

ATHLETICS WAIKATO-BAY of PLENTY Inc ~ MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE MEETING
Cambridge on Monday 13th April 2015 at 7:30pm

MINUTES

PRESENT: Brian Evison (chair), Myhre Oman, Douglas Taylor, George Caddie, Joan Rawnsley, Glenn Sexton, Murray Green, Paula Cole, Bruce Clarke, Marion Clarke, Margaret Holcroft, Alan McDonald, Steve Rees-Jones

APOLOGIES: Malcolm Taylor, Ashley Taylor, Graeme McCabe, Tom Powell, Denise Taylor, Marcia Petley, Kevin Bradley, Heather O'Hagan, Bruce Fleming

MINUTES of PREVIOUS MEETING were approved

CORRESPONDENCE

Inwards:

- \$15,000 from Grassroots Trust for Porritt Stadium project
- Contributions from Clubs to Porritt Stadium project
- Final registrations for 2014/15 season
- Confirmation from Athletics New Zealand that Thames Athletics Club are now affiliated
- Invoice from HCC for Porritt Stadium upgrade (\$96,000 plus GST)

Outwards:

- Final Levy payment to Athletics New Zealand
- Winter handbook

FINANCE

- Update on Porritt Stadium upgrade contributions. It was confirmed that \$77,000 of funds have been pledged to the Centre, the majority of which has been paid.
- Accounts paid February 2015:
 - \$2060 – HCC (Porritt hire)
 - \$40 – Taylor Wynne (kick start coaching)
 - \$80 – Jacob Priddey (ANZ 3 km subsidy)
 - \$140.20 – Heather O'Hagan (officials booklets)
 - \$165.14 – Bunnings (Paint etc.)
 - \$1022.22 – Sport BOP (Coach Force)
 - \$8352.00 – ANZ (levy)
 - \$1190 – Children's account (IP G14/16 Subsidy)

- \$323.73 – NZYFS Ltd (Kick Start Coaching)
 - \$2300 – NZYFS Ltd (Kiwisport)
 - \$4312.50 – Sport Waikato (Sports Force)
- Accounts paid March 2015:
 - \$11.50 – Emblems (Trophy engraving)
 - \$70 – T. Davey (NZ TF Champs subsidy)
 - \$140 – Lake City (NZ TF Champs subsidy)
 - \$150 – Aaron Pulford (NZ TF Champs + 3 km Champs subsidies)
 - \$280 – Whakatane (NZ TF Champs subsidy)
 - \$380 – Te Awamutu (NZ TF Champs subsidies athletes and manager)
 - \$980 – Athletics Tauranga (NZ TF Champs subsidy)
 - \$2730 – Hamilton Hawks (NZ TF Champs subsidy athletes and managers)
 - \$2691 – Trio (Centre Singlets)
 - \$1022.22 – Sport BOP Coachforce
 - \$640.46 – Athletics Tauranga (Meet Manager Tauranga)
 - \$260 – Hart Sport (Discus)
 - \$163.94 – Office Max (Toner)
 - \$8352 – Athletics NZ (Levy)
 - \$2,300 – NZYFS Ltd (Barrie Jennings Kiwisport)
 - \$500 – Steve Rees-Jones (expenses)
 - \$399 – Mhyre Oman (Results computer replacement)

Accounts approved for payment

- Ashley Taylor \$33.90 – Fix serial lynx radio connection and battery purchase
- Jeanette Vedder-Price \$75.90 – Clipboards
- Alan McDonald \$41.52 – Timber for LJ Boards/HJ Slats

REPORTS (see separately): *Road and Cross Country (M. Taylor); Children (T. Powell); Masters (B. Clarke); Officials (H. O'Hagan); Track and Field (M. Green).*

ROAD AND CROSS COUNTRY

In addition to the written report, it was noted that the Te Awamutu Golf Course Fun Run had taken place with a strong turnout of 127 entrants. A mix of club and non club members participated with a number of different clubs represented and there were also a high number of school children at the event.

The New Zealand Mountain Running Championships has also taken place and Centre athletes took two titles through Sally Gibbs (Tauranga - SW) and Steve Rees-Jones (Hamilton Hawks – MM).

CHILDREN

In addition to the written report, it was noted that there were issues with the toilet facilities at Porritt Stadium for the grade 12/13 inter-provincials. Children's committee will be contacting Hamilton City Council to discuss those concerns.

TRACK AND FIELD

It was noted that income from open meetings was well down on last year. It was questioned whether the number of meetings needs to be reduced. It was confirmed that ribbon days had also seen decreases in attendances this season.

