

Athletics Northern Ireland Management Board Meeting

Wednesday 10th March 2021

Management Summary

Minutes of Meeting

Minutes from the Board Meeting dated 27th January 2021 were approved. Minutes of the interim meeting of February 4th were approved. Minutes of the interim meeting of February 18th were approved.

Finance & Risk Report

A loss is projected for the financial year 2021/22 based on current assumptions. These are largely based on 2018/19 activities. The proceeds of the successful Sustainability Fund application will be accounted for in this current year. A new format for management accounts to be agreed to include assumptions, associated risk levels and mitigations to be incorporated into the report.

NI Athletics Trust has been closed.

ANI to administer the distribution of funds from the Sustainability Sports Fund to 5 clubs and to Belfast Marathon.

Coronavirus update

Current Covid restrictions prohibit club activity and will be reviewed by the Stormont Executive by March 16th. ANI has prohibited club training. Elite athletes only are permitted to train with restrictions.

Welfare and Safeguarding

Brief update shared. No Board action required.

Equality

ANI's new Transgender & Non-Binary Policy is with UKA for review. Training to follow.

Health & Safety

Nothing to report.

Anti-Doping

Nothing to report.

Mary Peters Track Report

Use of the track is restricted to Elite athletes due to Covid regulations. Some work is taking place on facilities.

UKA Report

The consultation with clubs on the proposed changes in membership of UKA and existence of the Members' Council has commenced and will close, via online survey, on April 8th.

Senior Staff Reports

IT security and data protection to be investigated and reported back upon. The fixture list is being worked upon. The International Representation and Records Policy was approved by the Board. A new Working from Home Policy was agreed by the Board.

JN reported on work of the Development Working Group (UK wide) in relation to facilities and seeking grant funding.

The NI Olympic Potential group continues to be supported, as does the CWG Potential Group albeit on a lesser scale. The Academy athletes and Run NI receive support virtually.

The first Club Conference was held in February. The Club Development Strategy has been updated and is back out with the clubs for consultation.

Governance

Minutes of the AGM cannot be shared until agreed at a subsequent AGM. Work continues on updating ANI's Memorandum and Articles. Board Training is being arranged. Clarification to be sought on the position of ANI and its constituent members/counties on voting rights at the forthcoming AAI Congress.

Sub Committee reports

Mountain and Ultra Running: Virtual training for NIMRA Juniors to take place in conjunction with the England Athletics Mountain group. NIURA will host the 50k and 100k NI & Ulster Championships on May 29th. Ian Taylor will represent the Mountain Running Association and Ultra Running Association on the Board. NIURA will work with the Road Running & Cross-Country committee to select representative teams and for the granting of race permits.

Road & Cross Country: The Senior XC Championships will be on April 25th, Covid restrictions permitting. The sponsor and venue are agreed. Race distances to be confirmed. The Novice Championships together with the Uneven Age Groups Champs to be confirmed. The Les Jones 10k is pencilled in for June 25th and the Titanic 10k for Aug 15th.

Track & Field: Work continues on the review of the T&F Committee Terms of Reference. A proposed list of dates for NI& Ulster competitions has been sent to all Officials. Officials' licences to be checked to ensure they're in date, Access NI is current and refresher courses on new rules been delivered.

Schools: T&F competition season is unlikely to happen.

Next monthly meeting will be on 28th April 2021 at 5pm.