

**MINUTES OF THE ATHLETICS WAIKATO-BAY of PLENTY Inc ~ MANAGEMENT  
COMMITTEE MEETING held Monday 17<sup>th</sup> February 2014**

**PRESENT:** B.Fleming, G.McCabe, M.Taylor, D.Taylor, M.Oman, B.Clarke, G.Sexton, M.Holcroft, R.Porter, M.Petley, A.McDonald, J. Vedder-Price, M.Green, S.Rees-Jones, G.Chambers, M.Fisher, J.Charlton and B. Evison

**APOLOGIES:** Were received from M.Oman, H.O'Hagan and E.A.Taylor.

**SPECIAL ITEM**

- The issues surrounding the concerns expressed in the letter dated 11<sup>th</sup> December 2013 from Cambridge Athletics and Harrier Club, Thames Harrier Club and Matamata Harrier Club were discussed. G. Chambers, M.Fisher and J.Charlton attended from Cambridge and B.Evison from Te Aroha.
- A club representative queried the justification for the registration fee increase.
- A committee member explained that the whole levy system is under review by Athletics New Zealand with a view for changes to be implemented from April 2015.
- A club member then questioned whether projected figures and a budget had been used to calculate the fee increase. A committee member confirmed that this was the case.
- A committee member explained the process at the AGM that led to the fee increase being accepted.
- A club member raised that AWBOP are one of only a few centres with a club only fee. A debate then ensued regarding the benefits of such a category of athlete. Concerns were raised that the centre is not providing benefit for club only athletes. A committee member stated that improved communication is needed in order for the centre to better provide what athletes require.
- It was confirmed that the increase in event levy for road and cross country events as stated in the AGM minutes for 2013 is an error and it is to remain at \$3.
- A club member expressed concern that the athletes at their club are ageing and are not interested in Championships; they have a low number of fully registered athletes. They were concerned with the extra charges for club only athletes. A committee member countered that the centre gave good value with inter club events being provided for athletes and only the Championships requiring an extra fee.
- A suggestion was made by a club member that club only athletes should be able to run in Championships, pay no extra fee but not be eligible for the Championship result. It was argued that this would give them value for their \$25 fee.
- A committee member raised issues from a children's perspective. It was stated that children pay only one fee, providing a simple system where everyone pays the same. It was noted that parents have not raised concerns over the fees, despite the majority of the membership not attending events provided to them for their fee, such as Ribbon Days and the Colgate Games. The member was also concerned that if clubs choose not to affiliate with Athletics New Zealand that they will not be able to participate in Track and Field, Ribbon Days and the Colgate Games and that this will affect young athletes.

- A committee member stated that Athletics New Zealand has not confirmed their new system of registration, but it would be likely that there will be different levels of membership available. It would be likely that a vote would take place in September 2014 to confirm this.
- A committee member raised a concern that the centre pays more than their fair proportion of levies to Athletics New Zealand as other centres do not register all their athletes.
- A committee member stated that club member benefits include getting referees, officials and course measurement training.
- A club member enquired whether the centre is reviewing its structure and committee. A committee member replied that things will have to change and confirmed the process is occurring.
- A committee member was concerned that clubs are not getting involved in committee meetings and questioned whether it was a sign of contentment with the sport or apathy. It was stated that wider club representation would be beneficial.
- A club member concluded that this has been a long process of change and that it was still a mess, though if it eventuates then the proposed new registration system will improve things. They went on to say that the new system sounds good, but they are still waiting.

**MINUTES of PREVIOUS MEETING:** were approved.

## **MMS MEETING**

Douglas Taylor reported back from the Member Management System Meeting in Wellington attended by himself and Mhyre Oman. It was confirmed that Athletics New Zealand wish to move ahead from 1<sup>st</sup> April 2014, with club administrators and not the centre responsible for registrations. Centres and clubs would receive money from the website. Centre progression has not been expedient. Instructions have previously been sent out to clubs, but contact lists are poor and there is difficulty in contacting the relevant person in each club. Further contact with clubs is to be made regarding the requirements from them as of 1<sup>st</sup> April 2014.

