), Pat Ryan (Secretary), Ray O'Connor, Richard Nunan (IMRA), Joanne Fearon, John O'Regan (IAU Liaison), Ruthann Sheehan, Andrew Lynam (Competition), President.

<u>Governance Committee</u> - Clarification from previous meeting; Deputy President (Chair), CEO, Board Co-Optee, Finance & Risk member, David Denieffe, President. Chair & CEO to finalise names for September meeting.

All the above received unanimous approval.

Board Skills Matrix

The meeting reviewed the skills matrix based on input from the Board members. The President indicated he would bring a proposal for the remaining co-optee to the next meeting.

Summary of the AI athlete nominations process to the OFI (CEO verbal)

The CEO outlined the process of selecting Irish athletes for the Olympics. Athletics Ireland notifies athletes of their provisional selection and nomination to the OFI. The OFI selection committee then meets to determine final selection.

Finance Update Chair of Finance & Risk (Finance pack circulated)

Michael Quinlan presented the Results to end of May.

Congress Minutes feedback

The Congress minutes were circulated in advance and the President asked the board to review and provide any feedback directly to him.

Irish Runner proposal (CEO paper circulated)

The CEO circulated a proposal regarding Irish Runner from a third party. It was agreed that the proposal should be investigated for viability.

Employment of a new staff member in the Marketing Dept

This role had been approved at Congress and it was proposed to action and advertise.

Payroll Processing Date and new Credit Card needed for High Performance.

Both were agreed for practical reasons. The relevant sections of the Finance Policy to be updated for approval at September meeting.

Non-participation at the World Athletics Under 20s in Nairobi, Kenya 17-22 August 2021

HP paper outlining the difficulties was presented regarding the above matter, the consensus of the members was to follow the advice and not send a team. World Athletics to be informed of the decision.

CEO Report

The CEO led the discussion on key aspects of the report which had already been circulated.

Athletics Northern Ireland

David Abrahams gave a verbal report.

Provincial Reports

Reports were received verbally from the provincial representatives, mainly about competitions held and future competitions.

OFI Report

The OFI already circulated was taken as read.

Meeting Conclusion:

The President thanked all for their attendance and contributions.

There being no further business the meeting ended.