

ATHLETICS WAIKATO-BAY of PLENTY Inc ~ MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE MEETING
Cambridge on Monday 15th February 2016

MINUTES

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

APOLOGIES: Mhyre Oman, Ashley Taylor, Douglas Taylor, Criss Strange

A moments silence was observed at the start of the meeting in memory of three recently passing people who had played a substantial role in local athletics, Bruce Clarke, Murray Savage and Neal Webb.

MINUTES of PREVIOUS MEETING were approved

MATTERS ARISING

- The Kiwisport funding application for the Waihi area by ANZ was successful. 12 schools will be covered and the aim is to strengthen the capacity of the local club and boost membership. There is no cost to AWBOP.
- No progress yet on former Mount Maunganui Club equipment/funds.
- Crop tops for inter-provincials do not fall within this year's budget for uniform, their purchase next year can be discussed at a later date.
- It was confirmed that a remit will be put into the centre AGM agenda for a constitution change to state that club uniforms will need to be approved by the Centre. Full notification to be given to clubs on the proposed change prior to the AGM.

CORRESPONDENCE

Inwards:

- Email to clubs from Athletics New Zealand regarding registration compliance
- Offer of 12 month extension of Sport Force contract with Sport Waikato
- ANZ notice of proposed regulation changes to NZ Cross Country and Road Championships

Outwards:

- Call for expressions of interest to host 2016 WBOP XC and Road Championships
- Letter of congratulations to Kelly Diprose on being made a member of the New Zealand Order of Merit
- Sympathy Card to Marion Clarke
- Championships medals for WBOP Mountain Running and 3 km Championships
- Incident report log circulated to clubs

FINANCE

Accounts approved for payment: \$24.50 Heather O'Hagan (postage), \$74.26 Margaret Holcroft (Children's 1st Aid Kit).

Accounts Paid December 2015

- \$35 – NZCAA (Age Flashes)
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- \$95.40 – Jeannette Vedder-Price (Expenses – Tyres/tubes)
- \$95.54 – Alan McDonald (expenses – gear maintenance)
- \$260.47 – Heather O'Hagan (Printing etc.)
- \$302.70 – ACC (workplace cover)
- \$2301.00 – HCC (Porritt Lease)
- \$1022.21 – Sport BOP (Coachforce)
- \$400 – M Holcroft (Incentive Scheme)

Accounts Paid January 2016

- \$1022.21 – Sport BOP (Coachforce)
- \$200 – NZ U20 3km Subsidies

REPORTS (see separately): *Children (M. Holcroft); Officials (H. O'Hagan); Masters (M. Clarkson)*

Children

- It was reported that access to the photo finish camera was an issue at the inter-provincials and that the Children's Committee require a key to access the camera for events. The matter was discussed it was stated that a strategy moving forward should be established over the winter to avoid any further issues. It was noted that training of more people to use the photo finish equipment would be necessary.
- It was noted that a small number of athletes who competed at the inter-Provincials were not registered.
- The Children's incentive scheme prizes were handed out at the Relay Championships, with some additional prize money from a sponsor also secured.

Coach Force

- The Coach Force funding program is to be carried on for a further three years with funding from the Bay Trust. They are calling for applications from sports and Graeme McCabe reported that he could conduct the application process for the Centre.
- The meeting resolved to make a funding application to NZCT for the Coach Force program. It was agreed the Athletics Waikato-Bay of Plenty would continue to support the program.
- The meeting also confirmed the continuation of the funding of the Sports Force program for a further 12 month period as offered by Sport Waikato.

GENERAL BUSINESS

- Police vetting of team managers at the inter-provincials was discussed. This had been put forward by ANZ and it was queried whose responsibility was it to submit the vetting applications. It was confirmed that ANZ already has the capability to make vetting applications via the process currently used for coaches. It was decided that the administrator would write to ANZ to enquire about the progress of police vetting for inter-provincials and what the process will be.
- The meeting was given a submission on behalf of a coach that a recently turned 13 year old athlete should be able to compete at the Senior AWBOP track and field Championships having initially had their entry refused for the U16 age grade. After some discussions a motion was raised that that athlete be able to compete at the Championships with the rules around eligibility for the Under 16 grade to be clarified for 2017 to prevent any future issues. The motion was not passed. It was noted that it would be beneficial to have the rules around the under 16 grade stated more clearly on both the entry form and in the handbook.
 - *Note that subsequent to the meeting further examination of previous meeting minutes were conducted and due to some ambiguity the athlete was allowed to compete. The rules are to be clearly clarified next year and this is to be addressed at the AGM.*
- An issue with the hammer throw at the Porritt Classic was discussed following a complaint from an athlete. It was confirmed that at the event the top 8 athletes regardless of implement weight thrown were given 3 further throws rather than the top 8 senior implement weight athletes. It was confirmed that this has been how the meeting has always been run, but that it is not stated in the competition rules. This matter is to be dealt with by the Porritt Classic Committee, with them to decide on the rules and whether the requested refund on entry by the athlete should be accepted. The athlete is to be allowed a late entry to the WBOP Championships.
- The possible submission of a proposal to host the 2017 New Zealand Track and Field Championships at Porritt Stadium was discussed.
 - A list was presented to the meeting by Heather O'Hagan of the issues that need addressing should Porritt Stadium host the event. The issues regarding hosting the event were then further discussed by the meeting with some concerns particularly around office space expressed. It was also stated that a team of three or four people are needed to look after the Porritt facilities instead of only one currently doing the role. It was stated that more information on requirements and any contract are needed from ANZ to identify if Athletics Waikato-Bay of Plenty would submit an application to host.
 - It was decided that two letters should be sent by the administrator. One to ANZ to say that the Centre is prepared to consider putting in an expression of interest to host, but more details of the proposed financial details and responsibilities of AWBOP are needed. Budgets for the last couple of Championships would also be requested from ANZ. A further letter is to be sent to Hamilton City Council asking if they would be prepared to assist us should an application to host be made.
- It was confirmed that Tokoroa Blades new uniform now has "Blades" written on the front as requested by the Centre Children's Committee.
- It was discussed that a Centre Gazebo/Umbrellas are required for large events. The track and field committee is to look at the cost involved and to report to the next meeting.

