

## Board meeting 21 August 2017

The AT board met last night and the following items were discussed:

- Review of the School cross country at Symmons Plains - overall the events were successful and record numbers achieved. National Pies sponsorship was a success. Next year the school and state championships will not be combined.
- Shelley attended School Sports cross country as a volunteer and was disappointed at some aspects of School Sport administration as well as the behaviour of parents towards volunteers. Volunteers from AT conducted themselves admirably in very challenging circumstances. Positive feedback was received on the new Tasmanian uniform.
- Financial accounts to date were reviewed as well as the working budget. Further work will be done to refine these as a better management tool.
- KPIs for the State Government Grant are on track with no items of concern.
- Shelley Miller was re-elected as Board Chair.
- The first Strategic Planning forum was held on 10 August 2017 and facilitated by CSR. A second forum to be held 7 September following which a draft plan will be submitted to the board.
- Two membership fees working group meetings have been held with a further one to be held 23 August. This group will provide recommendations for the fee structure and pricing for the coming season.
- A discussion was held about desired skills for the vacant director role. Desirable skills include: sponsorship and marketing and sport knowledge with the lack of northern representation currently on the board noted as a deficiency. Board directors will seek suitable candidates for a shortlist. Please feel free to suggest candidates to the board.
- Club health to be discussed at each meeting to oversee common areas of concern and areas where AT can assist.
- Shelley and Paul met informally with Mark Arbib (AA Chair) and Darren Gocher (AA Commercial Director) and provided an update on the state of athletics in Tasmania including increasing membership as a priority, the difficulty in obtaining sponsorship and the effect of the loss of the national tour on Hobart. Darren Gocher will work with the AT board to assist Hobart in hosting a major meet in 2018/19.

Please feel free to distribute to your members. I am working on compiling these updates for the AT website.

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