## **FINANCE**

- The P/L ledger and balance sheet previously circulated to members were approved.
- The following accounts for payment were detailed:

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| Sport Bay of Plenty   | 1022.22 (Coach Force contract Barrie Jennings)      |
| K Pasgaard & Co Ltd   | 187.90 (Pole Vault bar)                             |
| K Pasgaard & Co Ltd   | 77.99 (2 x Discus)                                  |
| K Pasgaard & Co Ltd   | 450.22 (Various coaching equipment)                 |
| Jeanette Vedder-Price | 39.50 (Folders for Umpires)                         |
| Jeanette Vedder-Price | 20.00 (Spikes for starting blocks)                  |
| The Computer Guy      | 100.00 (Emergency callout to fix network on 8/2/14) |

## **REPORTS**

Reports were presented (See written reports separately), *Cross-Country & Road* - Malcolm Taylor; *Track & Field* – Alan McDonald; *SportsForce* – Alan McDonald; Children's – Rolf Porter. *Masters* – Bruce Clarke

### **Masters discussions**

- The Dunedin masters games were a very well organised event and attended by 92 athletes
- It was confirmed that the proposed get together meetings will consist of a run or walk for attendees.

### **Road and Cross Country discussions**

- The Takahe-Akaroa relay organisers are yet to receive formal notification that they will hold the National Road Relay Championships this year. Our centre has asked to be updated by them as soon as they get final confirmation.

### **Track and field discussions**

- It was confirmed that the Porritt Stadium development committee will meet on Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> February at Sport Waikato. Resurfacing will not take place in February and will start prior to Christmas. The council cannot confirm how long the process will take. The location for athletes to train whilst the track was out of action was discussed, with number 3 ground at Porritt Stadium suggested.
- A concern was raised that the cages at Porritt Stadium are in disrepair.

### **Sports Force discussions**

- As appended report

### **Children discussions**

- As appended report

## **GENERAL BUSINESS**

- A further management committee meeting date was set as 12<sup>th</sup> May 2014.
- A concern was raised regarding the colour of the new official's uniform. It was explained that this is the new standardised uniform adopted by Athletics New Zealand.

- The restructuring of the centre is to be the focus of the next meeting and all clubs will be sent an invitation to the meeting.
- The process of agreeing usage of the Children's computers by the centre was discussed with the need for Children's representatives to be aware of such usage noted.

**NEXT MEETING is at Cambridge Clubrooms, 7.30pm Monday 24<sup>th</sup> March 2014**

**Confirmed.....Date.....**

## REPORTS

### MASTERS

#### MASTERS REPORT FEB 2014

#### **BRUCE CLARKE**

- (a) The N.Z. Masters National Champs 2015 will be held at Tauranga from February 27<sup>th</sup> to 1<sup>st</sup> March 2015. This date is set in stone. The organising committee will be the current President Murray Clarkson and a Bay of Plenty committee similar to the one that produced an excellent Oceania Champs in 2012.
- (b) The Waikato- Bay of Plenty executive committee has recommended a programme of get together meets throughout the winter season. It is proposed to hold at least one event monthly for members and others with interest. There is a general awareness that this will be a splendid opportunity for the not so competitive athlete to participate with others in a social environment of running and walking. These will be held on a Sunday. Proposed venues include:
- April - Hamilton Lake.
  - May - Whakatane.
  - June - Waipuna Park, Tauranga.
  - July - McLaren Falls.
  - August - Hamilton River Bank.
  - September - Rotorua
- (c) The N.Z. Masters Champs 2014 will be held at Invercargill 28<sup>th</sup> February - 3<sup>rd</sup> March. There is a strong contingent of athletes from Waikato-Bay of Plenty entered and are expected to dominate the medal count.
- (d) General concern with the track at Porritt Stadium being renewed and how long the outage time. It has been noted that the Tauranga track has shown rapid signs of wear and tear also.

## **CROSS COUNTRY AND ROAD**

Currently very little happening although dates for winter season have been requested and most have been received. A host for Waikato Bay of Plenty Cross Country is required. There is a possibility that Tauranga will host the New Zealand Road Championships which would mean they would host the Waikato Road Championships. Would like to see more interclub support which has dwindled in recent years.

