

ATHLETICS WAIKATO-BAY of PLENTY Inc – AGM
Matamata on Sunday 20th August 2017 at 1:00 pm

MINUTES

PRESENT: Murray Green (Chairman), Ashley Taylor, Douglas Taylor, Mhyre Oman, Malcolm Taylor, , Heather O’Hagan, Alan McDonald, Jeannette Vedder-Price, George Caddie, Peter Rawsley, Joan Rawsley, Nellie Engels, Kelly Diprose, Dennis Kenny, Pam Kenny, Murray Clarkson, Marcia Petley, Marion Clarke, Wayne Strong, Criss Strange, Dianne Rodger, Andrew Langman, Robin Knowles, Bernie Koppens, Steve Rees-Jones

APOLOGIES: Sandra Murray, John Tylden, Margaret Holcroft, Glenn Sexton, Graeme McCabe, Roseanne Murray, Peter Rawsley

MINUTES of the 71st AGM (21st August 2016) were approved

MATTERS ARISING: Nil

REPORTS

The reports as detailed in the annual report were presented to the meeting and approved:

The following additions to the information in the reports were noted:

- Children’s report:
 - It was noted that the Colgate Games will be in Hamilton in 2019, with the venue booked and an organising committee formed led by Margaret Holcroft.
- Road and Cross Country Report
 - Additional acknowledgment was made of Waikato-Bay of Plenty athletes performances at the NZ Half Marathon Championships, noting Aaron Pulford 2nd and Michael Voss 3rd whilst still an under 20. The Cambridge Half Marathon was also noted as the Waikato-Bay of Plenty Half Marathon Championships.
- Finance Report
 - A vote of thanks for given to Ashley Taylor for his contribution to the Centre financials over the years.
 - The change of accounting software from MYOB to Xero was noted, which will allow for better insight into the finances of the Centre. Overall finances as of May 2017 were healthy.

AWARDS

- A Waikato-Bay of Plenty service award was presented to Wayne Strong from the Te Awamutu Club.
- Athletics Waikato-Bay of Plenty Official of the year award was presented to Mhyre Oman.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

The following were elected:

President: Alan McDonald

Chairman: Murray Green

Financial Reviewer: Murray Whittaker

Arbitration Panel: Heather O'Hagan (Chairman), Stewart Foster, Loloma Foster, Douglas Taylor, Mhyre Oman, Margaret Holcroft, John Tylden, Bruce Fleming, Ray Young, and Joan Rawnsley

Officials Co-Ordinators: Heather O'Hagan (Hamilton), Ray Young (Tauranga)

Selectors: John Tylden/Murray Green (Track and Field) Malcolm Taylor/Steve Rees-Jones (Road and Cross Country)

REMITTS

Following a vote the following amended remits were passed:

Ashley Taylor Medal – Proposed by Steve Rees-Jones

- Remit: The Athletics Waikato-Bay of Plenty Management Committee will meet after the 30th September each year to decide on the recipient of the Ashley Taylor Medal, taking into consideration the performances of Waikato-Bay of Plenty registered athletes, across all sectors of the sport, over the previous 12 months. The recipient shall receive a medal and will be the athlete considered to have achieved the most outstanding performance(s) over the previous year. The winner shall be announced on or after the 1st October. Nominations will be called for from Clubs and must be received by 30th September each year.

Athlete Subsidies to Athletics New Zealand Championships – proposed by Steve Rees-Jones

- For a trial period of two years from April 2018, Athletics Waikato-Bay of Plenty will fund athletes selected for Centre teams at Athletics New Zealand Track and Field, Cross Country and Road Race Championships. The funding shall be designated as a contribution towards entry fees for each Championship, being \$50 per athlete per Championship. To receive the funding the athlete must enter the relevant Athletics Waikato-Bay of Plenty Championship during that season, unless they apply in writing for consideration of dispensation prior to that Centre Championship. The Subsidy shall be reviewed after two years and would be made permanent should it be regarded as financially viable at that time.

REGISTRATION FEES 2018-2019

- A Centre registration fee of \$5 for each athlete aged 7 years and over was confirmed for the 2018-19 season.

GENERAL BUSINESS

- There was a general discussion of the under 16 grade:
 - Robin Knowles spoke to the meeting, giving his support to the grade and explaining the benefits to young athletes.
 - Malcolm Tylor confirmed that Athletics Tauranga has written to Athletics New Zealand asking them to review to grades with a view to having Under 16, Under 18 and Under 20 grades.
 - Heather O'Hagan asked for the entry process to include clear explanations about the grade and giving choice to the athlete about which grade they could enter.
 - Joan Rawnsley expressed that there are some concerns from Children's athletics about the youngest athletes who can compete in the Under 16 grade.
 - Marion Clarke confirmed that Frankton do not wish for any changes to be made to the Under 16 grade.
 - The grade is to continue with tidying up of the entry processes.
- Alan McDonald spoke to the meeting about the ending of the Sports force programme after 18 years. Thanks were expressed to Sport Waikato and Athletics Waikato-Bay of Plenty for their contributions over the years. A letter is to be sent to Sport Waikato thanking them for their input and contribution and acknowledging that they will have a future role to play with our sport.
- A draft strategic plan for Athletics Waikato-Bay of Plenty was presented to the meeting by Murray Green. It was confirmed that it would be a "live" document, which could be updated and revised at Management Committee level. The meeting approved the adoption of the Strategic Plan for Athletics Waikato-Bay of Plenty.

The meeting was closed by the Chairman of Athletics Waikato-Bay of Plenty, Murray Green.