

ATHLETICS WAIKATO-BAY of PLENTY Inc ~ MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE MEETING
Cambridge 7:30pm on Monday 3rd April 2017

MINUTES

PRESENT: Murray Green, Mhyre Oman, George Caddie, Kerry Hill, Criss Strange, Murray Clarkson, Steve Rees-Jones, Andrew Langman

APOLOGIES: Graeme McCabe, Alan McDonald, Sandra Murray, Margaret Holcroft, Heather O'Hagan, Malcolm Taylor, Kelly Diprose

MINUTES of PREVIOUS MEETING: were approved

CORRESPONDENCE

Inwards:

- Complaints regarding under 16 grade at Senior Track and Field Championships
- Sports House Tenancy Renewal

Outwards:

- Grant application to The Lion Foundation for \$8000 toward Championship medals
- Winter Handbook
- Following up with clubs regarding registration compliance

Under 16 Grade

- The complaints received regarding the implementation of the Under 16 Grade at the WBOP Track and Field Championships were discussed. It was confirmed that a complaint has been referred to the convenor of the arbitration panel in line with the complainant's wishes. After discussion and acknowledgment of the many problems the grade has created, it was agreed that a remit would be made to the AGM proposing the abolition of the Under 16 grade to allow the clubs to make a decision on the matter.

Sports House Tenancy

- It was confirmed to the meeting that AWBOP has previously been paying for a full time occupation of office space at Sports House. As a result the option of using a "Hot Desk" with AWBOP only paying for the time that the desk is used is now possible. This would require a reduction in the amount of items stored at Sports House, but would result in significant ongoing savings estimated to be up to \$3,000 per annum. The meeting agreed to an amended contract with Sports Waikato using the "Hot Desk" arrangement.

FINANCE

Accounts Paid February 2017

- \$431.25 – Sport Waikato (Rent)
 - \$96.32 – Sport Waikato (Consumables)
 - \$160 – Computer Guy (photo Finish)
 - \$353 – Tauranga CC (Track hire)
 - \$408.33 – Orix NZ Ltd (Vehicle lease Coachforce)
 - \$1500 – BNZ Children’s account (14-18 IP’s subsidy)
 - \$1727.27 – Kerry Hill (Coachforce)
 - \$58.82 – Bunnings (Paint)
 - \$91.80 – Hart Sport (shot)
 - \$825.13 – Waikato Cranes (LJ Cover lifting for NZ Champs)
 - \$4600 – Sport Waikato (Sports Force)
 - \$1768 – Steve Rees-Jones (Salary admin)
- Expenses totalling \$849.73 were approved for Kerry Hill in relation to tolls, petrol and stationary as part of the Coach Force role.

REPORTS (see separately): Officials (Heather O’Hagan); Children (Sandra Murray); Track and Field (Murray Green), Kerry Hill (Coach Force)

GENERAL BUSINESS

- The meeting acknowledged the ending of Alan McDonald’s role with the cessation of the Sports Force programme. Murray Green is to attend a meeting with Sport Waikato on 20th April to find out more about how sports such as ours will be serviced by Sports Waikato. The new model will have single Sport Waikato staff members covering multiple sports.
- The meeting confirmed support for the region hosting the Colgate Games in 2019. The proposed building work by Wanderers was noted and they are to be regularly contacted to get updates on their plans. They were unable to provide a firm update on their plans at this time.
- The winter incentive scheme was discussed and the meeting approved for Steve Rees-Jones to administer the fund to provide prizes and financial support to the WBOP Cross Country and Road Championships, rather than across the whole season of sanctioned events.
- A proposal from Dave Southwick for an officials’ social club to increase the numbers of officials/volunteers was discussed. The meeting noted that former athletes that had been invited to the recent NZ Track and Field Championships may be a fertile group to be involved as many of those had drifted away from the sport, but appeared keen to be involved again. Dianne Rodger should have a list of those people from the NZ Championships. The meeting supported the idea and proposed that Dave Southwick could be asked to liaise with Dianne Rodger around contacting people on the list from the NZ Championships who may be interested in taking a role in the social club.

