

ATHLETICS WAIKATO-BAY of PLENTY Inc ~ MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE MEETING
Cambridge on Monday 10th May 2014 at 5:00pm

PRESENT: B. Fleming, A. McDonald, M. Holcroft, J. Davidson, M. Taylor, D. Taylor, G. Sexton, G. McCabe, S. Rees-Jones

APOLOGIES: H. O'Hagan, M. Oman, R. Porter, P. Cole, M. Petley, E.A. Taylor, M. Green

- The restructuring of the Centre was discussed by members. A member updated that it is envisaged that the restructuring would be a 12 month process and that meetings would have to take place with key members of clubs. The member suggested that the Centre could change from a committee to a board structure. The need for formal processes to be set up for any changes was noted.
- A member informed the meeting that less Management Committee meetings should be held. It was suggested that five meetings a year could take place and that a sub-committee could be formed, consisting of three people plus the administrator. The sub-committee could consider any urgent matters that arise between Management meetings. All Management meetings would be opened to clubs. It was stated that this can be taken to the AGM for discussion, with a likely one year trial period.

MINUTES of PREVIOUS MEETING: were approved

CORRESPONDENCE

Inwards:

- Letter received from Hinemoa regarding concerns over security at Porritt Stadium (previously circulated to committee). It was noted that this is a long running issue. It was suggested that the best option is to discuss this with the council when they are met with next month to discuss the track resurfacing.
- First registrations for 2014/2015 season have been received. The administrator reported that a meeting was scheduled for 12th May to discuss updates with the MMS. It was raised that clubs need support throughout the new process. It was noted that Children's clubs in particular have transient administrators and thus may need more support.

Outwards:

- Cross Country and Road Handbook

FINANCE

Bank statement April 2014 was tabled.

The following accounts payable for May 2014 were approved:

Hamilton City Hawks (Porritt Stadium Season gear maintenance, stadium, teas) \$600.00

Emblems NZ Ltd (Trophy engravings)	\$37.95
Athletics NZ (Kiwisport Coaching Development Course)	\$150.00
Sport Waikato (Sports Force)	\$4312.50
Kevin Bradley (3 Day Car hire at National T&F Champs)	\$159.00
Dawn Tuffery (Contribution to 100k Champs expenses)	\$130.00
Margaret Holcroft (Rust proofing of shots in Children's trailer)	\$34.72

- It was discussed that a formal policy document may be required to confirm policy on funding for athletes competing at National Championships. The Finance Committee is to look at this and to come up with a worded policy.
- Grants are due to be applied for: **Trust Waikato** for administrator salary, rent and office expenses, **Lion Foundation** for \$7,500 towards Sports Force and **NZCT** for \$8,000 towards Coach Force BOP salary. A resolution was passed agreeing that those grants should be applied for.

REPORTS (see separately): *Road and Cross Country (M. Taylor); Children's (M.Holcroft); Sportforce (A.McDonald); Track and Field (A.McDonald); Officials (H.O'Hagan)*

MATTERS ARISING FROM REPORTS

Website/Facebook

- It was reported that good engagement is occurring with the new Centre website. Attempts are being made to keep the content current. It was also suggested that there may be possible advertising opportunities. It was suggested that the Children's section of the website should be expanded with more information.
- Members discussed the Centre hand books. It was concluded that there is still a need for a substantive written document despite the new Centre website providing information.
- It was suggested that the Children's section could provide an administrator for the Centre Facebook page.

Rail Trail events

- The Poster advertising the Rail Trail running events should be published next week. There will be three events, Tirohia to Te Aroha, Waihi to Paeroa and Paeroa to Thames.

Porritt Stadium resurfacing/upgrade

- A meeting will be called with clubs after the next meeting with the council. It was reported that the council are keen on artificial "D" sectors being laid as part of the upgrade.
- It was stated that the Children's section require notice by August of the council's timeline for resurfacing as they are due to host the Inter-Regionals in 2015.

General Track and Field

- Alan McDonald confirmed that he is resigning from his post as track and field chairperson

- It was noted that there was poor support from Waikato-BOP Secondary Schools Association at their Track and Field Championships, with a shortage of officials. On the day the event ran satisfactorily, but communication prior to the event was poor.

