

**ATHLETICS WAIKATO-BAY of PLENTY Inc ~ MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE  
MEETING**

Cambridge 7:30pm on Monday 13<sup>th</sup> February 2017

**MINUTES**

**PRESENT:** Criss Strange (Chair), Kerry Hill, Andrew Langman, Mhyre Oman, Margaret Holcroft, Joan Rawnsley, Murray Clarkson, Heather O'Hagan, Alan McDonald, Kelly Diprose, Paula Cole, Steve Rees-Jones

**APOLOGIES:** Graeme McCabe, Douglas Taylor, Sandra Murray, Murray Green

**MINUTES of PREVIOUS MEETING:** were approved

**Matters arising:**

- It was noted that the Colgate Games and not Inter-Regionals are proposed to be held in Hamilton, January 2019. The administrator is to speak with HCC and Wanderers prior to Easter 2017 to confirm that the facility is needed and to confirm building work will not be taking place in 2019.
- Sport Waikato restructuring was discussed. Alan confirmed that his role will cease to exist on 31<sup>st</sup> March 2017 and the Sports Force program will no longer operate. Sport Waikato is moving to a more generic model with staff working across many different sports. The meeting expressed thanks to Alan for the work he has done in his role.

**CORRESPONDENCE**

**Inwards:**

- The proposed uniform for Kaimai Runners was approved
- Dates have been received for winter events 2017 from clubs
- Proposed changes to ANZ Mountain Running Championships Competition Regulations (Distances)
- Confirmation of ANZ registration fees for 2017/18 (no change)
- Confirmation from ANZ of transition to updated version of "Clubnet" and that online registrations will be mandatory from September 2018 (administrator to confirm if this applies from April 2018)

**Outwards:**

- Medals for AWBOP Mountain Running, 10,000m and 3,000m Championships have been sent out.
- Application made to Grassroots Trust for \$15,000 towards hire of equipment for NZ Track and Field Championships (Marquees/Toilets).

**FINANCE**

- It was resolved by the Management Committee to apply to Grassroots Trust Ltd. for \$15,000 to meet essential costs of hosting the 2017 New Zealand Track & Field Championships, being:
  - Marquee hire costs
  - Portaloo hire costs
  - Audio-visual equipment hire costs
- It was resolved to make a grant application to NZCT for \$8000 towards Championship Medals and that should this be unsuccessful an application to Lion Foundation for the same was also approved.
- It was resolved for Steve Rees-Jones to act as authorised contact person to deal with IRD and UDC investments on behalf of Athletics Waikato-Bay of Plenty

### **Expenses approved**

- \$400 Margaret Holcroft (Incentive scheme vouchers)
- \$73.99 Margaret Holcroft (printer cartridge)

### **Accounts Paid November 2016**

- \$1250 – 2015/16 Expense Allowances,
- \$431.25 – Sport Waikato (Rent)
- \$55.10 – Sport Waikato (Consumables)
- \$408.33 – Orix NZ Ltd (Vehicle lease Coach force)
- \$25.60 – J. Vedder-Price (Tyres for trolley)
- \$44 – M. Holcroft (Trailer WOF)
- \$148 – Tauranga City Council (Track hire)
- \$226.80 – Heather O’Hagan (Travel NZ TF LOC expenses)
- \$330 – Sue Addison (Elastics)
- \$454.25 – St. John Ambulance (WBOP Roads)
- \$1727.27 – Kerry Hill (Coachforce)
- \$300 – Tauranga Millennium Track Trust (Equipment hire)
- \$4600 – Sport Waikato (Sports force)
- \$1768 – Steve Rees-Jones (Salary)

### **Accounts Paid December 2016**

- \$431.25 – Sport Waikato (Rent)
- \$55.10 – Sport Waikato (Consumables)
- \$408.33 – Orix NZ Ltd (Vehicle lease Coach force)
- \$800.00 – Smiths Sports Shoes (TF Incentive scheme)
- \$1727.27 – Kerry Hill (Coachforce)
- \$57.95 – Margaret Holcroft (Batteries)
- \$185 – Tauranga City Council (Track hire)
- \$209.62 – F Price & Son (Padlocks Porritt)
- \$4250 – Hamilton City Council (Porritt hire season)
- \$5140.50 – Emblems (Medals)
- \$1768 – Steve Rees-Jones (Salary)
- \$35.57 – A McDonald (Trailer licence)
- \$697.20 – Hart Sport (Javelin and shot)

## **Accounts Paid January 2017**

- \$431.25 – Sport Waikato (Rent)
- \$96.32 – Sport Waikato (Consumables)
- \$408.33 – Orix NZ Ltd (Vehicle lease Coach force)
- \$1768 – Steve Rees-Jones (Salary)
- \$117.59 – Office Max (Printer cartridge)
- \$32.42 – Sport Waikato (Consumables balancing payment)

**REPORTS** (see separately): *Officials (Heather O'Hagan); Children (Margret Holcroft); Masters (Murray Clarkson); Coach Force (Kerry Hill)*

### **Additional information**

#### **Masters**

- Condolences were expressed on behalf of Athletics Waikato-Bay of Plenty for the loss of Brendon Magill. It was noted that a memorial seat is planned at Tauranga Domain with a dedication ceremony in due course.
- The meeting was also updated that Tim Masters is recovering in hospital from a stroke.

