

ATHLETICS WAIKATO-BAY of PLENTY Inc ~ MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE MEETING
Cambridge on Sunday 17th April 2016

MINUTES

PRESENT: Graeme McCabe (Acting Chair to cover late arrival), Murray Clarkson, Margaret Holcroft, Douglas Taylor, Malcolm Taylor, George Caddie, Mhyre Oman, Nellie Engels, Criss Strange, Murray Green (late arrival), Steve Rees-Jones

APOLOGIES: Ashley Taylor, Heather O'Hagan, Paula Cole, Alan McDonald, Murray Green (for late arrival)

MINUTES of PREVIOUS MEETING were approved

CORRESPONDENCE

Inwards:

- New Sports Force contract for 1 year (\$16,000 per annum plus GST)
- Confirmation from ANZ of their registrations fees for 2016/17 season

Outwards:

- Letter to HCC regarding applying to host NZ TF Champs in 2017
- Letter to ANZ regarding applying to host NZ TF Champs in 2017
- Letter to ANZ regarding police vetting at Inter-Provincials
- Winter events risk plan circulated to clubs
- 60 day notice winter AGM – 28th May (Tauranga)
- Winter Handbooks
- Application to WEL Trust for \$5,000 towards Sports Force

Discussions ensued regarding the possibility of hosting the NZ Track and Field Championships at Porritt Stadium in 2017. A meeting is to take place on Wednesday 20th April with Hamilton City Council and Athletics New Zealand to further discuss the event and any funding that may be available from HCC.

An update was given that a meeting had taken place between a few key members of AWBOP and ANZ to discuss the event hosting, but no firm decisions have been made by ANZ on a host. Some concerns were expressed from committee members about the facilities and obtaining the personnel to enable a well run event.

It was decided that the committee would await the result of the Wednesday meeting with HCC before making a firm hosting commitment. An email vote could be made by committee members and approval could be given by the special committee set up to transact business between Management Meetings. Murray Green was to attend the Wednesday meeting on AWBOP's behalf.

FINANCE

Account approved:

- Margaret Holcroft: \$414.00 Flight and accommodation NZCAA executive meeting

Accounts Paid February 2015

\$160 – NZ 3km Subsidies
\$138 – Doug Taylor (Lynx timing expenses)
\$259.85 – Paice Engineering (LJ work)
\$1022.21 – Sport BOP (Coachforce)
\$30 – St Johns Matamata (Hall Hire)
\$103.50 – Active Bobcats (LJ work)
\$4312.50 – Sports Force (Alan McDonald salary)
\$450 – Athletics NZ (NZ T&F Champs Relays entry)

Accounts Paid March 2016

\$24.50 – Heather O’Hagan (postage)
\$74.26 – Margaret Holcroft (First Aid Kit)
\$107.13 – Jeannette Vedder-Price (LJ Plasticine)
\$115 – Craig Brown (Lynx Gun Sensor)
\$141.50 – HCC (ground hire)
\$1022.21 – Sport BOP (Coachforce)
\$10 – WAIBOP Masters (weight Hire)
\$140 – NZ Combined events subsidies (x2)
\$6250 – NZ T&F Champs subsidies
\$360 – Sport Smart Screens (Children’s Champs ribbons)

- A Resolution was made for an application to be made to Trust Waikato for \$15,000 towards administrator salary and office rental.

REPORTS (see separately): *Children (M. Holcroft); Officials (H. O’Hagan); Coach Force (G.McCabe); Sports Force (A. McDonald)*

Children

- It was added to the report that the final prize draw of petrol vouchers for the Children’s incentive scheme had been made

AGM Date

- The 2017 AWBOP AGM date was agreed as Sunday 21st August at 12.30. The meeting will be preceded by the Track and Field AGM at 11.00 am and will be followed by a Management Meeting. The Venue will be Matamata (Subject to confirmation of venue availability)