GENERAL BUSINESS

- The AGM was agreed to be held on the 31st August 2014 at 1 pm. The venue is to be confirmed, with Matamata suggested as a possibility. This will follow the Track and Field AGM at 11 am.
- The Sports Force contract with Sport Waikato has been received. This continues for another 12 months on the same terms.
- Offering live results and online entry from the website were discussed. Enter online rather than IMG will be used for race entry. Live results may be considered in the future but will not be used at the current time. The administrator is to contact and update IMG.
- The registration report for year ending March 2014 was discussed. It was noted that some clubs had not declared their athletes under five years of age. The report is to be updated with this information as it is received. It was suggested that an early full year registration report could be produced in February 2015 to allow better identification of whether clubs had declared all of their athletes. It is envisaged that with the new MMS database that more regular registration reports can be produced, such as at the end of the harrier season.
- A member made a suggestion of charging a levy when hosting a New Zealand Championships that could be used as a payment to volunteers for the event.
- It was confirmed that there is a charge from the Centre for equipment hire for the Inter Provincial meeting to be hosted in the region in 2015.
- Life membership of the Centre was discussed by members.

NEXT MEETING: was confirmed to be Monday 28th July 2014 at Cambridge Clubrooms.

Confirmed.....Date.....

REPORTS

ROAD AND CROSS COUNTRY

The Winter season is underway with the program set with Waikato Championship venues set at Cross Country at Rotorua, Road Championships at Tauranga, Half Marathon at Cambridge.

The New Zealand Road Championships will be held in Tauranga at Tauriko Industrial Estate on a very fast course in September.

The Centres biggest event was held on 3rd May being the Lion Foundation Rotorua Marathon which had 4,400 entrants in the Marathon while total number of entrants including associated events being 8,000.

The event was run very efficiently by Event Promotions. Prize giving was held in stages outside however there was some comment that that was it would have been better inside. The event which doubled as the New Zealand Championships saw the awards presented in a timely manner.

Waikato Marathon Championships will be determined once final results are posted.

Next major interclub will be the North Island Cross Country Championships hosted by the Taupo club in July.

Malcolm Taylor

Children's Report May 2014

The Children's Championships held in Tauranga in March concluded the summer athletic calendar for most of the children in the region.

The Grade 12 and 13 Inter-provincial competition was held in Hastings on 19, 20 April (Easter). A full team of 44 athletes competed after initial difficulty of having sufficient Gr 13 boys. Seven Managers accompanied the team, 4 female, 3 male. Christopher Goodwin, son of one of the Managers, also helped out with various responsibilities. Ashleigh Sando filled the officials position on behalf of the team.

The team travelled by bus using Turleys Bus Company from Te Aroha. Accommodation was at Napier Girls High School. Successful applications for funding from Four Winds and Lion Foundation went towards bus hire and accommodation.

The weather on Thursday, travelling day, and Friday were appalling, competition days on Saturday and Sunday were fine. Captains for the team were Montessa Tairakena and Lachlan Haycock.

The team was placed 4th, only 580 points behind 3rd place Auckland. Wellington was 1st and Canterbury 2nd.

In the individual placings, Gr 13 Girls Dayna Khamal from Fairfield was 1st, only 20 points behind in 2nd place was Montessa Tairakena also from Fairfield.

The NZCAA Easter Executive meeting followed the Inter-provincials competition. On-line entries for the Colgate Games was successful and EDP on-line entries will continue.

Competition Committee put forward the proposal for the Colgate Games, for athletes 7-9 to enter 5 events plus the relays and to trial 5 events for the 10-14 age group plus relays, this was accepted by those in attendance.

The Children's Mid Winter Forum was held on Sunday 4th May. Main topic for discussion was the Relay Champs – ways to help smaller clubs enter teams, other relay options to allow athletes to compete in more events on the day.

Pentathlon event for Children based on a similar format as Auckland.
Other matters: Pacific School Games does not include athletics now.

The Children's Section AGM to be held on 15 June.

Margaret Holcroft
Secretary

SPORTSFORCE REPORT MAY 2014

March April focus – Championships, Coach support into Secondary Schools and clubs, new web site operational

COURSES DELIVERED

Clubs: Hawks, Taumarunui, Taupo, Cambridge, (1 attendee Frankton Get Set Go)

Secondary Schools Kick Start Kiwi Sport: Coromandel area school, Hamilton Girls, TeAwamutu x4, Otorohunga x 2, Ngaruawahia x2, Fraser x2, Tokoroa x 12, Putaruru x 4. Schools that we worked with produced above normal results particularly Tokoroa. Ngaruawahia competed at the zone and WBoP Sec Sch Champs for the first time in 6 years

SECONDARY SCHOOL ZONE & CHAMPIONSHIP

SW and Sports Force assisted with all 4 zone athletics days plus the championship. Tried Meet Manager at Championship with partial success and will develop further next year. Mid Island zone was held at Owen Delany Park Taupo and what a great venue – most likely the best grass track in NZ.

