



Perth 2016 Forum

Following MAWA AGM 20 September 2015

Opened 10.45am by Richard Blurton

Introduction:

Richard introduced the LOC members present at Forum:

Head of LOC	Richard Blurton
Competition Manager	Stephen Stingemore - AWA
Treasurer	Geoff Brayshaw
Competition Liaison	Bob Schickert
Non-Competition Liaison	Lynne Schickert
Administration	Delia Baldock

Other Members of LOC not present are:

Deputy Head	Dominic Staltari
Event Director	Dave Budge - TriEvents

Perth 2016 LOC Progress Report August 2015 has been posted on MAWA website.

Entry fees published in the entry booklet are in USD as not possible to have in AUD due to the WMA bank account being in USD. Entry fees have to go directly to WMA because in the past some LOC bodies have spent entry money that should have gone to WMA. Geoff has argued for AUD as Australian's could lose money with changes in the exchange rate.

At the AMA AGM in October Lynne will try and get help for Australian Athletes with the fees.

Questions Invited:

Q.1 Graeme Dahl – Could WMA set up an Australian bank Account?

R: Geoff is still trying to find a way around this problem – have until entries open in January.

Q.2 Nick Miletic – from experience at 5 World Championships there are 5 key issues:

1. Transport – ease of transport to venue and regular timetable needed.

R: Richard replied our plan is that every entrant will get accreditation to travel on PTA buses and trains. When travelling by train there will be shuttle buses from the nearest station to the WAAS and the ECAC is walking distance from the station. Information will be provided to athletes. Suggestion made of also having shuttle buses from Scarborough as popular accommodation area. There will be no charge for parking at the venues.

2. **TIC** – Need to avoid long queues – Lyon was well set up and had quick registration.

R: TIC will be in the HBF Stadium. Lyon had a new system based on birth dates but reverse date order to what we use. We will also have interpreters.

3. **Toilets** – not cleaned often enough, Cross Country in Lyon did not have enough toilets, portables should have been provided.

R: Yes adequate toilets are high priority.

4. **Shade** – School Athletics always put up lots of gazebos but no shade provided at Lyon.

R: Yes we will be organising gazebos for shade

5. **Warm-up Track** – needed but there was no warm-up track at Lyon

R: We will use McGillivray as warm-up track. There is a path from the car park outside Stadium through to McGillivray oval.

Q.3 Lindsey Glass – Hammer throw facilities?

R: Stephen replied hammer will be at Ern Clark Athletic Centre and LOC will work with City of Canning to repair/replace the hammer cage. At WAAS the hammer cage will also be repaired and the discus cage is being replaced over the October holidays. So hammer will be at WAAS and ECAC and discus will be at WAAS and UWA with a temporary discus cage set up. The weight throw will be at ECAC eastern end. The WMA Tech Manager will decide on key officials and we will have one at each track. In February the 2 most senior WMA Officials will be visiting our facilities. Colin mentioned one of the Little Athletics clubs proposed to store a sea container at ECAC. In this case it would have to be removed before the Championships.

Q.4 Campbell Till – estimated number of competitors? Do we have a contingency plan?

R: Bob responded we are estimating 4,000. Program was based on Sacramento and revised after Porto Alegre. Lyon had 8,000 but Europe gets higher numbers because of proximity. Used 5/8 of numbers at Lyon. TriEvents got feedback from Lyon and gave out 4,000 handbooks. If we get more entries than anticipated the program can run to later in the day. At the moment looking at 8am to 5pm. We also have more lanes for sprints on our track so will need less heats than Lyon.

Q.5 Will we have enough qualified officials?

R: Stephen is working with AWA officials to recruit and qualification process has been initiated. Regional Centres officials can also be used. Stephen will be visiting centres such as Bunbury and Albany. We will need key and ancillary personnel. SEDA could also be sourced. We will use WA officials where we can but we also have links to Eastern States officials and International volunteers. Fiona Brown is AWA Officials Education Officer. We have an officials compensation package to cover accommodation expenses, etc. There are 10 days of competition we need officials for.

Q.6 How do we promote the event to the wider community? We need to introduce new people to athletics and hold events to promote entering athletics. People also assume there are qualification standards for championships and that they are only for elite competition.

R: Lynne responded – TriEvents have a marketing team for the championships who will advertise widely. They are sending out a regular E-Newsletter with key information to a large data base. Parkrun has also been promoting the event on their websites. Issues are that athletes need to join a Masters Club and purchase an Australian uniform.

Track and Field – need to attract people who were athletes as kids and advertise now so they have time to train. We could advertise at fitness clubs. How do we attract people before registrations open? Suggested a Meet for new athletes – perhaps a Saturday afternoon at ECAC with a BBQ.

Q.7 Bruce Wilson – There are two “Herb Elliott Drive” street signs, one near the HBF Stadium and the other and one at the Basketball Stadium end but one is spelt incorrectly with only one “t”.

R: Stephen will follow this up

Q.8 Greg Brush – Flyer needed to advertise the event.

R: We will ask Dave Budge to have one made up and put it on the MAWA website so members can share it.

Q.9 Nick Miletic – how can members volunteer?

R: TriEvents are organising all the volunteers and interpreters. MAWA will call for member volunteers before March when there will be a volunteer training program. Barbara said many members are keen to volunteer and we need to approach them earlier. There will be two types of volunteers, those to help at the TIC and those to help in the field.

Q.10 Graeme Dahl – Transport directions needed - in Lyon there weren't enough signs. We need people to direct visitors.

R: We will have signage at the hotels and someone at the Perth Train Station. TriEvents saw the problems at Lyon. The competition handbook will have information and there will also be a booth at the airport.

Q.11 Lindsey Glass – We need training sessions with coaches in different areas. Also need equipment?

R: WMA Senior Competition Director Alan Bell is coming over in February. We have two sets of equipment and Stephen has started stockpiling equipment for Masters. In our budget we can buy new equipment if short. Pole vaults will be available to competitors free of charge. Venues West will keep most of the new equipment after the championships but the weighted throws Masters can keep. Blocks and Hurdles belong to the Stadium but we currently use our own throwing implements.

Q.12 Bruce Wilson – can we have electronic measuring equipment as more accurate?

R: Stephen replied that AWA has one device. Lindsey Glass also has an electronic measurer. We would need two at each venue so need to purchase two more. They are very expensive but would be worthwhile. Also going to purchase electronic scoreboards.

Q.13 Colin Smith – Medical centre needed – at Lyon they only had only two people and no physios.

R: TriEvents have put out to tender for a physio supplier. Athletes will pay for use of the services.

Thanks to everyone for their input

Forum was closed at 11.55am

GLOSSARY:

AUD Australian Dollars
AMA Australian Masters Athletics
AWA Athletics WA
ECAC Ern Clark Athletic Centre
LOC Local Organising Committee (Perth 2016)
MAWA Masters Athletics WA
PTA Public Transport Authority (WA)
TIC Technical Information Centre
USD US Dollars
WAAS WA Athletics Stadium
WMA World Masters Athletics