NEXT MEETING: Sunday 17th April 12.00pm Cambridge Clubrooms

Confirmed.....

Date.....

REPORTS

OFFICIALS

Official's report for Management Feb 2016.

A training day for Jumps was held at Porritt on Sunday 24th Jan with five attendees, one being present for a refresher, one new and 3 existing officials. All four who sat the C jumps exam passed.

A track day is set for Sunday 20th March at Porritt, the day after the WBOP Secondary Schools champs. Hopefully Rene Otto's group from Whakatane will be able to stay on to attend.

It continues to be a struggle to have enough officials for our open meets. The Clubs with athletes competing need to step forward to provide assistance for these competitions.

A good turn out from Auckland officials for the Porritt Classic means we should be well supplied on the day- more verbally at the meeting.

I have reminded our officials of the Centre Champs the weekend of 20th-21st Feb.

Heather O'Hagan, officials co-ordinator.

CHILDREN

The Relay Champs were held on 12 December at Porritt Stadium.

Team entries were received from 11 clubs, Fairfield entering the most teams. A new incentive, started at last year's Relay Champs, was for two clubs to combine to form relay composite relay teams in the 4x100 race, particularly to help smaller clubs with low registered numbers to be able to field teams. Tokoroa and Otorohanga combined in a couple of younger age groups, and Frankton and Hinemoa combined to form teams in the Gr 12 and over age groups.

The Race Walks Championship was also held, the Pit Lane/Time penalty rule was to be applied if required.

The North Island Colgate Games were held at Palmerston North from 8-10 January with representation from clubs from the Waikato-Bay of Plenty. Congratulations to Kayla Goodwin from the Fairfield Club, one of four athletes awarded the Nick Willis Scholarship.

The South Island Colgate Games were held in Nelson from 15-17 January, with a few Waikato-Bay of Plenty athletes also competing at this competition.

A big thanks to those officials from this region who officiated at either one or both of the Colgate Games.

The Gr 14-U18 North Island Interprovincial Competition was held at Porritt Stadium on 30th January.

The numbers attending continue to increase, 42 athletes from Waikato-Bay of Plenty competed, a total of 196 athletes participated. The weather was very warm, athletes were encouraged to drink and remain hydrated, there was at least one athlete suffering from heat stroke. Accommodation was at Waikato University Halls of Residence, with the formal dinner also held there, guest speaker was Julia Ratcliffe, who was well received, particularly from the hammer throwers attending the meet.

Ribbon Days –

Tokoroa held their Ribbon Day on 6 February, in fine weather with approx. 150 athletes, needing parents to step in and help at all events.

Te Aroha is on 13 February.

The Children's Champs are being held on 12 March at Tauranga. Entry forms have been sent to clubs and these are also available on the AWBoP website.

The Gr 12, 13 Interprovincial Competition is being held in Dunedin, we are short athletes, particularly in the Grade 12 boys, and asking clubs to actively promote this event. This may be the first time that we are unable to send a full team to the competition.

The next Children's Committee Meeting will be held at the conclusion of the Fairfield Ribbon Day on 27 February.

Margaret Holcroft

Secretary

MASTERS

WAIKATO-BAY OF PLENTY MASTERS ATHLETICS INC Management Report Feb 2016.

The Waikato-Bay of Plenty Centre can report that our Christmas meeting was well attended and enjoyed by all. With a membership of 70 odd we attained a 50% attendance rate which reflects the commitment of our members to our events. Our WBOP Centre champs were held in January over two days to allow for the Throws and Track pentathlons to be included. athletes took part. With the introduction of new ground hire charges in the next few years, and the talks taking place between ANZ & NZMA we are hoping that an arrangement can be made whereby events can be combined. Whether this can happen will need to be determined in future dialogue.

Membership. New members are joining and enjoying the events and interest the other members have in assisting them to improve their technique or try new events. Unfortunately we do have a drop off of numbers due to age, injury and family commitments. This is an on-going trend for sports as a whole and we must cater as best we can to the needs of our members.

Coming Events

Age Graded event. Due to the changing of the date for our Trophy Day, a gap existed between the Champs and the Nationals where our athletes need to get together and hone their performances for the National event on 26/28 Feb. This event has therefore been arranged and will hopefully be well supported.

Nationals. These are to be held in Dunedin 26/28 Feb with the ANZ Nationals at the same venue a week later. Numbers at this event are down on what we had in Tauranga last year mainly due to less support in the South Is and the cost of travel.

Trophy Day. A very popular event to be held at Porritt on 14 March. We look forward to a good turn-out and visitors from Auckland .

Finances. We are managing quite well on our existing Subscriptions and able to provide events for our members at very reasonable cost.

Thank you for receiving our report which I present for adoption.

Murray Clarkson. President