30 students from the organising school, Fairfield College trained in basics for Central Zone. This worked extremely well.

Officials and volunteers a big thank you for well run meets

AWBOP NEW WEB SITE

New Web Site is up and running in conjunction with Face Book. The major items such as calendar- events-entry- results-pictures-contacts has been the focus and traffic through both has been around 150 to 300 hits each time something new is posted demonstrating that the site is a good place to go for information and communication.

Back ground information about pathways for coaching and officials is being worked on along with linking the four main areas of our sport into the tabs. T&F SENIORS, CHILDRENS, ROAD CROSS COUNTRY, VOLUNTEERS COACHES & OFFICIALS

RAIL TRAIL TRI SERIES

Sport Waikato is interested in working with AWBoP to establish a tri run series on the 3 rail trails in the Hauraki district. 1) Paeroa Thames; 2) Paeroa Te Aroha; 3) Waihi Paeroa

Timing now July August September

Will organise discussion with Road Cross Country

TRACK & FIELD REPORT MAY 2014

PORRITT STADIUM

Track resurface planned for 2014

A second meeting with the council will take place during May. (Date time to be decided)

Council like the idea of the artificial grassing of the D sectors at each end of the ground same as Newtown Park. They also like the idea to put training lanes on the grassed area outside of lane 8 on the front track

The cost for these developments is being worked out then the committee will meet to look at funding options.

Maybe it is timely to also consider further technical / electronic improvements for the track such as front on camera and automated large timer with both being able to be used at Hamilton and Tauranga.

NZ TRACK & FIELD CHAMPIONSHIPS

Congratulations for another great effort by our athletes at the NZ Track & Field Championship. We placed 3rd on the medal count with

Auckland 42 gold, 36 silver, 30 bronze TOTAL 108

Canterbury 29 gold, 19 silver; 16 bronze TOTAL 64

Waikato BoP 23 gold, 19 silver; 16 bronze TOTAL 58

A couple of shout outs, Joseph Millar making it 3 consecutive titles in the 100 and 200 meters

Stuart Farquhar 14 national titles in the javelin

In the 100m sprints 123 results to the senior men and U20 women

Thanks to team managers John Tylden, Murray Green, Paula Cole and Dianne Rodger

SECONDARY SCHOOL TRACK & FIELD CHAMPIONSHIP

This was a big day with 580 athletes competing. The day ran a little behind in the morning while we worked our way using Meet Manager for the track. We believe we now have a workable system to speed up results and lane draws.

The program caught up by lunch time and the afternoon program ran to time.

The hot conditions made field events demanding and need to look at a dedicated team supplying refreshments to the officials.

AWBOP TRACK & FIELD CHAMPIONSHIP SAT 22 SUN 23 FEBRUARY TAURANGA DOMAIN

Ran smoothly over the 2 days

2014 entries 149 athlete's 2013 entries 136 athletes

Comments from Mhyre Oman

I think online entries will be great for next season

People accepted that there were no entries on the day. It certainly made life easier to prepare to run the meeting.

THANK YOU TO ALL OFFICIALS VOLUNTEERS AND COACHES FOR ASSISTING IN THE CHAMPIONSHIPS AND THROUGH OUT THE YEAR

NOTICE OF RESIGNATION

Please note I will not be continuing as Track & Field Chair for the coming season

Alan McDonald
Chairman Track & Field

Officials report for Management meeting 10th May 2014.

My ankle injury meant I missed most of the meetings in February and March. Thank you to those who turned out for the WBOP Secondary Schools meet. Another long day for us all.

A small number of officials travelled to Wellington for the National Champs, and their contributions were much appreciated.

The ANZ Road Champs will be held in Tauranga in September. I am planning an Outside Events course in Cambridge towards the end of June, and hope that there will be interest in another in Tauranga to upskill our officials for the Road Race Champs. Those interested need to contact me. (ohagan@visique.co.nz or 0274 713220)

Courses for Track and Field officials need to be planned- any interested parties please make contact.

For those in the Master's section of the sport there is some forward thinking needed to provide officials for the World Master's Games in Auckland in 2017. The exact demands of the competition (multiple tracks needed?) are still unknown.

We do have some issues to discuss regarding official's behaviour, and attitudes to each other. We cannot afford to alienate our officials. We do not have enough as it is.

Heather O'Hagan,