

ATHLETICS WAIKATO-BAY of PLENTY Inc ~ MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE MEETING
Cambridge on Monday 27th July 2014 at 12:30pm

PRESENT: Bruce Fleming, Malcolm Taylor, Douglas Taylor, Ashley Taylor, Tom Powell, Denise Taylor, Glenn Sexton, Graeme McCabe, Margaret Holcroft, Mhyre Oman, Bruce Clarke, Marion Clarke, Jeannette Vedder-Price, Heather O'Hagan, Paula Cole, Steve Rees-Jones

APOLOGIES: Alan McDonald, Marcia Petley

- Tom Powell, the new Chairman of the Children's section introduced himself to the meeting.

MINUTES of PREVIOUS MEETING: were approved

FINANCE

Ashley Taylor presented the end of year financial and auditors report to the meeting.

- A surplus of \$5,300 was recorded for the year 2013-2014
- There has been a movement from full to club only registrations
- It was agreed to adopt the financial reports

EXPENSES

The following expense payment was approved:

- \$349.70 – Education booklets, stamps, printer cartridge and paper, to be paid to Heather O'Hagan.

PORRITT STADIUM

Ashley Taylor updated the meeting regarding the resurfacing of Porritt Stadium.

- The project is going to tender next week, with tenders closing at the end of August
- Extra works are at the discretion of athletics, these are three training lanes (\$40,000), artificial grass for shot and discus areas (\$45,000) and artificial grass for hammer area (\$12,000), prices may change after tender
- In response to concerns by committee members over the timeframe, it was confirmed the council will pay for all works and then invoice the Centre, allowing the Centre some time for decisions to be made
- Work will take place 23rd October to 31st January
- Children's committee have committed \$5,000 of funds to the work
- Application for funding to the lottery board to be made

REPORTS (see separately): *Road and Cross Country (M. Taylor); Children's (T. Powell); Officials (H. O'Hagan); Masters (B. Clarke)*

MATTERS ARISING FROM REPORTS

Road and Cross Country

- The participation of club only athletes at Waikato-Bay of Plenty winter Championships was queried by a committee member. It was confirmed to the meeting that such athletes could take part but were not eligible for medals or an official placing in the Championship. It was also explained that host clubs hold the event in conjunction with their club championships, thus allowing their members to compete and the event is made open to all. The fee for a club only athlete was confirmed as \$5. It was noted that the arrangement may change after the ANZ levy review.

Children's

- The Children's section extended their sympathies to Doreen Wilson for the recent loss of Neil Wilson. Neil was a life member of Fairfield Athletic Club and a large contributor to Children's Athletics, particularly Ribbon Day and Children's Championships.

Master's

- Master's also expressed their sympathies for the loss of Neil Wilson. He was described as a terrific bloke, very good at his job and a big loss.

Officials

- Thanks were expressed to Ray Young for getting attendees for the recent outside official's course.
- It was confirmed that Heather O'Hagan has been appointed to the new National Officials Committee as Chair

GENERAL BUSINESS

- Life membership was discussed. It was confirmed at the meeting that nomination must be made two months prior to the AGM, therefore no nomination was made.
- Catering for the AGM was discussed. It was agreed to take the option of tea/coffee and muffin between the Track and Field and Centre AGM.

NEXT MEETING: was confirmed to be Sunday 31st August 2014 at The Matamata Club (following AGM).

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

REPORTS

ROAD AND CROSS COUNTRY

Cross Country season proper got underway with Cambridge Relays on 10th May 2014. Numbers low, which is a continuing trend in interclub events, as was the case of with most interclub events. Tauranga followed Cambridge Relays while it attracted good entries from schools the numbers from Youth upwards only look reasonable by combining age groups.

New Zealand Secondary Schools was held at Palmerston North with Year 9 Boy Samuel Tanner Bethlehem College the only individual winner from Waikato Bay of Plenty. Isaiah Priddey Hamilton Boys ran a game race for second in the Junior Boys while Jacob Priddey was fourth in the Senior Boys.

North Island Cross Country Championships were held on 5th July with Waikato Bay of Plenty runners placing well in many events which would see Waikato Bay of Plenty second in the provincial contest to Wellington. With wins to Camille Buscomb, Senior Women, Jacob Priddey Junior Men, Isaiah Priddey Boys 16, Steve Reese Jones Masters Men 35-49, Sally Gibbs Masters Women, John Crane Masters Men 50+, and many Age Group Winners and place getters gave Waikato Bay of Plenty their best performance for many years.

Waikato Bay of Plenty Cross Country Championships were hosted by Lake City Athletic Club on 19th July with 133 entries with 127 finishers. 21 of those entered were Club Only or Non Registered.