Malcolm Taylor

## **TRACK AND FIELD REPORT**

### **TRACK & FIELD REPORT FEB 2014**

#### **PORRITT STADIUM**

##### **Track resurface planned for 2014**

Meeting of clubs and centre will take place after work on Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> February at Sport Waikato.

Council have agreed that the upgrade cannot happen Feb March therefore are considering if will happen pre Xmas or late March

Sport Waikato CEO Matthew Cooper will assist with pre Trust application meetings with Trust funders

#### **NZ SECONDARY SCHOOL CHAMPIONSHIPS**

Letter to NZSSAA tabled expressing length of meeting and the demands on officials. Would NZSSAA consider possibility of having entry standards for all athletes or maybe 3 days

#### **PORRITT CLASSIC**

Thanks again to organisers and officials for staging what several described as the best of the "Classic" series.

Congratulations to coaches and athletes which makes for big fields and great competition

Areas for improvement, dropping one of the long throws events, use sector tape (rain faded painted sector markings) meter indicators signs on sectors, and ensuring we have man power to operate indicator boards

For the record 332 athletes competed over 478 event entries

#### **AWBOP TRACK 7 FIELD CHAMPIONSHIP SAT 22 SUN 23 FEBRUARY TAURANGA DOMAIN**

Entries close Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> February for both days of competition and this has been communicated to clubs and directly to coaches on the data base

NOTE THERE WILL BE NO LATE OR ON DAY ENTRIES

Alan McDonald  
Chairman Track & Field

## **SPORTS FORCE REPORT**

### **SPORTSFORCE REPORT FEBRUARY 2014**

During December focus was on RJT training to club personnel and supporting various school events.

In January and February the focus shifts to further volunteer coach training into clubs, PDs for PE departments in Secondary Schools as well as connecting students to coaches, and Organisational support for the various events.

#### **COURSES DELIVERED**

Clubs: Cambridge club Hurdles, Jumps Orini

#### **NZ SECONDARY SCHOOL CHAMPIONSHIP**

Zone championships organised with information packs distributed to Secondary Schools and organisers. I will be assisting with Hamilton/Waikato Central Zone, Thames Valley Coromandel, King Country and Central zone competitions

Note new reduced weight for secondary school senior girls grade for Javelin 500gm and 3kg shot in line with IAAF youth specifications

#### **AWBOP NEW WEB SITE**

New Web Site launch push out again to end of February due to up loading issues. The old web site continues to function and being maintained by Tony Hunt. New Web site will be maintained by Steve AWBoP administrator

#### **RAIL TRAIL TRI SERIES**

Sport Waikato is interested in working with AWBoP to establish a tri run series on the 3 rail trails in the Hauraki district. 1) Paeroa Thames; 2) Paeroa Te Aroha; 3) Waihi Paeroa

Suggested timing August September October.

Will organise discussion with Road Cross Country

#### **THAMES CHILDREN CLUB**

Progress is being made for the Thames Children club to affiliate next season. I have working with volunteers running an informal club for the past 3 years

## **CHILDREN'S REPORT**

### **Children's Report 16-2-2014**

#### **Colgate Games –**

We had a fine three days in Whangarei. We had a lot of Waikato/Bay of Plenty Officials and Runners helping out over the three days of competition. We were well represented by a lot of our clubs throughout our region. Montessa Tairakena 13G and Tevita Finau 14B both from Fairfield Club were presented with Scholarship Awards - four scholarships were awarded at both the North Island and South Island Colgate Games to top performing athletes in Grade 13 and 14 at a value of \$500.

## Putaruru and Te Aroha Ribbon Days –

Putaruru's day started a little wet but was supported by around 122 athletes and then in the afternoon, some officials had to make their way over to the Porritt Classic. Te Aroha had well over 200 athletes supporting their day and it was a beautiful hot day there. We had a Childrens Meeting after the Te Aroha Ribbon Day.

Rolf Porter  
Childrens Chairman