GENERAL BUSINESS

- After discussion around the tenure of AWBOP presidents it was approved that the Committee would invite the current president (Criss Strange) to seek office for a further year, rather than actively recruit a new president each year.
- A letter was read to the meeting from Heather O’Hagan on behalf of Visique stating that they would be able to contribute \$1100 towards the cost of new official’s shirts. This would be added to the funds already accumulated in the official’s fund (\$2400). It was agreed that AWBOP would accept the funds with thanks and a letter would be sent by the administrator expressing AWBOP’s gratitude at their generosity.
- Registration figures were discussed. After circulation of draft figures for 2015/16, it was noted that some clubs may not be making full declaration of registrations. It was also expressed that some registration difficulties are coming from the high turnover of club volunteers at Children’s clubs, with new volunteers not knowing processes.
- It was confirmed that a new track surface in Tauranga is being budgeted by the local council for 2017/18. They have budgeted \$395,000 towards the cost.
- An email received from Barrie Jennings to Murray Green about Pole Vault training every Sunday at Porritt was discussed. It was noted that for such training a safety officer should be required, soccer would need consulting and Centre fees for Pole Vault equipment hire and replacement would need deciding. A Centre fee of \$40 per session was suggested. It was agreed that Murray Green should go back to Barrie Jennings and discuss the issues with him.
- The recent Halberg Lifetime Achievement Award for Ashley Taylor was acknowledged.

NEXT MEETING: Monday 20th June 7.30pm, venue to be confirmed – possibly the Matamata Club.

Confirmed.....

Date.....

REPORTS

OFFICIALS

A training day was held on Sunday 20th March at Porritt Stadium for track officials. One teenage athlete attended for the first hour before needing to attend the IP meeting. One official attended as a refresher, and four existing field event officials attended and successfully sat the C assessment. One experienced official successfully sat the B paper. One WBOP official sat the A paper and I just need to sight her log before the grading can be awarded. One of the Auckland officials who assisted at the WBOP Secondary Schools champs the preceding day stayed over to sit the A paper as well.

For this course I started off with a walk around the track discussing the various track markings etc. This was invaluable and highlights the need for these courses to be held at an artificial track so those present can see all the track markings. Unfortunately this is not always possible to do.

Several of the new C grade officials who come from children's clubs have turned out for Secondary Schools and Senior's meets, gaining experience at the more senior level. Thank you to the senior officials who have made them welcome and provided mentoring and advice.

I would like to hold an Outside Events course in Rotorua over the winter in preparation for Lakes City hosting the national Road Relay Champs.

A big thank you to all those who assisted at the Centre's track and field meets over the summer, especially to Ray Young for organising the officials for Tauranga events. At times we struggled to get enough officials for the programmed events.

The 4 yearly officials review needs to be completed by August, and I will be in contact with some officials that we have not seen over recent times to confirm if they are still interested in remaining involved. If the Centre does host the national T&F champs next year, we will need all the help we can get.

Heather O'Hagan

Officials Co-ordinator.

COACHFORCE

At the last Management meeting I reported that Sport BOP were calling for applications from all sports who were interested in becoming part of the Coachforce Program from 1st July 2016 to the 31st December 2018. They received 18 applications from different sports.

On behalf of the Centre I made an application for a fulltime position in the program. In the last few days we have been advised that we have been successful in gaining a 50% position. During the last two rounds we have had a 30% position.

I have spoken to Sport BOP today and am now waiting for them to contact me in the near future with all the final details including the possibility that there may be further money available to enable us to have a fulltime employee.

The contract we have with Barrie Jennings expires shortly and once we have the details of what is required with the new position we will need to advertise the position.

I will keep the Management Committee informed of future developments.

Graeme McCabe

CHILDREN

The summer season for Children's athletics has drawn to a close.

The following clubs have hosted Ribbon Days in the second half of the season:

Te Aroha on Feb 13

Pressure to push through the programme as officials needed to leave early to officiate at the Porritt Classic. Despite announcements throughout the day to watch the track when crossing, an incident occurred when a young athlete crossed the track and collided with an athlete during the 1500m. At one stage three tracks were running. Shortage of officials.

Fairfield on Feb 27 with a Senior Track and Field Meeting following

Despite throws signs in place and public announcements, people still walked through the middle, problem with parents not listening to instructions.