#### **Children**

- The meeting was informed that the NZ Children's association is considering sending a team of grade 11 and 12 athletes to the Pacific School Games in Adelaide in December 2017.

#### **Officials**

- A card is to be sent by the administrator on behalf of the centre to Nellie Engels offering our support during her illness.
- Volunteers and officials are desperately needed for the Centre Track and Field Championships. The administrator is to send out an email to all clubs asking for 4 volunteers/officials from each club with competitors (and any other club that can help) to avoid the event being cancelled. A repeat email to be sent a week later to target clubs.
- A para official's scholarship is available for each region. The Centre needs to find someone for the role as the funding is now available.
- It was confirmed that the funds are still available in the officials fund established from registration income.

#### **Sports Force**

- It was updated that there is upcoming development work to be carried out in conjunction with the Cambridge club. Hinemoa, Frankton and Matamata are to follow.
- There is a possibility of a new club in Raglan.
- There is also the possibility of a distance running coaching course.

## **GENERAL BUSINESS**

- An AWBOP Strategic Planning Meeting was held on Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> February. It was noted that a further planning meeting will be required as there is still progress to be made. A summary document of the progress so far is to be emailed out to the Management Committee.
- An update was given by the administrator on the SUG Meeting in Auckland on 31<sup>st</sup> January. The new database appears to be an improvement and seems to have particular benefits in ease of emailing members and doing online entries for competitions.
- A Neil Wilson memorial was discussed by the meeting with a suggestion of a starters stand. Heather is to obtain details of Auckland's stand so that a quote can be obtained.
- Joan Rawnsley attended the funeral of Audrey Williams in Northland.
- The use of Centre high jump equipment at Porritt by members of the Cambridge club (coached by Mike Guest) was discussed. It was approved that a fee of \$20 per session is to be proposed to Mike Guest by the Centre.
- A request was made that summer handbooks be circulated more widely and that officials should receive an allocation as well as clubs.
- Mhyre was thanked for her donation of a Television.
- It was approved that 2 starters guns be purchased by the Centre (one for Children and one for Seniors)

**NEXT MEETINGS: Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> April 7:30pm at Cambridge and Monday 12<sup>th</sup> June at Cambridge**

Signed.....

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## **REPORTS**

### **COACHFORCE**

#### **ATHLETICS WaiBOP : Activity Report – mid-October 2016 to mid-February, 2017**

- Offered Run Jump Throw Courses to all B.O.P. primary schools and clubs through the Sport BOP regional contacts – met with Alan McDonald in Hamilton re local RJT activities and collected equipment
- Conducted Run Jump Throw Courses as follows :
  - o Rotorua x 2 – new club at Kautata Point School
  - o Greerton Athletics Club
  - o Selwyn School, Rotorua (via Dawn Riddler)
  - o Whakatane Athletics Club
  - o Taupo Athletics Club
- Conducted relays and sprint coaching sessions (2) at Bellevue Athletics Club; also for Katikati athletics (Juliet Dunlop-Fraser and athletes)
- Conducted three coaching sessions (so far) at ACG School, Pyes Pa, Tauranga
- Attended competitions, assisted officials, and made contacts at :
  - o AIMS Games cross country (and assisted with organisation)
  - o Central Zone primary athletics, Rotorua
  - o WaiBOP primary athletics finals,. Tauranga
  - o BOP Yr 7 & 8 Champs (11 Intermediate schools from as far away as Gisborne & Taupo), Tauranga

#### **Attended Meetings :**

- Met with Sport BOP's Melissa Gordon at Okere Falls re regional communications
- Ath WaiBOP Mgmt Meetings in Cambridge, October, February
- Attended Toi Ohomai Polytech conference on Youth Development, two days, on behalf of athletics
- An Athletics NZ review meeting of re-designing the run Jump Throw program
- Met with Paul Pou of sport BOP re Champs competitions
- Ath WaiBOP Strategic Planning meeting in Cambridge

*Kerry Hill*

*Athletics WaiBOP Coach Force Officer, B.O.P.*

### **OFFICIALS**

Like all our officials, I was shocked to learn of Brendan Magill's sudden death. He will be greatly missed, not only at events at Tauranga, but also at Porritt.

