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## MINUTES OF THE 48<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Held Monday 6<sup>th</sup> May 2019, Club Rivers, Riverwood

### IN ATTENDANCE

**Invited Guests:** Heather Mitchell - LANSW Board Member, David Kistle – General Secretary (St George District Athletic Club), Chris Stratford – President (St George District Athletic Club); David Coleman (MP) – Federal Member for Banks, Lynne Whatman LM – Sthn Met Zone Coordinator; Christine Butters – Revesby Workers LAC.

**Life Members:** Chris Robinson, Peter Williams, Glenda McLoughlin, Fred Scott, Bev Scott, Bonnie West (and John West), Roger Malcolm, John Dodson

**Parents and Supporters:** Theo Latanis, Samantha Latanis, Avinash Sharma, Lisa Rios, Fleur Franich, Elise Beck, Matthew Murdock, Geoff Lindner, Andrew MacPherson, Anna Rizzi, Karen Tuqiri, Josaia Tuqiri, Philomena Leger, Sheila Mitchell, Leanne Jones, Wayne Marshall, Sarah Jane Tarau, Penny Larkin, Bruce Pili, Rachel Lau.

### 1. OPENING OF MEETING

The President, Theo Latanis took the chair & opened the meeting at 7:40pm welcoming everyone present.

### 2. APOLOGIES

Kerry O'Keefe (CEO LANSW), Graham Hawkes LM, Kim Delaney LM, Barbara Lea LM, Mabs Errington LM, Byron Griffiths LM, Coral Ferraro LM, Albert Ferraro LM, Cathy Hollamby, Michelle Carati, Michelle Venturino, Chris Mitchell, Cr Kevin Greene (Georges River Council), Cr Warren Tegg (Georges River Council).

### 3. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The chairman asked if corrections were required to the Minutes. As none were proposed, he declared the Minutes of the 47<sup>th</sup> Annual General Meeting approved.

### 4. PRESIDENT'S OPENING ADDRESS

The President thanked the Committee, Age Group Managers and parent helpers for their hard work in delivering the Friday night program and remarked on the smooth operation of the program and

increased athlete participation levels. The Club Captains were thanked and special mention was made of the feats of Kai Hammond (new 3000m State Record), Lauren Carey (new 3000m State Record & successful World XC campaign), Dane Mitchell on his appointment as Captain of the LANSW State Team, Bailey Latanis for selection in the LANSW Trans-Tasman Team and Andrea Marshall for earning the 10 Year Service Award. Looking to the future, the President noted the large financial Grant the Centre had secured from the Federal Government and thanked Mr David Coleman MP for his support and referred Members to the Secretary's report for further details.

## 5. PRESENTATION OF 48<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

These were presented by Secretary Geoff Lindner, who highlighted the main points. He then thanked Michelle Venturino for preparing the financial statements and Mr Angelo Cazouris for undertaking the Independent Review.

The meeting resolved to adopt the 2018/2019 Financial Statements.

**Moved:** Avinash Sharma

**Seconded:** Andrew MacPherson

**Carried.**

## 6. ADDRESSES BY GUESTS AND OFFICIALS

Chris Stratford (President, St George District Athletic Club)

Noted that SGLAC 50th anniversary and SGDAC 100th anniversary are both approaching and suggested the 2 clubs ought to consider the potential for some joint activities to mark the events. Was pleased to see the application of federal grant funds to the facilities at Olds Park, but re-iterated the medium term need for a synthetic track in the area, highlighting Salt Pan Reserve as a potential candidate. Looked forward to a future scenario where the 2 clubs (SGDAC/SGLAC) might one day be merged.

David Coleman MP (Member for Banks)

Expressed his pleasure at being able to facilitate the recent \$500,000 federal grant given to St George Little Athletics Centre for investment in athletics in the St George area, and endorsed the earlier remarks about the suitability of Salt Pan Reserve for a future athletics track. Remarked on the dedication and strength of the current Committee at SGLAC (and the SGDAC). Pleased to note the recognition to be afforded Lisa Rios later in the meeting.

