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ATHLETICS WAIKATO-BAY of PLENTY Inc ~ MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE MEETING
Held at Te Aroha Clubrooms on Monday 24th November 2014

MINUTES

PRESENT: Bruce Fleming (Chairman), Graeme McCabe, Ashley Taylor, Douglas Taylor, Mhyre Oman, Brian Evison, Murray Green, Jeanette Vedder-Price, Glenn Sexton, Malcolm Taylor, Tom Powell, Denise Taylor, Marcia Petley, Margaret Holcroft, Joan Rawnsley, Bruce Clarke, Marion Clarke, Kevin Bradley, Adrian Lysaght, Steve Rees-Jones

APOLOGIES: Alan McDonald, John Tylden, Heather O'Hagan, Paula Cole, Dorothy Carr (Otorohanga)

MINUTES of PREVIOUS MEETING were approved

CORRESPONDENCE

Inwards:

- Athletics New Zealand Levy review documentation and proposed by law changes – circulated
- ANZ proposed by-law change for combined events – circulated
- Registrations (26 of 32 expected clubs now active on Club net)
- Oceanic Athletics Association Women's Award Nominations form – one nomination has been received for Heather O'Hagan – this was approved by the meeting to be forwarded to Athletics New Zealand as the Centre's nomination.

Outwards:

- Summer/Children's handbooks
- Age Patches
- Letters requesting for contribution to Porritt Stadium upgrade from clubs, WBOPSS association and Porritt Classic
- Letter to Clubs regarding ANZ proposal for levy and AWBOP proposed fees

FINANCE

- A Remit was agreed to apply for funding for the Porritt Stadium upgrade from a number of funders. Those agreed were as follows: NZCT (\$20,000), Lion Foundation (\$40,000), Grassroots Trust (\$30,000), NZ Racing Board (\$30,000), Four Winds (\$20,000), Trillian Trust (\$20,000), Southern Trust (\$20,000) and the New Zealand Lottery Board.
- Payments approved:
 - \$70.57 Alan McDonald – children’s trailer WOF/Licencing,
 - Jeanette Vedder-Price \$44.30 (tyres and tubes for wheels of blocks trolley and line marker)
 - Tauranga Millennium Track Trust - Hire of equipment for 2014-2015
- Accounts paid October 2014
 - \$17.25 – Emblems (AGM Service awards) 20/10/14
 - \$187.90 – K Pasgaard (Crossbar) \$187.90
 - \$320.00 – S. Addison (elastics)
 - \$445.48 – Chris Williams (coaching expenses - kiwisport)
 - \$758.20 – Hart Sport (throwing equipment)
 - \$1022.22 – Sport BOP (coachforce)
 - \$1310.00 (total) – Various selectors/Committee members (allowances 2013-14, as agreed at last management meeting)
 - \$2300 NZYFS Ltd (Barrie Jennings- Kiwisport)
- Accounts paid November 2014
 - \$1022.22 – Sport BOP (coachforce)
 - \$1435.20 – Paice Engineering (Hammer Cage Porritt repair)
 - \$86.25 – NZYFS Ltd (Barrie Jennings Kiwisport delivery)
 - \$1744.24 – Crombie Lockwood (Insurance)
 - \$4312.50 – Sport Waikato (Sports Force)
 - \$180.26 – Sport Waikato (Domain name renewal)
 - \$45.77 - Duncan’s Canvas (High Jump mat repair)
 - \$500 – Sue Addison (Elastics)
 - \$70.40 – Hart Sport (Hammer)

REPORTS (see separately): *Road and Cross Country (M. Taylor); Officials (H. O’Hagan); Masters (B. Clarke); Sportsforce (A. McDonald) plus verbal reports from Children’s (T. Powell) and Track and Field (M. Green).*

TRACK AND FIELD

- Murray Green reported from a Track and Field committee meeting held on 27th October. The following points were covered:
 - The \$10 fee for unregistered athletes will be enforced
 - Dash for cash event was cancelled. A letter has been sent to the organiser Barrie Jennings requesting more details in advance

- National T&F Championships Management roles selection process discussed and should be carried out prior to the event
- A risk analysis plan has been completed for Senior Track and Field events with an amended version required for Children's events such as ribbon days.
- It was suggested that the Putaruru Bell format, new proposed Centre singlet design and WBOP Track and Field Championships entry fees be discussed at Centre management level

CHILDREN'S

- Tom Powell gave a verbal report to the meeting. It was confirmed that four ribbon days have now taken place, with known attendances of 200 (Te Awamutu), 190 (Lake City) and 168 (Matamata)

PORRITT UPGRADE

- An update was given to the meeting by Ashley Taylor. It was confirmed that currently the project is on track for completion by mid-January 2015. The base has been completed with only a small amount of remedial work required. The Rekortan surface has arrived on site in time for commencement of the next stage of the project after the base layer has cured.

