

**MINUTES OF THE ATHLETICS WAIKATO-BAY of PLENTY Inc ~ MANAGEMENT
COMMITTEE MEETING held Monday 20st January 2014**

PRESENT: G.McCabe, M.Taylor, D.Taylor, M.Oman, B.Clarke, G.Sexton, M.Holcroft, M.Petley,
A.McDonald, S.Rees-Jones

APOLOGIES: Were received from M.Green, H. O'Hagan, B.Fleming, P.Cole, R.Porter and E.A.Taylor.

- It was confirmed that Mhyre Oman and Douglas Taylor will attend a meeting in Wellington on 2nd February regarding the member management system. Further updates on the use of online entries may be available after the meeting.

MINUTES of PREVIOUS MEETING: were approved.

- A letter from four clubs (Hamilton City Hawks, Matamata Harriers, Cambridge Athletic and Harriers and Thames Harriers) was presented to the meeting. The letter expressed concerns regarding the increase in registration fees and sanctioned event levies. It was resolved later in the meeting to meet with these clubs at the next management meeting (see general business).
- Discussions were held about the collection of levies. It was confirmed that Athletics New Zealand is due to provide confirmation of the proposed method of collection by September 2014.
- A concern was raised as to what club only athletes get for their money from Athletics New Zealand and this was discussed by members. In response to this it was raised that it would be beneficial for clubs to attend the AGM to become more involved and voice opinions. The need to explain the Levy system and its advantages to clubs was stated.

FINANCE

- The December bank statement was tabled.
- Expenses totalling \$306.49 for Sports Force (Alan McDonald) expenses were passed for payment.

REPORTS

Reports were presented (See written reports separately, *Cross-Country & Road* - Malcolm Taylor; *Track & Field* – Alan McDonald; *Officials* – Heather O'Hagan (circulated at meeting); *SportsForce* – Alan McDonald; Children's – Margaret Holcroft (verbal report given)).

Road and Cross Country discussions

- The difficulties of booking winter event venues with no confirmation yet from Athletics New Zealand of their calendar was stated
- Entry fees for Championship events held within open events were discussed. It was suggested that just the usual entry fee and normal event levy would be charged for the events in question (Mountain running, Half Marathon and Marathon).

- It was resolved that Malcolm Taylor would send a letter to Cambridge Club confirming no extra fee for the Championship and enquiring whether they wished to host the half Marathon championships this year. The importance of highlighting the Championship on the entry form was also stated.
- It was also resolved that the administrator should formally write to Tauranga confirming the above system for championship events (mountain running) next year.

Track and field discussions

- It was confirmed that the council will pay the cost of Porritt Stadium resurfacing. However, there is expectation that the sport will contribute to further upgrading of facilities such as a synthetic area around the shot put. It was agreed to set up a development committee with regard to upgrading facilities at Porritt Stadium. The committee is to consist of two representatives from AWBOP, Hamilton City Hawks, Fairfield and Frankton. Ashley Taylor and Steve Rees-Jones were nominated and accepted as the AWBOP representatives. The relevant clubs are to be contacted by the administrator and asked for nominations.
- The extra burden on Tauranga during the time that Porritt Stadium will be unavailable (September to February) was noted.
- The long timetable of the recently hosted NZSSA championships and the burden it placed on officials was noted by members. Alan McDonald agreed to write a letter to the Waikato Secondary Schools Association requesting them to advise the NZ Sec Schools Association of these concerns and suggesting entry standards be introduced, to enable a more manageable event.
- It was noted that entries for the AWBOP Track and Field Championships close in a month.
- A request to change the timing of the Senior Men's 400m Hurdles at the AWBOP Championships, to facilitate a number of athletes to compete who otherwise would not. As a result the timing will be changed from 11.40 to 12.20.

Sports Force discussions

- Level 1 and Level 2 coaching days are to be held at Porritt Stadium on 1st/2nd February.
- Congratulations were given to those nominated for the upcoming Sport Waikato awards (Club Coach of the Year: Kelly Diprose & Vaughan Priddey, Secondary School Sports Woman: Tarryn Davy, Sports Women of the Year: Helen Roundtree & Mariah Ririnui). It was noted that this is the highest number of nominations from the sport for some time.

Children's Report

A verbal report was given to the meeting by Margaret Holcroft. The summer break is a quiet period for the Children's section. The Relay Championships went well and it was noted that there were more entries than previous events. It was particularly noted that fourteen children entered the walk events. The Colgate Games have also taken place, but no feedback has been received yet.