Lynne Whatman LM (SMZ ZoneCo)

Congratulated the Committee on the season just completed. Offered particular thanks to Theo Latanis, Lisa Rios, Wayne Marshall, David Carey and others who had officiated at and otherwise supported the various championship events.

Heather Mitchell (LANSW / Port Hacking LAC)

Extended Kerry O'Keefe's (CEO LANSW) apologies for her last-minute inability to attend the meeting. Congratulated the committee on the quality of the Annual Report. Highlighted the achievements of Dane Mitchell in helping NSW to success at the National championships; Bailey Latanis for assisting NSW to success in the Trans-Tasman Cup; Lauren Carey for her extraordinary achievement in the World Cross Country event in Denmark and Kai Hammond for setting a new State Record in the 3000m event.

## 7. SPECIAL RESOLUTION REGARDING THE NAME OF THE ASSOCIATION

The meeting resolved: "That an application be made to NSW Fair Trading to amend the name of the Centre, as recorded by NSW Fair Trading, to become: "St George Little Athletics Centre Inc."

**Moved:** Lisa Rios

**Seconded:** Samantha Latanis

**Carried.**

## 8. SPECIAL RESOLUTION REGARDING THE CONSTITUTION OF THE ASSOCIATION

The meeting resolved: "That the existing Constitution of St George Little Athletic Centre Inc be replaced by the document "St George Little Athletics Centre Constitution", dated May 2019 and annexed to the Notice of Meeting, and that the new Constitution be lodged with the NSW Office of Fair Trading in accordance with the provisions of the Associations Incorporation Act 2009 (NSW)."

**Moved:** Lisa Rios

**Seconded:** Karen Tuqiri

**Carried.**

## 9. SPECIAL RESOLUTION TO APPOINT LISA RIOS A LIFE MEMBER

The meeting resolved: "That, in accordance with its Constitution, the Members of St George Little Athletics Centre Inc. hereby appoint Lisa Rios a Life Member."

**Moved:** Anna Rizzi

**Seconded:** Wayne Marshall

**Carried.**

The chairman then invited Lisa to step forward to receive a plaque commemorating her appointment, which was presented by Chris Robinson, the most recently appointed Life Member.

Lisa then addressed the meeting. She expressed her gratitude for the recognition afforded her this evening and thanked the many people who had supported and worked with her on committees over the years. She also reminded us of the importance to the development of the great sport of athletics that we always strive to support and acknowledge the grass roots, club level athletes, as well as celebrate the achievements of the high performing athletes.

## 10. ELECTION OF OFFICERS FOR THE 2019/20 SEASON

Founding Life Member Fred Scott was invited to take the Chair as 'Returning Officer' & oversee the election of Officers. He took the chair and then conducted the Election of Officers for the 2018/19 season. The following were elected:

### **Executive Committee**

President	-	Theo Latanis
Vice President	-	Karen Tuqiri
Secretary	-	Geoffrey Lindner
Treasurer	-	Anna Rizzi
Registrar	-	Cathy Hollamby

### **General Committee Office Holders**

Competition & Records	-	Avinash Sharma
Officer for Championships	-	Leanne Jones
Officer for Officials	-	Michelle Carati
Publicity	-	Sheila Mitchell
Recorder	-	Philomena Leger
Equipment / Ground Maintenance	-	Andrew MacPherson
Coaching Coordinator	-	Samantha Latanis
Uniforms	-	Michelle Venturino
Canteen	-	VACANT
Event Chief-1	-	VACANT
Event Chief-2	-	VACANT

### **11. VOTE OF THANKS TO RETURNING OFFICER**

Theo Latanis thanked the Returning Officer for conducting the Election of Officers and resumed the Chair.

### **12. PRESIDENT ELECT'S REMARKS**

The President thanked Club Rivers for their generous support throughout the year and looked forward to the next season of Little Athletics at St George.

### **13. CLOSING OF MEETING**

The Chairman thanked all members for their presence and invited them to partake of the supper. The Meeting closed at 8:10pm.

Signed:

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**Theo Latanis**  
**President**