LEVY REVIEW

ANZ FEES DISCUSSION

- The ANZ levy proposal was discussed by attendees. Some concern was expressed that previous assurances had been given by ANZ that they would never charge under 7's and that small rural clubs use the money from under 5's club registrations fees to run their clubs. It was also noted that the ANZ's Get, Set, Go program may not provide great benefit for club athletes, being more for pre-schoolers or schools to use. Debate ensued regarding the merits of ANZ charging under 7's a fee of \$10. Concern from a children's perspective was stated as about the under 7's being charged, not the 7-14's.
- It was confirmed to the meeting that Athletics Tauranga supports the ANZ fees proposal, though a minority of their members were concerned that the few who attend a large number of ANZ Championships will see an overall fee increase.
- There was some debate around the burden of fees shifting towards children. A member noted that this was only the case if the adults did not enter ANZ Championships and thus pay the extra \$20 entry fees.
- Some concern was expressed that there was no Children's representative on the levy review committee.
- It was confirmed to the meeting that a separate club only membership option will no longer exist.
- The view was expressed that the Centre does not want to go to the backup of the previous Centre levy model.
- There was concern expressed that in future the clubs and Centre will have no input to fee setting, with it being decided by ANZ.

- There was concern that family discounts cannot be applied to the new registration system.
- **It was approved by a majority vote that the Centre will support the current ANZ registration fee proposals of \$10 for under 7's, \$20 for ages 7-14 and \$30 for over 14's. However, it was noted that the Centre should state to ANZ that the \$10 for under 7's is an imposition and that any reduction in that fee would be welcome.**

CENTRE FEES DISCUSSION

- A proposal was made by that from April 2015 the Centre should charge \$3 for ages 7 and over and \$0 for under 7's. Competition levies are to remain at current levels.
- Discussion ensued regarding an amendment to the proposal. The amendment suggested that the fee of \$3 for ages 7 and over should be raised to \$5, with \$1 to be set aside for a fund to support officials and \$1 for an athlete event participation incentive fund. One member stated that the Centre has overall financial strength and can sustain a modest loss and thus should keep fees low to get the ANZ proposal off the ground. They also stated that this was not the right time for the amendment and that it could be discussed in a year's time. This was countered by concerns that the Centre would continue to be dependent on grants and was thus not charging enough. It was also stated that with the amendment the Centre would be able to demonstrate clear benefits of the fee to athletes. It was also noted that a \$5 fee had been suggested previously at Centre meetings.
- The amendment was then proposed on the basis that the Centre would charge athletes aged 7 and over \$5, with the understanding that in future some of the \$5 fee would be moved into an official's fund and an incentive fund for athlete's participation in events, rather than having an amount designated immediately to those areas. The amendment was approved by a majority vote.
- **A motion was then approved by a majority vote that the amended original proposal be accepted. Therefore it was approved that the Centre would charge athletes aged over 7 years a \$5 fee for the 2015-2016 season, with no fee for under 7's.**

GENERAL BUSINESS

- A new design for the Centre singlet was proposed. This was a three panel design of (top to bottom) Red, Gold, Black with the logo in blue writing on the Gold panel. The singlet would be in an improved fabric and would be sublimated, with a small increase in current costs to \$39 per unit. A dispensation would be sought from ANZ to use two different types of singlet at National Championships in writing by the administrator. A motion to charge the singlet design was agreed.
- It was agreed to alter entry fees for the 2016 Centre Track and Field Championships to \$10 for the first event and \$5 for each subsequent event entered.
- It was agreed to approve the application of Thames Athletic Club to become an affiliated club.
- The Putaruru Bell was awarded to Frankton who were confirmed as winners for 2014.
- The Track and Field Committee are to look at proposals about the Putaruru Bell format and to report back to the Management Committee at a later date.

- It was confirmed that the Centre administrator's contract has been extended from the initial 12 months fixed term to an indefinite one.

NEXT MEETING: Monday 2nd February in Tauranga (Venue to be confirmed)

These minutes are confirmed as a true account by:

Name **Signature**..... **Date**.....