GENERAL BUSINESS

- The Centre structure was discussed in detail by members. This was a wide ranging discussion with many areas covered. A new model was suggested by a member where appointed boards replace the existing elected committee. It was noted that other centres (Auckland and Canterbury) now operate with such boards. It was stated that Sport Waikato are willing and able to assist the centre in the process of change should this occur. It was stated that input from clubs was critical in the process.

Some members expressed concerns expressed that the road and cross country committees where not functioning optimally at the current time. Some members stated that a mixture of road and cross country events may be useful to provide events that members want.

A new competitions committee covering all areas of the sport was suggested as an alternative to the current model.

- It was resolved that the clubs which expressed concerns in a written submission (Hamilton City Hawks, Matamata Harriers, Cambridge Athletic and Harriers and Thames Harriers) be invited to the next management meeting on 17th February, where their concerns will be listed as the first item on the agenda. Discussions regarding the future of the centre are to continue after that meeting. Members are asked to further consider these matters with the AGM being a deadline for any proposals for change to be finalised and possible input from clubs prior to this.
- The frequency of management committee meetings was discussed. It was also suggested that every alternate month clubs could be invited to the management meetings. A further suggestion was made that the meetings should alternate between Cambridge and Tauranga.
- Two athlete transfer were approved (Damian and Regan Leech from Cambridge to Matamata)
- Concerns were expressed about the current club contact lists being inaccurate, clubs are to be contacted to provide updated contact information

NEXT MEETING is at Cambridge Clubrooms, 7.30pm Monday 17th February 2014

Confirmed.....Date.....

REPORTS

ROAD AND CROSS COUNTRY REPORT

The major sanctioned event held since the last meeting was the Vitasport King & Queen of Mount Maunganui on Boxing Day 26th December 2013. A record 167 completed the event to the Summit of Mauoa and return from Leisure Island. 169 entered with one DNF and one DNS. 43 entered the Junior Mountain race 15 and Under which has two age sections, with 2 DNF. Of the 212 entries 32 used Enteronline with 180 entries taken on the day. The main event has an entry fee of \$25.00 with the Junior race \$12.50. There is no late fee. Cash prizes are awarded over all grades with minor spot prizes. Vitasport has the naming rights in return for supplying all the drink supplements for Athletics Tauranga events while Smiths Sports Shoes contributed an additional \$750.00 of vouchers for spot prizes. A review of prize money seeing it reduced from \$300.00 for the winning Male & Female to \$150.00 and a revision of categories and fairer distribution saw a return to the club of \$1,000.00 and to Athletics Waikato Bay of Plenty of approximately \$618.00 based on a \$7.50 AWBOP Championship fee. The race saw a very close battle in the Queen event with Hamilton City Hawk's Helen Rountree prevailing over Tauranga Triathlete Sarah Backler in the last few hundred metres while Canadian James Richardson running for Wellington Scottish comfortably beat Lake City's Sjors Corporaal.

No additional fee is charged for Waikato Championship eligibility, all those fully registered are considered for the Championship. Club uniform rule has not been applied as in the past the nature of the event could cause damage to singlets but recent course changes to formed walkway has made the event less hostile.

This brings me to the future of Athletics Waikato Bay of Plenty Championships attached to an existing open event. Does an additional fee get charged in light of the contribution Cross Country & Road make via the levy system although that is unravelling fast.

Athletics Tauranga Inc is probably the only club paying the Championship fee from the entry fee income. If additional Athletics Waikato Bay of Plenty fee was charged would clubs be reluctant to host these Championships.

Dates are being request for 2014 Winter events although Athletics New Zealand do not appear to display actual dates. This make drawing up the calendar difficult both for planning and budgeting at club and Centre level, while NZ Cross Country is in Christchurch and NZ Road is Auckland, and one assumes they on the traditional date.

Early indications are that there have been 2,500 entries received so far for the 50th Rotorua Around the Lake Marathon.