A reminder too, that no throwing with instruments without officials being present, especially before the day starts.

The Gr 13, 14 Triple Jump Champs were also held during the Ribbon day.

Fairfield's normal Ribbon Day programme was adjusted to allow for the Senior meet following and some events omitted to encourage older athletes to stay to compete at those events at the Senior meet. There did not appear to be many older children staying back to compete at the Senior Meet

Paeroa on March 5, used this day to have potential athletes for Gr 12, 13 IPs trying on tracksuits

The Children's Track and Field Championship held on March 12 at Tauranga Domain. Entries received from over 400 children from 27 clubs.

Weather was hot and fine, delay at the start when the starting gun did not link up with the photo finish camera. Use of manual timing backup to help with timing races until the issue was resolved later in the day. Last event of the day was around 6p.m. with the last of the medals presented at 6.30p.m. Although some newly graded Children's officials acted as chiefs, there was still a heavy reliance on experienced officials who have not had children competing for some years to fill the more demanding positions like referees. Thanks to Ray Young for helping as a Track Referee in the absence of Joan Rawnsley who normally holds this position.

A team of 43 athletes and 8 managers attended the Grade 12, 13 Interprovincials which was held in Dunedin over Easter, on 26 and 27 March.

The team was placed 6th overall, with Canterbury 1st, Wellington 2nd and Auckland 3rd

Grade 12 Girls Individual Places: 1st Lucy Vellenoweth from Fairfield

The NZCAA Easter Executive Meeting was held on Easter Monday 28 March in Dunedin and was attended by Margaret Holcroft and Tom Powell as the two WBoP delegates.

The next Children's Meeting will be the Mid Winter Forum on Sunday 1st May, an opportunity to reflect on the past season and discuss ideas for the coming summer season.

Margaret Holcroft

Secretary, AWBoP Children's Committee

SPORTSFORCE

Returned to work at the end of January after breaking my leg and being laid up for 7 weeks. Thank you for well wishes. Pleased to say that recovery is progressing well and certainly the huge amount of big meets I have been involved with has demanded that I be on my feet and aided in the recovery

February March focus – Supporting Championships, Coach Support into Secondary Schools and clubs, planning Junior Disability Games

COURSES DELIVERED

CLUBS: Te Kuiti x2, Taumarunui x1

SECONDARY SCHOOL:

Teacher PD: Hamilton Girls x1 to 32 coach students, Otorohanga x 2 to 12 PE classes and 6 staff, PiopIo High school 3 staff and 23 students, Taumarunui 2 staff and 12 students, Morrisville College 1 staff and 23 students

SECONDARY SCHOOL ZONE & CHAMPIONSHIP

SW and Sports Force were heavily involved with all 4 zone athletics days over 4 consecutive days plus the championship. Very demanding but gratifying with several talented athletes competing but not involved in clubs because are involved with other codes. Looking at throwing initiative for King Country as several good throwers popping up

Number analysis to follow next meeting

CENTRAL ZONE: Numbers slightly up and day ran well

MID ISLAND: Was again held at Owen Delany Park Taupo with numbers dropping particularly from Tokoroa area. Shows input the previous year certainly worked but no budget to repeat this year.

KING COUNTRY: another good meet that ran smoothly, numbers around the same

HAURAKI PLAINS COROMANDEL. Day ran over, some programing changes proposed for next year

WBoPSS Championship Porritt Stadium: With a big support from AWBoP meet ran really well

OTHER MAJOR EVENTS INVOLVED WITH OFFICIATING OR ORGANISATION

Porritt Classic, Center Championships, NZ Championships, Auckland Championship

PARALYMPIC AUSTRALIAN CHAMPIONSHIP

Along with Raylene Bates athletes I attended Australian Champs in Sydney where we accommodated 10 of our top para athletes together to give a taster of travel and group living for some of the newer athletes. The quantity and quality of this group is growing and certainly there is a great pathway for athletes and coaches that we should be promoting and encouraging. It was also a chance to observe the running of the champs and I will share this with Heather O'Hagan