REPORTS

ROAD AND CROSS COUNTRY

Matamata Around the Streets Relay was held on 2nd August with numbers again low following the current interclub trend. A small Waikato Bay of Plenty team travelled to Christchurch for the New Zealand Cross Country Championships. While small in number it was a well performed group with Camille Buscomb winning her first Senior Women's cross country title. Sally Gibbs MW50 and John Crane MM50 were impressive winners of their Masters races with Gibbs following up with 5th in the Senior Womens event. Murray Clarkson was second in MM65. Jacob Priddey 3rd in Men U20 and Harry Ewing 3rd in the Men U18. Emily Roughan and Aaron Pulford were fourth and fifth respectively in their respective senior events. Unfortunately Waikato Bay of Plenty did not have a fourth runner in the Senior Woman as their high placings would have ensured the teams title.

Waikato Bay of Plenty Road Running Championships were held at Tauriko, Tauranga with 103 runners and one freestyle walker. The event was held in breezy conditions with Camille Buscomb and Tim Stewart giving Hamilton City Hawks the Mens and Womens double over the 10km course. Hamilton City Hawks dominated the individual races with 9 titles.

Cambridge Half Marathon had 550 finishers over all events from 5km to Half Marathon which was an excellent turn out and very encouraging for the club. Tim Stewart and Emily Roughan were the winners of the Waikato Half Marathon held in conjunction with the event.

Several of the Centres Secondary Schools athletes contested the Australian Cross Country Championships representing New Zealand Secondary Schools with solid results particularly in the U18 group. Jacob Priddey M20 6th, Anneke Grogan W20, Harry Ewing 6th M18, and Deborah Paine 11th W18.

Nest Saturday is the New Zealand Road Running & Walking Championships in Tauranga with 241 entries including 64 from the Waikato Bay of Plenty region. While this is a good representation from the Centre we will lack numbers to form teams in the Seniors.

Malcolm Taylor

CHILDREN

Report from the Children's Committee for the August 2014 Waikato BOP Management Meeting

1. New Zealand Children's Athletics Association AGM

The AGM was held on the weekend of the 10th and 11th of August in Wellington and it was attended by delegates from each of the 11 regions. Waikato Bay of Plenty was represented by Tom Powell and Margaret Holcroft as delegates, and Peter Rawnsley as observer with speaking rights.

1. The following officers were elected/appointed:-

President	Brian Curry
Vice President	Brian Cockeram
Immediate Past President	Jan Cockeram
Secretary	Denise Taylor
Treasurer	Joan Rawnsley

2. The date for the next New Zealand Children's Athletics Association AGM is the 8, 9 August 2015.

3. Life membership was awarded to Joan Rawnsley as an acknowledgement for the years of work that she has given to children's athletics. An award of outstanding service and dedication to children's athletics was made to Graham Vivian for his work over the better part of 35 years.

4. The dates of the next Colgate Games and Interprovincial Games were set.

Colgate Games

North Island

2015 Wellington 9 - 11 January

2016 Palmerston North 8 - 10 January

2017 Mt Smart, Auckland 6 - 8 January

South Island

2015 Dunedin 16 - 18 January

2016 Nelson 15 - 17 January

2017 Invercargill 13 - 15 January

Interprovincial Games, Grade 12, 13

2015 AWBOP – Porritt 3, 4 April

2016 Dunedin 26, 27 March

2017 Wellington TBC 15, 16 April

5. All Colgate Games and Interprovincial Games entries are now done online, along with club returns, official forms, runner forms, etc.

6. The meeting reaffirmed the decision made at the Easter Executive meeting that "7 to 9 year olds to compete in 5 events at Colgate Games from choices currently available to them, plus relays. A trial will be instigated to allow 10 to 14 year olds to compete in 5 events at Colgate Games from the choices currently available to them plus relays." The trial will be reviewed at the Easter Executive meeting 2015.

7. Following a discussion on the ANZ Roadshow Levy the NZCAA is making submissions along the lines of the following and are recommending to its Centres and clubs to do the same:-

- a. That under 7 year olds are not charged a levy and 7 to 14 year olds are only charged \$10.
- b. It is essential, to facilitate that ability for clubs to pay levy's, that an online bank account is made available. Many clubs do not have the ability to make payments using credit cards.

2. The next Children's Committee Meeting.

The next AWBoP Children's Committee meeting is on the 12th October at the Cambridge Athletics Club rooms.