Malcolm Taylor

TRACK AND FIELD REPORT

TRACK & FIELD REPORT JAN 2014

PORRITT STADIUM

Track resurface planned for 2014

Second meeting with Council representatives was held 2nd Dec 11 at Sport Waikato Management and clubs present

The main outcomes:

- 1) Expect the stadium to be out of action from September to February (weather dependent) the work can only be carried out in warmer temperatures for the surfaces to cure

- 2) HCC to work with clubs for alternative venues during refurbishment ie number 3 ground at Porritt and Bremworth Park
- 3) HCC will under right the cost of track resurface however there is an expectation that our sport will contribute with the amount raised going into extra development such as a synthetic fan around the shot discus area
- 4) AWBoP establish a development/funding committee
 - a. Made up of AWBoP exec, HAWKS, Fairfield & Frankton Clubs
 - b. Establish list and cost of development extras
 - c. Gain support from other community group/users
 - d. Make a joint application for funding from "trusts" Sport Waikato management will assist with process and to connect with appropriate personnel with in the Trusts
 - e. SportsForce happy to co ordinate parties and call next meeting

The field directly behind the grand stand will not be available for warm up or training as the council will be upgrading the pitch for football over the summer

NZ SECONDARY SCHOOL CHAMPIONSHIPS

Congratulations to all AWBoP Officials and Coaches for a very well run event and excellent results from athletes. Several great comments have been received from NZSSAA and ANZ

Thanks are also extended to the officials from outside our region and to Auckland Center for loan of equipment.

PORRITT CLASSIC

Planning well advanced with all appropriate material about the event on the web site

A call for officials and helpers as again it is expected to be the biggest event on the "Classic" series. Start time is 3pmso please look for a 2pm arrival where food will be available and further food and refreshments at the conclusion of the meet.

CENTER EQUIPMENT

The following is required to enhance our events

Finish Line clock, 4 indicator boards 4 small pop up tents for recorders etc. These items can be shared between Hamilton and Tauranga

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

Entries close Saturday 15th February for both days of competition

NOTE THERE WILL BE NO LATE OR ON DAY ENTRIES

Alan McDonald
Chairman Track & Field

SPORTSFORCE REPORT

SPORTSFORCE REPORT JANUARY 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: RJT Ngatea 2nd visit, RJT to 15 volunteers Cambridge club, RJT Orini

INTERMEDIATE T&F CHAMP (FULL PRIMARY YEAR 7 8 cancelled due to bad weather)

These events were supported by providing assistance with organisation and providing key officials and management on the day. (14 schools 425 athletes)

When asked what our sport and Sport Waikato do for athletics we can report that SportsForce, 27 Energizers and various clubs also support the schools in the buildup to the event. All teachers at the schools receive a PD session at least every 3 years. The Sport Waikato Energizer team this year delivered over 200 class time sessions on athletics.

COACHING DAYS PLANNED FOR CLUB COACHES SAT 1 & 2 FEB PORRITT STADIUM

Pitched at club coaches wanting to advance their knowledge or formalize qualification at level 1 & 2.

SPORT WAIKATO AWARDS

Congratulations to the following AWBoP members who have made it through to the finals

Club Coach of the Year: Kelly Diprose & Vaughan Priddey

Secondary School Sports Woman: Tarryn Davy

Sports Women of the Year: Helen Roundtree & Mariah Ririnui

Winners will be announced on Thursday 30th January, 2014 at Claudelands Conference & Exhibition Centre, Hamilton. Tickets are \$75 each and can be purchased from Sport Waikato, Akoranga Road, Hamilton, phone 07 858 5388.

NZ SECONDARY SCHOOL CHAMPIONSHIP

SportsForce thank Sport Waikato for providing support and personnel in the build up and running of this even

AWBOP NEW WEB SITE

Work continues on this with the new site to go live by end of January

OFFICIALS REPORT

Officials Co-ordinator Report for Management Meeting 20th Jan 2014.

Firstly, a big thank you to all those WBOP centre officials and volunteers who assisted at the NZ Secondary School T&F and Road Race champs. A job well done. I hope everyone has recovered by now.

I have been looking at the calendar wondering when I can fit in another couple of training sessions for track and field. If any of the clubs are interested could they please get in touch with me. There is the odd Sunday between now and the end of March which is possible. Weekdays depend on distance to be travelled.

There is a TOECS Level 1 (NTO) course planned for Hamilton at Queen's Birthday Weekend. Please refer possible attendees to me. Any current NTO's who wish to attend as a refresher would also be welcome. Again, please contact me if you are interested.

I am planning an outside events course for April- again, any interested people please make contact.

For those officials who are still thinking about the Nationals in Wellington and need to reply, please do so ASAP.

I am in the process of distributing the new rule books. Those who are financial members of the Association will receive theirs. If not financial, cost is \$15, which is also the subscription for membership. I am awaiting further supplies of books, and hope to have copies available for non-members by the Porritt Classic.

Any officials available for the Porritt Classic on Sat 8th Feb who have not made contact with either Jeanette Vedder-Price, Alan McDonald or myself need to do so ASAP.

Heather O'Hagan