

ATHLETICS WAIKATO-BAY of PLENTY Inc ~ MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE MEETING
Matamata on Monday 28th September 2015

MINUTES

PRESENT: Murray Green (chair), Joan Rawnsley, Graeme McCabe, Malcolm Taylor, Glenn Sexton, Jeannette Vedder-Price, Paula Cole, Heather O'Hagan, Margaret Holcroft, Bruce Clarke, Marion Clarke, Steve Rees-Jones

APOLOGIES: Criss Strange, Mhyre Oman, Douglas Taylor, Ashley Taylor, Alan McDonald

MINUTES of PREVIOUS MEETING were approved

MATTERS ARISING

- HCC are keen to install extra barrier arms at Porritt Stadium to protect the inside lanes. The signage to go on the barriers is due to go up shortly, but requires extra plywood backing prior to fitting. The signs have now been installed as of 29th September.
- The details of the track and field incentive scheme were confirmed to the meeting. Two prize packs (one male and one female) of a t shirt, pair of socks and a spikes bag will be awarded at each open meeting and a \$250 voucher will be awarded at the end of the season to two athletes who have competed in at least 8 of the 12 eligible meetings.
- An update on officials uniforms was given to the meeting. A few colour options for Polo Shirts were presented and samples will be available at the first open meeting of the season. Centre colours are to be included on the embroidery rather than the whole uniform.
- The winter incentive scheme has concluded. 52 athletes qualified for the end of season draw and the winners were Marc Scott and Daniel Sinclair.

CORRESPONDENCE

Inwards:

- Athletics New Zealand confirmed by letter that Tokoroa Track and Field Club "Tokoroa Blades" have become an affiliated club. The meeting queried that the Centre had not been consulted on the decision and thus it was decided that the administrator would write to ANZ questioning the current process for club affiliation and updating them on the club situation in Tokoroa.
- \$12,500 grant from Trust Waikato for administrator salary
- NZMA correspondence regarding merger with ANZ (circulated)
- Confirmation of ODT Meeting with Sport Waikato on 29th September

Outwards:

- Application to Lion Foundation for \$7,500 towards Sports Force
- Porritt Stadium Bookings for 2015/16

FINANCE

- 2015/16 Budget – was approved
- 2015/16 Allowances and travel subsidies – were approved, with one amendment suggested for the 2016 NZ Road Championships in Masterton that the number of athletes be increased from 12 to 20 and that the subsidy be increased from \$35 to \$50. This is to be taken to the Finance Chairman for consideration.

Accounts for approval:

The following accounts were approved:

- \$752.10 Smith's Sports Shoes (T&F incentive scheme)
- \$20.00 Jeannette Vedder-Price (Tyres/Tubes)
- \$207.49 Athletics Tauranga (Expenses WBOP Road Champs)
- \$322.00 PGG Wrightson (Plifix for Porritt)

REPORTS (see separately): *Children (M. Holcroft); Road and Cross Country (M. Taylor); Sportsforce (Alan McDonald); Coachforce (Barrie Jennings - circulated separately), Officials (Heather O'Hagan)*

Road and Cross Country:

- It was noted that many place getters at AIMS Games were already club members.
- There was some disappointment with teams at the NZ Road Champs, some athletes did not turn up or give notice of their withdrawal. An email can be sent to athletes next year to remind them to inform the selectors if they withdraw.

Officials:

- The Centre Track and Field Risk Management Plan is to be re-circulated to clubs
- The lack of an incident reporting procedure was noted
- An link to online learning modules is to be sent out

GENERAL BUSINESS

- Lake City have asked for confirmation of where the \$3 centre event levy for the 2016 National Road Relays goes to and who is paying for clubs to assist at changeover points. It was stated that the \$3 will be the same as any other event levy and go towards the general centre operations. It was questioned whether a form to host the event has been completed as the officials coordinator has not yet been asked to confirm whether there are sufficient numbers of officials to assist with the event.

NEXT MEETING: confirmed as Monday 30th November 2015, in Matamata (St.John's)

Confirmed.....

Date.....

REPORTS

ROAD AND CROSS COUNTRY

Waikato Road Running & Walking Championships had a small increase in numbers. Pub Charity funded Traffic Management, Portaloos and Public Address System for the day. Senior ranks still appear low still particularly from Tauranga.

New Zealand Road Running & Walking Championships were held on 5th September 2015 and while numbers for the event continued to disappoint Waikato Bay of Plenty athletes performed well individually. Steve Rees-Jones won convincingly the Masters Men overall and the M40-45 title in what was virtually a time trial such was his winning margin. The M35-49 team was second due to Michael Pugh fading with a calf muscle injury, while Tony Broadhead first M45-49 with John Caie third. Gavin Smith was second M60-64 with the M50+ team third, while Maureen Leonard starred in the Masters Women winning the MW55-59. She was ably supported by Melanie Thompson MW35-39 and Judith May 45-49 both finishing third in their age groups.

Debra Paine Junior Woman won the 5km outright to take the Junior Women's title while Emerson Deverell won the Youth Women's title ahead of Grace Ritchie. In the Junior Men Michael Voss was an impressive winner over Harry Ewing while Isaiah Priddey was third in the Youth Men. Camille Buscomb completed the trio of successive wins for New Zealand Road Championship titles from a very strong Senior Women's field who were completely out run by Camille. Aaron Pulford was a solid second in the Senior Men's 10km event improving one place on 2014. Unfortunately Waikato Bay of Plenty only field two teams which was disappointing that several teams failed to materialise due to runners becoming injured or failing to turn up on the day.

