

Athletics Northern Ireland (2008)

Wednesday 6th July 2022

Management Summary

Treasurer appointment

The Chair recommended that the candidate be formally interviewed. CEO and Paul Lawther to join interview panel.

Selection policy update

Draft suggestions had been made to both committees. Feedback is expected.

Memorandum & Articles project

The steering group will be calling a meeting to make a number of key decisions. In advance of that, KW will prepare a detailed agenda/decisions lists and will also speak to the lawyer at Carson McDowell who will be undertaking the drafting.

Permit Fees

Discussion postponed until the next Board meeting.

Transgender policy

UKA have released their new position paper. A detailed presentation for the Board on this position paper will be scheduled. KW and Shauna Bratton have recently attended a similar briefing.

Finance Report

It was agreed to create an interim Finance Committee who will work with the CEO and the Treasurer to scrutinize the draft policy in more detail. The interim committee to consist of: EG, Treasurer, DA, IT plus Jim Alexander and Paddy McGrattan. It was noted that there is no internal specialist finance role within the ANI staff. The Board discussed the draft accounts. The Company's VAT position is under consideration.

CEO and Risk Assessment Report

Recruitment of new staff is proceeding. The leave policy for ANI staff is now in place. CEO and Viable continue to work through the new staff handbook. CD proposed the creation of a staff working group. Safeguarding – Allister Woods continues to manage cases on ANI's behalf. Training of staff continues. CWG – the team has been selected. The Chair and CEO report that they met with the CWGNI representative in relation to the selection issues that had arisen. ANI has been assured of no prejudicial outcomes. ANI to consider whether any further review is required.

Presidents Report

GC reported on a number of events he has attended recently. He commended the Ulster Secondary Schools event in particular. He noted the differences in attendance across these events.

Mary Peters Track Report

Chair and CEO had attended a meeting with Belfast City Council. Overall the relationship is positive and supportive. BCC to alert ANI on any new tender.

ANI Managers' Reports

Read and noted by the Board.

Sub Committee reports

- Ulster Schools: MC reported on a very successful event which was attended by Dame Mary Peters. At Districts some 4,200 athletes competed. The UK Schools Competition is under review. The U18 championships are underway. The senior team is currently at their training camp ahead of Senior Championships. He also noted the imminent competitions.
- Mountain & Ultra – IT reported on the recent team event in Scotland, the Under 18s in Italy and the European Championships. There is a new budget focused on junior development. The 50k and 100k championships are being planned.
- Track & Field – JA reported on a very busy period with some 15/16 competitions in the past 12 weeks. There may be a review of the competition structure. The support of Shauna Bratton was commended. JA commented on the selection policy review project and proposed a panel of professional staff and volunteer coaches be created.