

ATHLETICS WAIKATO-BAY of PLENTY Inc ~ MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE MEETING
Cambridge on Monday 13th June 2016

MINUTES

PRESENT: Murray Green, Graeme McCabe, Murray Clarkson, Margaret Holcroft, Joan Rawnsley, Andrew Langman, Heather O'Hagan, Alan McDonald, Paula Cole, Malcolm Taylor, George Caddie, Mhyre Oman, Steve Rees-Jones

APOLOGIES: Ashley Taylor, Douglas Taylor, Criss Strange

MINUTES of PREVIOUS MEETING were approved

- Murray Green to follow up with Barrie Jennings regarding Pole Vault training at Porritt Stadium.

CORRESPONDENCE

Inwards:

- WEL Energy Trust – Grant decline letter with confirmation that they wish us to apply to their community support fund for the Sports Force Programme
- Confirmation of venue booking for AGM (Matamata Club)
- Cheque for \$1100 from Visique O'Hagan Vision care for contribution towards official's uniforms

Outwards:

- WBOP Marathon Champs medals
- Congratulations letters to WBOP athletes selected for the Olympic Games
- Letter to Heather O'Hagan (Visique O'Hagan Vision Care) accepting \$1100 donation toward Official's uniforms

FINANCE

Accounts Paid April 2016

- \$25.60 – Jeannette Vedder-Price (Trolley Wheel)
- \$75.70 – Ashley Taylor (Lynx Battery)
- \$180 – Kyle Trollip (NZ TF Subsidy)
- \$400 – Margaret Holcroft (Incentive scheme refund)
- \$552.77 – Paula Cole (NZ TF Champs Hire car)
- \$1022.21 – Sport BOP (Coachforce)
- \$60.95 – Emblems (engraving)
- \$90 – Cambridge (Clubroom hire)

Accounts Paid May 2016

- \$900 NZ TF Subsidies
 - \$3955 Hawks Speaker Hire
 - \$1022.21 – Sport BOP (Coachforce)
 - \$295 – Hawks Duty Club
 - \$414 – Margaret Holcroft (expenses NZCAA)
 - \$4600 – Sport Waikato (Sports Force)
 - \$421.89 – Doug Taylor (Meet Manager licence)
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- A resolution was agreed for an application to be made to WEL Energy Trust for \$12,000 towards Sports Force Officer Salary Contribution

REPORTS (see separately): *Children (M. Holcroft); Officials (H. O’Hagan); Coach Force (G.McCabe); Track and Field (M. Green)*

Children

- The issues around abuse of officials were discussed. It was noted that the Children’s handbook should be updated with stronger wording to address this due to the increased levels of abuse. It was noted that the increased abuse may also lead to the loss of officials. Notice Boards are to be made with appropriate messages regarding not subjecting officials to abuse and these can be used by clubs and at ribbon days.
- It was also noted that issues have arisen due to inconsistency between ribbon days with the age that tiny tots are allowed to compete. It was suggested that a uniform age limit such as no under 3’s would be of benefit.
- It was reported from the WBOP Children’s AGM that nobody was appointed to the position of Chair, though one candidate is considering taking the position. Margaret Holcroft and Sandra Murray are to continue in their secretarial positions. Sandra Murray and Margaret Holcroft will be Centre delegates with Andrew Langman as reserve.

Track and Field

- It was agreed that a letter of support would be sent by the administrator to Hamilton Wanderers supporting their bid for new clubrooms. It was noted that the project would provide an enhanced facility that could be used by athletics.

GENERAL BUSINESS

- The AWBOP Road and Cross Country AGM did not take place as quorum was not reached. It was suggested that the Committee be wound up, which would require a constitution change. It was also suggested that a separate Track and Field Committee was also not needed as business could be conducted at Management Meetings. It was suggested that a remit could be submitted for the AWBOP AGM to disband the two committees.
- An update was given to the meeting around ANZ proposals and suggested budget for the 2017 NZ Track and Field Championships. Based on the proposal, it was agreed that AWBOP would support a decision to host the Championships and that the Local Organising Committee would consist of John Tylden (Chair), Alan McDonald, Murray Green, Paula Cole, Criss Strange, Heather O’Hagan, Mhyre Oman and Steve Rees-Jones.

- It was agreed that Margaret Holcroft and the administrator would word a remit to go to the AGM suggesting that club uniforms and any changes to them would need approval by AWBOP as this would need incorporating into the constitution.
- The meeting agreed that the incentive scheme should continue for one more year for Children and Track and Field. The Road and Cross Country portion is to be retained for expenditure related to them. Amounts available are to be based on 2015/16 registration figures, which would give similar funding amounts to last year of around \$800 for each section.
- It was confirmed that at the WBOP Cross-Country Championships that Masters over 65 would run 6km and Senior Men/Women 10km in line with recent ANZ changes.
- It was discussed that Porritt Stadium is now a backup for the NZ Secondary Schools Track and Field Championships 2016 due to the Mt Smart venue being lost.
- It was confirmed that the Athletics Coach Force position is to be advertised this week and will be 80 hours per month.

NEXT MEETING: Sunday 21st August 2016, Matamata Club (after AGM)

Confirmed.....

Date.....

REPORTS

OFFICIALS

Very little activity since the last meeting.

A special throws meet was held in Hamilton on 22nd May, which went well- thank you to those that turned out to support our throwers attempts to qualify for Rio.

Also, thank you to those who have turned out for the various outside events that have been held so far.

I hope to put in place a date for an Outside Events course in Rotorua after talking to Pam Kenny next weekend.