All in all the organisation of the New Zealand Road Running & Walking Championships went very well due to excellent support of Waikato Bay of Plenty personal from officials and clubs with reinforcements from other centres including Athletics New Zealand staff. This was reflected in a positive Technical Delegates report by Paul Craddock. Several of the Athletics New Zealand staff remained in Tauranga to attend the AIMS Games Cross Country to promote our sport as well as the New Zealand Secondary Schools Cross Country to be held in Rotorua in June 2016.

AIMS Games had 546 Year 7 and 8 students complete 4 cross country races although 635 had entered. Notably Maia Flint from Tauranga Waldorf School won the Year 7 Girls race, while Corban Crowther Tauranga Intermediate was second Year 7 Boy. Charlie Miller Fairfield was second Year 8 Girl having finished second in the New Zealand Road Championships Girls U13 the previous day. These athletes are members of Tauranga and Hamilton clubs.

Red Stag Forest Relay was held on 12th September 2015, being very well supported by many clubs although team numbers were down. Hamilton City Hawks won most sections although Pakuranga took out the Men's open section. The event did have competition from Whangamata.

Next Saturday the New Zealand Road Relay Championships will be held on the Takahe to Akoroa Relay in which Hamilton City Hawks and Lake City Athletics will have strong representation from the Centre.

Sally Gibbs won the recent Masters Women 50 World Mountain Race title (3rd overall) and was first New Zealand Women in the World Mountain Running Open event held last weekend (40th overall in 44.32 for 8.9km).

CHILDREN

The Summer Season Children's Section of the Handbook is being finalised.

We have yet to start our Summer Season with most clubs starting back in the first week of Term 4. The first Ribbon Day is being held on 17 October at Whakatane. The next Children's Meeting will be on Sunday 18 October.

ANZ have published the latest list of affiliated clubs - some WBoP Children's Clubs have yet to register and an email has been sent to remind clubs to do so. Non affiliation means these clubs are ineligible to compete at Ribbon Days, Children's Champs and the Colgate Games.

A second athletic club is in the process of being set up in Tokoroa and is currently working through the affiliation process, to be called Tokoroa Track and Field Club. The original Tokoroa Club is now called Tokoroa Junior Athletic and Harrier Club.

A recent email to all clubs to update their contact details has had minimal response - a second request is to be sent out.

Margaret Holcroft
Secretary

SPORTSFORCE

Has been encouraging to work with schools in term 3 to save the pressure in early weeks of term 4

COURSES DELIVERED

SECONDATY SCHOOL PD, Matamata PE Dept

RUN JUMP THROW

SCHOOLS, Thames South, Tapu, Melville Intermediate, Tokoroa Intermediate, Gordonton

CLUBS, Thames, Matamata

GET SET GO

SCHOOLS, Hukanui, Silverdale, Matamata, Hillcrest

CLUB, Taupo, Lake City, Cambridge, Matamata, Hinemoa, Frankton

COURSE BOOKINGS FILLING UP FAST FOR OCTOBER

ENDORSED CLUB PROJECT

Reviews have been completed by ANZ with Hinemoa, Frankton, Cambridge and Fairfield and plans are taking shape to develop more volunteers across all age groups in the clubs. Taupo and Matamata come on board for the coming season and commence with the introduction of Get Set Go

AWBOP COMMENCE ORGANISATIONAL DEVELOPMENT PROCESS WITH SPORT WAIKATO

First meeting to take place with key management groups for AWBOP early October

OFFICIALS

Officials report for Management Sept 2015.

I have several training sessions planned for October/November.

Rule changes Tuesday 6th October Tauranga 6pm

Wednesday 7th October Porritt 6pm

Track Sunday 18th October Tauranga

Jumps Sunday 1st November Tauranga

Throws Sunday 15th November Tauranga

Over the weekend I attended the annual ROC's meeting. Matters arising from this meeting that I feel the Centre needs to give some thought to are

Health and Safety Do we have an "incident report"? The NOC has been working on a draft for the Centres to use if they have the need. What happens to it after it has been completed? Does the Centre have a process for formally following up on incidents that occur, and a process to work through to help avoid recurrences?

Are the "Health and Safety" guidelines for the 2 tracks finished? If so, they need to be visible at the tracks, and officials need to have read them through. A H&S briefing should be taking place prior to all competitions.

Are our clubs up to speed with this at their facilities?

ROC's job description- this is a very full document, and the ROC's are encouraged to find other officials to assist. If anyone is interested in assisting with running courses please let me know.

The on-line learning modules were discussed. If you have not already looked at those please do so. This was referred to as "Silicon Coach" but now is called "Bracken Learning", named for the company that produces the web link. Clubs- encourage your parents, helpers to look at this. Existing officials- take a look at it as well. I will ask Steve to send out an email with the link to the relevant spot on the website. The intention is there to enlarge this to include the C papers online.

Official's pathways were discussed. Some time was spent explaining why there is the requirement for those aspiring to B grades to attend senior meetings- for our education scheme to be approved by the IAAF, the B grade experience log MUST be filled by experience at Senior meetings, not Children's. This point has been argued about on and off for years, but if the sport is to retain its official's education scheme recognition by the IAAF this is a requirement that we must adhere to. Keeping a log of competitions officiated at during the season needs to be encouraged – it is the individual official's responsibility not mine.

The 4 yearly review will be taking place next year, to be finished by 30th September. To maintain their gradings officials MUST attend an educational session at least once during the 4 years between reviews.

Keeping the officials details current is a huge headache. I will be making contact with the Clubs again over the next few months to try and sort out some problem areas.

Once again I re-iterate- if a Club wishes me to assist them in training their officials they need to contact me.

Athletics Australia has just released their requirements for officials who wish to be considered for the Commonwealth Games. I have forwarded this to our more senior officials. If anyone else is interested please contact me and I will send it on. There will be provision for “sports specific volunteers” as well as officials.

Heather O’Hagan, Officials Co-ordinator.