

**Minutes of the Annual General Meeting of Athletics Waikato-BoP Road and Cross Country section, held in Cambridge at 3:00pm on Sunday 10<sup>st</sup> May 2015.**

**PRESENT:** Malcolm Taylor (Chairman), Glenn Sexton, Pam Kenny, Dennis Kenny, Alan McDonald, Steve Rees-Jones

**APOLOGIES:** Murray Green

**PREVIOUS MINUTES**

Minutes of the 2014 AGM were approved.

**CHAIRMAN'S REPORT:**

- Malcolm Taylor gave his report to the meeting.
- It was noted that low numbers of participants were a concern, with not enough coaches bring through athletes and linking with clubs. Alan McDonald confirm that he and Barrie Jennings are available to work with road and cross country coaches and he would be able to look at strategies for road and cross country coaching development. It was also noted that improved links with schools were needed.
- The Chairman's report was approved.

**ELECTION OF OFFICERS:**

Chairman: **Malcolm Taylor**

Delegates to Management Committee: **Malcolm Taylor and Glenn Sexton**

Selectors: **Glenn Sexton (convenor) and Malcolm Taylor**

Secretary: Duties to be shared between **Pam Kenny** (referee appointment) and **Steve Rees-Jones** (Minutes, Centre Champs and AGM business)

**HARRIER OF THE YEAR**

Camille Buscomb was selected to receive the harrier of the year award. The award is now to be voted on by the selectors rather than clubs. The award recipient is to be put in the winter handbook each year.

**GENERAL BUSINESS:**

- The Centre Cross Country championships are to be held in Hamilton at the Narrows Christian Camp. It was confirmed by the administrator that entries are likely to be made through the enteronline website.
- It was suggested that a newsletter to clubs should be posted on the website every three weeks or so to provide links to event entry, results and event reports.
- It was suggested that the Centre could amend policy towards medals at the Centre Marathon Championships to 15 year master age bands due to the low numbers of eligible entrants. In reply it was stated that the masters association should be consulted about any possible changes. No changes to current medal policy were agreed

- The new participation incentive scheme was discussed. The scheme sees \$1 per registered athlete aged 7 and over go to a fund split equally between Children's, Track & Field and Road & Cross Country. The winter incentive prize is confirmed as two \$400 travel vouchers, with presentation at the Redwoods Relays. It was suggested that eligibility should be calculated prior to Redwoods Relays to act as an incentive to compete.
- Alan McDonald confirmed that a list of qualified coaches will soon be available so that coach credentials can be verified.
- Health and safety documents were discussed. With upcoming legislation changes it was noted that these will be necessary. It was confirmed by the administrator that a track and field risk plan has been completed and that a winter events one is being formulated with feedback sought.
- Team managers for winter New Zealand Championships are to be appointed closer to the events.

The meeting was concluded.