Since all graded officials have received notification of the membership subscription and it's process from Athletics NZ last month I have received details of failed email addresses and requests for deletion from the officials list, and I have been busy trying to make contact with those officials. With the 4 yearly review to be completed by September, this process is taking up a lot of time as many of the contact details for our officials are out of date. So far I have deleted 17 officials from the Centre list (no longer active) and have another 13 that I have in-activated pending making contact with them to confirm their non-involvement. There are many more in this category that I have yet to process. So far I have downgraded only one official, but there will be others to come.

With the venue for the 2017 ANZ Track and Field Champs confirmed as Porritt, we have a lot of work to do, both in preparing the venue and in upskilling our officials. One glaring hole is in the technical area, and I will be shoulder tapping a few locals to see if they are willing to spend their time at the Champs in this important area.

Heather O'Hagan.

COACHFORCE

Sport BOP will be advertising for a Bay Trust Coachforce Officer in the near future. The position will be advertised on the websites of AWBOP, Sport BOP and ANZ. The job is for 80 hours a month from July 2016 to April 2017 with a Xmas break from mid-December to mid-January. The successful applicant has an opportunity to apply for a further period up to the 18th December 2018 when the Bay Trust funding finishes.

We are looking for somebody who has a knowledge of Athletics with coaching qualifications and experience and with an ability to demonstrate and present to large groups of coaches and athletes in Clubs and schools in the Bay of Plenty. The role allows for 20% of the time to be working with Clubs to strengthen their Club development and increase their membership.

Graeme McCabe

June 2016

CHILDREN

The Mid Winter Forum was held on Sunday 1st May, with a low turnout of clubs, only 8 children's clubs were represented.

Reflections on the past season:

1. Holding a Ribbon Day with a Senior Track and Field to follow, and combining some events for older children's athletes to compete with Seniors, did not work well. Clubs hosting the Ribbon Day had to make significant changes to their usual programme, parents did not wish to extend the day to wait for events later in the afternoon, few older children stayed to take up the opportunity, only a few children's officials stayed to assist with the senior event.

The consensus of the meeting was not to continue next year.

2. Ribbon Days are noticing increasing abusive behaviour towards officials, message to go to clubs that this will not be tolerated.

To issue Yellow and Red Cards to offenders

To look at having notices at entrances to grounds re Code of Conduct and zero tolerance to abuse, to add this to the programme rules.

The Future

1. Do we incorporate coaching sessions for athletes aged 7-8 in throwing events, starts, at the first few Ribbon Days as clubs do not have the skilled personnel to provide this coaching?

Not all clubs in favour of this – to be considered by clubs and to be advertised ahead of the Ribbon Day if this is to be offered.

2. Children's Committee – few clubs attending meetings, even fewer putting nominations forward for executive positions. How do we attract clubs to attend meetings? What is our future?

The Children's Committee AGM is being held Sunday 12 June.

The NZCAA Children's AGM is being held on 13, 14 August in Wellington.

Margaret Holcroft

Secretary

TRACK AND FIELD

With the season completed this is a bit of an autumn wrap up.

The second half of the year started with the U18,U16,G14 North Island Interprovincial Champs, followed two weeks later by another very successful Porritt Classic meeting.

Our Champs were held in late February with what must be said were a modest number of entries although they were up on last year at 147 (122) and so was income \$2,074 (\$1,775) after tax. Some events in some

age groups were well supported and produced good competition but overall it was a case of if you turn up you will likely win a medal. I am aware that the Auckland Centre is no better off.

The Secondary Schools events see much higher participation but even some events and grades there were not particularly strong. A good team of WaiBOP athletes did attend the North Island Champs and yielded a number of good performances.

The NZ T&F Champs were held in Dunedin in early March and we were represented by a team of approx. 60 athletes who performed exceedingly well. Our colours were often to the fore, sometimes taking a couple of spots on the dais. Most of the team stayed at the Garden Motel which was booked by Paula Cole under the Hawks banner and our thanks go to Paula Cole for organising this, for athletes of all Clubs, not just Hawks. Team Managers were Paula Cole and Murray Green with assistance from John Tylden, Criss Strange and Gary Henley-Smith. We hired one vehicle in the Centres name and this was support by Chris and Murray with vehicles they had rented.

Incentive Scheme

Thanks to the support of Jim Young from Smiths Sports Shoes, and Asics, we turned our \$900 into a very impressive package of prizes with a male and female athlete winning a prize from each Open Meet worth over \$100 retail. Over the season we had 204 athletes participate with eleven making the final draw for a \$250 Asics voucher, having competed at 8 of the 12 events. Chris Goodwin was the winner.

I have already spoken to Jim about doing something similar next year and he is agreeable. Next season we need to promote this a bit more on the website and Facebook page.

NZ T&F Champs

After months of waiting for confirmation of dates I can confirm that our Centre will host these Championships over the weekend of 17, 18 & 19 March 2017. This will necessitate some juggling of dates for other events. The Children's Champs will likely be on 11 March and Sec Schools the 26th. Final contract is yet to be signed but we have agreed in principle with no financial risk to the Centre.

Hamilton Wanderers

We attended a meeting last week with Hamilton Wanderers Soccer Club. This was to be appraised of and discuss their proposal to extend the existing Clubrooms area, adding a second storey with viewing balcony's on both sides. Proposed cost is \$1.5m.

This would provide Changing Rooms on the ground level facing the new soccer field, behind our existing rooms.

Upstairs there would be a Bar and Kitchen along with an Office, Conference Room, Toilets and a large Pavilion with access to both sides and viewing to both the Stadium and the outside field. There would be Lift access as well as stairs.

The Wanderers are now in the National League which is played through the summer months. Three or four games will be held on the new field at Porritt on Sundays.