Another issue raised was that a large number of athletes had made themselves unavailable for relays at the NZ Championships. Incentivising relay participation was discussed.

MASTERS

Note was made that Marcia Petley has stepped down after 24 years on the board of New Zealand Masters Association. Murray Clarkson has been appointed to the board.

SPORTSFORCE

February and March have been a busy period for Alan. He reported that numbers were increased in Zone Championships, but down in the higher level Championships. Issues have been reported around some sporting codes preventing athletes from competing in other codes. It was suggested that better communication between the sports is required.

A Children's section on the Centre website has been suggested and it was also noted that New Zealand Children's association has a new website that is linked from the Athletics New Zealand one.

OFFICIALS

In addition to the written report, some concern was expressed that officials at Children's events were not having their officials work recognised. The meeting supported a proposal that those officiating at Children's Championships events and above should have their work as officials recognised.

MATTERS ARISING FROM TRACK AND FIELD COMMITTEE MEETING

- Accommodation booking for 2016 NZ Track and Field Champs – it was confirmed that a provisional booking for the accommodation is not under the name of the Centre. The suggested accommodation is for 60 athletes and it was noted that there may be a shortage of places to stay due to other events the same weekend. Cancellation policy was confirmed as 10% fee within 30 days and 40% if within 7 days of stay.
- Letter to HCC regarding protection of Porritt Stadium track. The letter will be sent to HCC and it was also noted that the track has recently been damaged by arson and will require some repairs.

GENERAL BUSINESS

- Risk management plans were discussed for both Track and Field and Winter Events. It was confirmed that new health and safety became operative from 1st April. Douglas Taylor suggested some amendments to the Track and Field document which he will send to the administrator. It was noted that incident report forms are not yet available and this will be raised by Children's athletics association when they meet with Athletics New Zealand shortly. Alan McDonald confirmed that Sport Waikato have relevant forms that can be made available to the administrator.

- Review of subsidy payment methods for NZ Championships was discussed. The administrator has consulted clubs and it appears that the consensus is for payments to be made to athletes rather than clubs in future. The responsibility will be with athletes to provide their details to the Centre to receive payment, this could be done via a form on the Centre website.
- WBOP participation incentive schemes from \$1 registration levy (winter and summer) were discussed. The details were confirmed as previously circulated. For the winter scheme it was suggested that, even though it has already taken place, the Te Awamutu Golf Course run should be still included in the scheme with participants eligible for prizes. It was also noted that some athletes may have difficulty registering close to the start of the season and thus registration for eligibility may not be required until the next sanctioned event in May. It was confirmed that Children's Committee had not discussed their incentive scheme yet, but will do so at their mid winter forum. The meeting voted to support the incentive proposals as presented.
- The Centre AGM date was set for August 30th 2015, with a venue to be confirmed. The same venue as last year will be booked if available (The Matamata Club).
- Costs for hire of Porritt Stadium were discussed in relation to Children's events. Children's committee noted that they allow the use of their equipment without charge and yet were still charged full price for the G12/13 Inter-Provincials. They questioned whether they should receive a reduced fee. It was requested that they generate a list of equipment and what the charges would be and present it to the Centre.

NEXT MEETING: confirmed as Monday 29th June 2015, venue to be confirmed (possibly Rotorua).

REPORTS

ROAD AND CROSS COUNTRY

Copthorne Hotel Rotorua Off-Road Half Marathon, Quarter M & 5km was held with 1207 finishing the 6 events.

Little Devils	211
Half Run	409
Half Walk	65
1/4 run	334
1/4 walk	77
5km R/W	111
	1207

Te Awamutu Golf Course Run held on 12th April 2015.

Winter handbook available thanks to Steve Rees-Jones and Pam Kenny with a full program for the winter.

Malcolm Taylor

CHILDREN

Report from the Children's Committee April 2015 Waikato BOP Management Meeting

Ribbon Days

Childrens' Champs

The Children's Championship was held on the 7th March. . A total of 342 children entered the Championship from 25 clubs, which was an excellent turn out of clubs from throughout the region. There were great results with a number of PBs being achieved. It was a great day all round.

12 13 Interprovincial Meeting Hamilton

The 12 13 Interprovincial teams event was held on the 7th March at Porritt Stadium, Hamilton on the newly resurfaced track Hamilton held its weather to fine for most of the weekend with a little rain falling on the Sunday, but not enough to inhibit the running of the event.

A very big thank you goes to Margaret Holcroft, Jo Davidson, Sandra Murray and Joan Rawnsley for the work that they put into making this such a successful event.

