



APF Board Meeting Outcomes

The Board met virtually on 5 September. Three new Directors were welcomed to the meeting by the Chair (Trevor Collins). They are Karen Fuller, Dale Findlay and Michael (Mick) Connolly. All eight Directors were present at the meeting.

The Board is considering what (if any) improvements (or adjustments) are to be made in our Awards system and discussed some options. This work is ongoing, and it was resolved to continue reviewing and developing in consultation with key Directors and the acting Awards Committee Chair (Wade Challenor)

The Board signed off on the questions and procedures for the 2023 Member Survey. The sub-committee reported on its work to the meeting and the recommendations were adopted. A key feature going forward will be on gathering longitudinal data which informs the Board and Management on how our sport is changing. So much of this change is member driven, and therefore it is important to seek more than anecdotal information from all Full Term, Life and Honorary Life members.

The Board considered recommendations for deserving members to receive APF Achievement Awards.

Membership statistics and related data were extensively reviewed. The Board tracks this data closely and this is done on a regular basis.

The CEO reported to the Board on progress in regard to a range of operational and management issues. These included progress on selecting 2024 Nationals venue(s) as well as the nearly complete total update of the sporting code. Of course, the CEO keeps the Board updated on all legal actions and potential legal actions.

The Board reviewed how APF are tracking financially. Certainly, things are looking more positive but a close watch on expenditure will continue to need to be kept.

The Board referred a Level 3 Funding application to the Funding Committee for more scrutiny and development before it comes back to the Board in November.

May 2024 will mark the three-year anniversary of the major APF constitution re-write coming into force. This document has served us very well so far, but it is important that it is reviewed to ensure it continues to meet our needs. The Board received a report from the Governance Committee on this topic and considered a number of mostly minor updates and adjustments. Given the nature of the document, the Board decided to soon release its working copy of this document to members via an e-news so that members can engage in the process if they wish. The member vote to adopt the final draft is planned for May 2024.

At the previous meeting, the Board gave the Governance Committee the task of drafting a charter for a new consultative group that would hear a wider range of operators' voices. That charter was presented and approved. It will soon appear on the APF website as part of the committee charters document.

The Board was brought up to speed with the CEO recruitment and appointment process. This is a task that is largely managed by the Remuneration Committee. Things are progressing very well so far and it is hoped members will not be kept waiting too long for an announcement.

The Board will next meet in person on 20 and 21 November which allows Directors to attend the APF conference scheduled for 21 November.