As well as Brendan's death, our official's numbers have been reduced by illness. I hope all those who have had health issues this summer have a speedy recovery.

Our recent Open Meets have seen small numbers of graded officials attending, assisted by helpers when requested. Speaking to Didier Poppe, he will try and ensure that, if he is bringing throwers down to Porritt, he will bring along some throws officials to assist.

Our centre Champs are the first weekend in March. As this is the weekend of the Masters national Champs in Nelson, we will be struggling to get enough graded officials for this competition, as several of our regular

officials will be competing in Nelson. The Clubs who have athletes attending need to step up and supply some helpers to make sure it is possible to hold all events within the Champs programme.

Thank you to those that assisted at the Tauranga Twilight meet, and the Porritt Classic.

A planned training day had to be cancelled this month due to lack of numbers. Those that did indicate they would attend were all from the Tokoroa, Taupo, Rotorua area so I will try and hold some sessions in that area in the build up to the next summer season.

As far as the National Champs are concerned, I am still getting local people indicate that they are available, but it is a frustratingly lengthy process getting all the required information from them. A vague email saying they might be able to help is not enough. Taylor Wynne has taken on board the volunteers side which is a great help.

It was disappointing to have no-one from the WBOP region apply for one of the PARA officiating scholarships on offer recently. Alan McDonald is following the coaching pathway for this.

Heather O'Hagan.

## **MASTERS**

**Uniform** We have recently established a uniform for WBOP Masters. This has proved very popular and our Athletes and supporters can now be easily identified. We need to get more members to enhance the affect.

**ANZ Association** the joint agreement through the Memorandum of Understanding is proving to be a slow process with cooperation between the parties hampered by a reluctance by ANZ. Although ANZ Members are automatically members of NZMA, ANZ will not allow us access to invite these members to join us. We can only keep pressure on and get them to see reason.

**Equipment** Our equipment at Porritt Stadium has been checked and up-graded. We need to meet with the Centre prior to next season to set an equitable hire fee.

**Centre Champs** We again held our own WBOP Champs as the Centre Champs are set for the same day as the NZMA Nationals. If we are to combine our resources, we need to take these things into consideration.

**Officials** There is an increased depletion of Officials despite recruitment drives. An incentive needs to be formulated to entice people to qualify, participate, and reduce their expenses.

**Obituary** Sadly I report the sudden passing of Brendan Magill. Brendan was a valued member of Masters both as an Official and competitor. He worked tirelessly behind the scenes and was known by most in the sport. Although remaining a loyal member of Masters he was not a current member of ANZ for the last few years.

## **CHILDREN**

The Children's Relay Championship held on December 10 at Tauranga was held in overcast conditions. The day ran smoothly, with a number of people stepping into new roles as the people who regularly fulfilled those positions were unavailable on the day.

10 Clubs entered teams, covering all the officials and volunteer positions proved difficult with only a small pool of clubs to draw from, grateful thanks are extended to those who volunteered to assist, even though their club had not entered a team.

Of concern is the lack of depth of officials, especially with track experience to cover the relay changes, and the lack of trained starters.

The first of the Incentive Scheme Petrol vouchers were issued at the Relay Champs, athletes who were in the draw had attended three or more Ribbon Days prior to the Relay Champs, one athlete from each age group and gender were recipients.

The NI Colgate Games were held in Hastings, Waikato Bay of Plenty Clubs attended with some athletes medalling, others successfully reaching the top eight places.

A few families also travelled to the SI Colgate Games in Invercargill.

Thanks is also extended to those who volunteered to officiate at either one or both Colgate Games, weather was very warm in Hastings, cold and wintery in Invercargill.

The second half of the Children's summer athletic calendar started with a Ribbon Day in Te Aroha, further Ribbon Days to be held in Tokoroa, Bellevue/Greerton and Paeroa, then concluding with the Children's Champs to be held on March 11.

The Gr 14-U18 Interprovincial Competition was held in Inglewood on January 28, AWBoP sent a team of 32 athletes and 5 managers. Ella Ransley and Christopher Goodwin attended as officials and to learn the Management Role (both previous IP athletes)

Results: Gr 14/15 team 3<sup>rd</sup> overall

Gr 16/17 team 2<sup>nd</sup> overall

Gr 14/15 boys relay 1<sup>st</sup> equal win with Counties

- Individual placings:
- Trent Campbell 3<sup>rd</sup> Gr 14 Boys
  - Joseph Sinclair 3<sup>rd</sup> Gr 15 boys
  - Kayla Goodwin 1<sup>st</sup> Gr 15 Girls
  - Leah Belfield 2<sup>nd</sup> Gr 16 Girls

Margaret Holcroft  
Secretary