- A suggestion was made that WBOP trophies won by athletes could be handed out at the AGM or an early season open meeting. No agreement was made on this issue.
- The AGM date was set for the 20th August 1pm in Matamata, this is subject to the Matamata club being available on that date. The AGM will be followed by a Management Meeting

NEXT MEETINGS: Monday 12th June (Cambridge) and Sunday 20th August (Matamata - after AGM)

REPORTS

OFFICIALS

A huge thank you to all those officials and helpers who turned out for the Jennian Homes NZ Track and Field Champs 17-19th March. Your help was very much appreciated, not only for the weekend, but for the preparation and tidy up afterwards.

I have had some interest in officials training days, and have set a date for Jumps and Throws in Tokoroa 24th and 25th June in Tokoroa. Rene Otto has asked to be kept informed so that more of his group can gain a "C" grading. One of the volunteers who assisted at the Champs has also asked for some training. The experiment in holding huge "everything in one session" days was successful in some ways but not in others, and I intend to go back to separating out the elements for future training sessions.

One aspect we need to work on before next year's National Champs is training up our local officials in the use of the EDM systems. Putting together the duty rosters for the long throws was not easy, as we needed to ensure that the EDM systems were operated by people who knew what they were doing., and there were very few of those.

The summer season was a busy one, and I would like to thank all those officials who turned out, not only at the Senior meets, but also at the Ribbon Days and Club nights throughout the season. Our athletes could not perform without you.

Heather O'Hagan

CHILDREN

The Children's Championship was held 11th March at Hamilton with the weather leading up to this day being extremely wet. The discussion was made to go ahead with the day as it was forecasted to clear. On arrival it was seen that both long jump pits were flooded due to the water running down the hill and into the pits. At the officials/managers meeting everyone was informed that due to this flooding there would be no long jump and if clubs wished to be reimbursed then they would need to send in their request to Jo Davidson, this has since been altered to go directly to Steve. The high jump and hurdles were placed on hold and as the weather did improve the hurdles were run and the senior athletes competed for the high jump. Initially there were 470 athletes registered which came from 26 clubs, these numbers were slightly depleted but it was still a very busy day. We were thankful to the Fairfield club who set up the field in rain and all the other volunteers who gave their time to make the day successful. The second of the Incentive Scheme Petrol vouchers were issued at these Champs, athletes who were in the draw had attended three or more Ribbon Days prior to the Champs, one athlete from each age group and gender were recipients.

The second half of the Children's summer athletic calendar saw Ribbon Days held in Tokoroa, Bellevue/Greerton and Paeroa, with these days being well attended. The Gr 12/13 Interprovincial Competition will be held in Masterton over Easter with the team of 44 athletes having been selected from Ribbon Days and the Children's Champs, with 8 team managers. To assist with funding for this competition, Children's were given the opportunity to provide people for the gates during the NZ Track & Field Nationals. Margaret did struggle to fill the roster for this to begin with but fortunately it all went well with those children on the gate able to get autographs from those athletes that were well known. For next year's Nationals Children's would like to ask for this opportunity again for our Interprovincial team. I would like to thank Margaret for all her hard work that she put in over that weekend, it was greatly appreciated.

Our season has now ended and we will be having our mid-winter forum in May and the AGM in June.

Many Thanks

Sandra Murray

Children's President

TRACK AND FIELD

On a local basis our season has finished, with just the North Island Secondary School Champs and Grade 12&13 Interprovincial Champs to go.

It has been a pretty full on season with our Centre hosting the NZ T&F Champs for the first time in 18 years. Whilst the LOC is yet to hold it's debrief from all accounts it was a pretty successful event – certainly that is the perspective of athletes, Athletics NZ and most people we have spoken too. There were some issues but these were mostly evident to just those on the inside. We had over 100 Waikato/BOP athletes enter the Champs. Gate takings were close to double what we budgeted for.

