

## **Athletics Northern Ireland Management Board Meeting**

**Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> April 2021**

### **Management Summary**

#### **Minutes of Meeting**

Minutes from the Board Meeting dated 10<sup>th</sup> March 2021 were approved.

#### **Finance & Risk Report**

Much work has been done on the presentation of the management accounts. Variances to be shown and explained once one full month's trading has passed. Current cash deficit projected at y/end will likely be mitigated by change in staff expense.

#### **Coronavirus update**

The next all party group meeting will occur on May 1<sup>st</sup> regarding the covid protocol. Meanwhile, KW to seek clarification from Sport NI and/or PHA regarding temperature checking of athletes & officials at events.

#### **Welfare and Safeguarding**

Safeguarding checks and requirements for non-UK officials & coaches operating in NI to be confirmed. The UKA implementation plan to be completed by March 2022.

#### **Equality**

ANI's new Equality Guidance for Clubs requires further review. The UKA Transgender Policy is still to be approved, so our Transgender Policy and guidance may have to be updated as a result. Query was raised re non-binary competition however it is at each race organiser's discretion whether to include a non-binary category of competition.

The results of the UKA cross country race distance equalisation survey are in. Various options are under consideration.

#### **Health & Safety**

Nothing to report.

#### **Anti-Doping**

The new anti-doping framework has just been agreed. To be shared widely.

#### **Mary Peters Track Report**

Use of the track by up to 100 people is now permitted under Covid guidance. The new HJ bed and cover is operational. The LJ pits have been covered. Activity levels are increasing with the re-introduction of competition.

#### **UKA Report**

The consultation with clubs on the proposed changes in membership of UKA has concluded. The outcome at England Athletics is different from that agreed at other HCAFs. Ongoing discussions amongst the Chairs and CEOs of the HCAFs continues in this regard.

The ANI representatives on the working groups formed as part of the Framework had nothing to report.

#### **Senior Staff Reports**

Individual registrations of ANI are now at 47% of annual target. A new 5k world best for a 12 year old was run by Willowfield athlete Emer McKee in a time of 16:40. A new NI & Ulster statistics and records website will be launched by John Glover. Clubmark is being replaced by a new Club self-assessment tool.

A new NI marathon record was recently achieved by Anne Marie McGlynn (2:29:34) just 4 seconds outside Olympic standard. Kate O' Connor broke her own Irish heptathlon record (6297 pts) and continues to aim for Tokyo. Eilish Flannigan and Kerry O'Flaherty have run steeplechase in the US recently, with Eilish close to Commonwealth Games standard. Megan Marrs also performed well at a recent Loughborough meet. Para athletes Eve Walsh Dann and James Hamilton continue to train with James potentially on course for Tokyo.

### **Governance**

Board Training has taken place. The review of operations of ANI. The Memo and Arts of ANI are being worked upon with the objects & powers being updated.

### **Sub Committee reports**

Athletics Ireland: The annual congress was beset by technical issues and has been adjourned for 2 weeks.

Mountain and Ultra Running: Ian Taylor provided an update on planned events.

Road & Cross Country: congratulations were expressed to North Belfast Harriers for coming second in the GB & NI Virtual Road Relays. Planning for XC season (autumn/winter '21) is happening with the Billy Neill Playing Fields being confirmed for the International and Celtic XC races. Legislation affecting roads closure during races is being considered by Dept for Infrastructure.

Track & Field: the facilities group is examining options for a new indoor facility. Belfast City Council is considering partnering with other sporting bodies for the delivery of improved facilities. The club fixture list has been produced. Training for officials has been delivered virtually.

Schools: T&F competition season will be almost non-existent.

### **Any Other Business**

The Board considered an application for a Track & Field permit. It was agreed that a Level 1 permit could be issued, subject to the competition organiser confirming the correct officials required for the meet.

Next monthly meeting will be on 16<sup>th</sup> June 2021 at 5pm.