A small team is expected to contest the New Zealand Cross Country Championships in Christchurch.

Following on from this the Waikato Bay of Plenty and New Zealand Road Championships in Tauranga on 16th August 2014 and 6th September 2014 respectively.

CHILDREN

Children's Report for Management - July 2014

1. Athletics Waikato-Bay of Plenty Children's Committee AGM

The Children's AGM was held on the 15th June 2014

The following people were elected:

Chairman:	Tom Powell (to be ratified at next meeting)
Minute Secretary:	Margaret Holcroft
Competition Secretary:	Sandra Murray
12-13 IP's Co-ordinator:	Jo Davidson
Delegates to AWBoP Management:	Tom Powell Margaret Holcroft Paula Cole (Reserve)

Several remits around the Children's Relay Champs were discussed to encourage more teams to enter this competition. Also passed was a remit for two clubs to combine to enter a 4x100m relay as one team. A pentathlon format competition, based on the Auckland Junior Pentathlon Championship, was also approved for trial this coming season, to be evaluated whether it would form a Championship event in the future.

2. New Zealand Children's Athletics Association AGM

This is being held on the weekend of the 10 and 11 of August in Wellington.

Delegates from AWBoP are: Margaret Holcroft
Tom Powell

Tom Powell
Chairman Elect

MASTERS

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Bruce Clarke.

WBoP Masters Committee have organised through the winter season, monthly Sunday afternoon social get togethers at various venues for a walk or run and afternoon tea. To date McLaren Falls, Whakatane, Tauranga, and last week it was the Hamilton Lake. The event is open to anyone to attend especially Masters members, friends and family. Next month it will be at Rotorua Redwoods.

WBoP Masters athletes featured prominently in their age groups at Rotorua Marathon, Tauranga open Cross Country, Huntly Half and 10k and North Island Cross Country at Taupo. As usual Sally Gibbs blitzed the field.

N. Z. Masters Athletic Champs will be held at Tauranga Friday 27th Feb – 1st March 2015. Plans are well underway including a concerted effort to officials to upgrade their skills and encouragement of gaining new members as well.

Obituary: Sadly we note the passing of Neil Wilson who for years was truly an outstanding official and tireless worker and supporter to athletics in the Waikato especially at Porritt Stadium where his equipment and event managerial duty skills were always to the fore. Neil was a very friendly man and had a remarkable ability to remember names and faces of athletes of all ages and was a mentor in sportsmanship to us all.

OFFICIALS

Officials report for Management July 27th 2014.

Two outside events training days have been held

Cambridge Sunday 29th June.

4 attendees for the outside events presentation. One sat A (pass achieved), 2 sat B (passes not achieved) and 1 sat C (pass achieved) papers. We were joined after lunch by five track and field people to sit exams. 3 master's throwers sat the Throws C paper (passes achieved by all), one Throws A, and 1 Jumps B (pass not achieved).

Tauranga Sunday 13th July

11 attendees- thanks to Ray Young, chasing up officials for the national Road Race in September. A good session with lots of discussion. 3 sat A papers, 2 sat B (passes achieved), 4 sat C (passes achieved by 3), and one who had to leave early has sat the C paper under Ray's supervision, and passed.

I have available copies of Leon Blanchet's "Field Event" booklet- a guide for parents/ beginning officials along the lines of the old IAAF Basic Officiating guide. No rule numbers mentioned, and plenty of useful info about running events at club level. These are available at \$5 each. Contact me if your club is interested. Leon is in the final stages of writing the "Track Events" version.

I have been appointed to ANZ's new National Official's Committee, which replaces the old NTOC. Amongst the plans for the next year is more formal mentoring of officials, both beginners, and the "up and coming" needed to step up into the major roles at big events. The increasing age of our official's base is of major concern, and getting the younger people into more senior roles is a major goal for the next couple of years. Our regular officials might find that they will be asked to "step outside their comfort zone" at times in the upcoming season to try and increase their experience over a wider section of the sport.

The size of our Centre means extra help will be needed, and I have asked Ray Young if he is interested in taking an active part in official's training, and he has indicated that he would be.

I heard of Neil Wilson's death too late to attend his funeral. I have missed his presence at Porritt over the last couple of years, and, like all of us, will miss his contribution to the sport. I extend my sympathy to Doreen and the family.

I will once again remind the Clubs that if they wish to have some help with training their officials/helpers all they have to do is ask.

The upcoming season is going to be a difficult one with Porritt not being available for much of the summer. Our athletes will need all the help they can get to perform to their best.

Heather O'Hagan,
Official's Co-ordinator.