Despite inclement weather both the Children's Champs and Secondary School Champs went ahead successfully. The later saw the final appearance of Jack and Lynette Lockhead after 34 and 27 years officiating, mostly in the 'starters' team. Our thanks go out to them.

Our summer season has operated well despite at times struggling for Officials. Heather and her team do a great job and we all do appreciate it. Excluding the Waikato/BOP Champs, entry fees were up by \$1,000 from \$2,355 to \$3,375. Athlete appearances increased from 594 to 714 and the average number of athletes competing at an Open Meet increased from 60 to 65. If we deduct the least attended meet the average goes from 62 to 71.

Whether the Smiths Sport Shoes Incentive Scheme had a bearing on this is impossible to tell but we did have 18 athletes qualify for the \$250 major prize at the end, compared to 11 last year. One athlete, Michael Glasgow from Te Aroha, competed at all but one event. The voucher went to Jamal Robertson from Hawks.

Most of you will be aware of the tragic loss of Brendon Magill earlier this year. Brendon was a hardworking member of the Tauranga group of Officials, Masters Athletes and Groundsmen who will be missed by us all, but especially the Tauranga crew.

Murray

COACHFORCE

ATHLETICS WaiBOP : Activity Report – mid-February to March 31, 2017

Kerry Hill, Athletics Coach Force Officer, B.O.P.

Attended the following competitions to make contacts, distribute B.O.P. Development Squad Invitations, support local coaches with their coaching, and encourage them to be involved with upcoming clinics throughout winter :

- Porritt Classic, Sat. Feb 11 – the majority of B.O.P. coaches and senior athletes in attendance
- Open Meet, Porritt Stadium, - Sat. Feb 18 – met with Barrie Jennings about upcoming Sport BOP activities
- Children's Meet Ribbon Day, Tauranga – Sat. Feb 25
- Attended WaiBOP Senior Champs, Sat/Sunday Mar 4/5 in Hamilton

- BOP Sec School Champs, Tauranga, Tue Mar 7 - distributed many Development Squad invitations and held several squad coaches meetings
- Central Zone Sec Schools Champs, Rotorua, Thur Mar 16 – distributed many Development Squad invitations
- Attended Athletics NZ senior champs in Hamilton, Mar 17/18/19 – meetings with several B.O.P. athletics people over upcoming courses, clinics, and development squad activities
- Attended the WaiBOP Secondary Schools Champs in Hamilton, Sat Mar 25 – distributed more Development Squad invitations and met with several key coaches re involvement in that group

Technical coaching :

- Conducted 8 x 1.5 hour x 24 students' coaching clinics at the new ACG School, Pyes Pa, and initiated plans to start a school athletics team there
- Conducted coaching over two days for 40 x year 7-10 students for the Sport BOP Future Champions talent I.D. opportunity, after sorting through over eighty applications. Assessed their coaching situations and made a contact list for future planned activities through winter.

Attended the following meetings :

- Sport B.O.P. CoachForce meeting of all sports (4 hours), Tauranga, Mar 15
- Met Tom Morrison at SportBOP re communications, reports and upcoming activities, Mar 6
- WaiBOP Athletics Strategic Planning mtg, Cambridge, Feb9 with Athletics NZ present
- WaiBOP Athletics Management mtg, Cambridge, Feb 13
- Met with Grant Unkovich of Rotorua re establishing a coaching hub in Rotorua
- Met Athletics NZ CEO and High Perf. Mgr, Sunday Feb 26 in Auckland to finalise exit from National Sprints & Relays role, making way for more flexible time in CoachForce role.
- Attended Athletics NZ Run Jump Throw redevelopment meeting in Auckland, Mar 8 – important to have input as the program originator and to represent the smaller regions in the logistics and content of the new program.
- Met with Sarah Wiwarena and Jessica of Lake City in Rotorua to plan a Run Jump Throw course for their club prior to the winter break

Kerry Hill

Athletics WaiBOP Coach Force Officer, B.O.P.

April 2, 2017