The team results were:-

- 1st Canterbury
- 2nd Wellington
- 3rd Counties Manukau
- 4h Auckland
- 5th Waikato Bay of Plenty
- 6th Southland
- 7th Otago

8th Taranaki
9th Hawkes Bay Gisborne
10th Northland
11th Manawatu Wanganui
12th Tasman

Congratulation to Kayla Goodwin from Fairfield club on winning the 13 year old girl individual trophy with 2939 points, 22 points ahead of the second place getter

The next Children's Committee Meeting.

The next meeting is the mid winter forum on 3rd May, to be held at the Cambridge Club rooms.

Tom Powell
Children's Committee Chairperson

MASTERS

MASTERS REPORT

Bruce Clarke

The N. Z. Masters Champs at Tauranga were an outstanding success. Over 200 athletes competed including visitors from Australia and the Cook Islands. WBOP as hosts also had the most provincial athlete competitors followed by Auckland then Wellington. 86 Championship titles went to the Waikato Bay of Plenty athletes. The next N. Z. Champs will be held in Dunedin.

Waikato BOP V Auckland Provincial Challenge was hosted by Auckland this year at the AUT Millennium Stadium, North Shore, on 8th March. All athletes were limited to 4 events entry. This very popular event was won by WBOP by a single point the same as last year. WBOP has won this Trophy since its inception 5 years ago. This event concluded the summer season programme so it is now roll on the winter programme Harriers, Cross country, etc. Field events take a back seat now until the Trans Tasman Throws meet in Aug – Sept.

N. Z. Masters AGM 2015 8th March, Tauranga. Marcia Petley (86), after many years of outstanding service on the N. Z. Masters Board did not stand for re-election this year. N.Z.M.A. President Mike Weddle, in wishing Marcia all the best for her retirement, paid tribute to her amazing contribution over the years. Murray Clarkson (Tauranga) was elected as the new Board member.

OFFICIALS

Officials Co-ordinator Report for Management 13th April 2015.

A big thank you to all our officials and helpers who made the season a success for the Centre. Those who travelled to Wellington for the National Track and Field Champs are to be congratulated for their efforts in appalling weather conditions on the first 2 days. Hopefully Dunedin next year will not be quite as difficult.

For those following the debate over the Official's Association linking more formally with Athletics New Zealand, and becoming an Incorporated Society, there is a Special General Meeting planned to take place in Auckland (venue and time yet to be announced) on Saturday 23rd May. More details will be forwarded to members and other interested parties closer to the day.

I am planning a Track officials training day in May, date as yet to be determined. Anyone interested please contact me on ohagan@visique.co.nz, or 0274 713220.

Over the winter the Centre is hosting the National Road Race Championships again in Tauranga. Anyone interested in gaining an "Outside Event" qualification please contact me as well.

Heather O'Hagan.

TRACK AND FIELD

It is great to have Porritt Stadium up and running again. We have asked HCC what procedures/rules they have in place to protect the track from other users. i.e. soccer, and also to place signage on the barrier arms asking people to refrain from using the inside lanes.

It is equally important that the 'athletics fraternity' respect the facility and avoid unnecessary or inappropriate use, i.e. warm up outside the stadium, don't practice starts on the 100m line, use the 'practice' lanes wherever possible, etc. These are all common sense things really.

Income from Open Meets was down considerably this year, \$2,120 (including Tga Twilight \$650) v \$2,750. Whether this was because of Porritt being out of action for the first half, or just a reflection of poor attendances it's difficult to say. Do we need to reduce the number of meetings and hopefully get better attendances when we do have a meet?

We had a good representation at the National Champs in Wellington but the adverse weather seemed to play a part in a high injury toll. A big disappointment was the number of athletes making themselves unavailable for relays, particularly on day two. It cost the Centre a lot to enter teams that in the end didn't compete and some of the teams were cobbled together. We had three Youth Men run with one Junior Man in a 4 x 400 JM relay. Pretty tough assignment for those young guys at this level.

A suggestion was made, at our last meeting, to incentivize participation by adding an extra travel subsidy to those who do make themselves available for relays, but this was countered by the observation that not all athletes could reasonably compete in relays (throwers) and so were disadvantaged. This issue requires more thought but we need to do something different.

A separate document is to be presented at the management meeting around the incentive program for next season. This is one idea and input from others is welcome. This is from the funding agreed to from a portion of the Centre subs.

We have had some discussion around the Putaruru Bell with a submission from Frankton around tidying the rules. This has been circulated. We hope there will be further submissions. We believe it should remain a 'one day' competition.

Murray Green

Chairman