

**ATHLETICS WAIKATO-BAY of PLENTY Inc – AGM**  
Matamata on Sunday 31st August 2014 at 1 pm

**MINUTES**

**PRESENT:** Murray Green (President), Bruce Fleming, Ashley Taylor, Douglas Taylor, Mhyre Oman, Graeme McCabe, Malcolm Taylor, Glenn Sexton, Paula Cole, Ray Young, Heather O'Hagan, Alan McDonald, Kevin Bradley, Marion Clarke, Bruce Clarke, Jeannette Vedder-Price, Margaret Holcroft, John Tylden, Bruce Habgood, Adrian Lysaght, Jude Trumm, George Caddie, Brian Evison, Tom Powell, Denise Taylor, Sandra Murray, Rosemary Davis, Ralph Scott, Joan Rawnsley, Steve Rees-Jones

**APOLOGIES:** Marcia Petley, Kelly Diprose, Stewart Foster, Nellie Engels, Pam Kenny, Dennis Kenny, Craig Wilson, Criss Strange, Murray Clarkson

**MINUTES of the 68<sup>th</sup> AGM (11<sup>th</sup> August 2013)** were approved

**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:

- Chairman's report: Waikato-Bay of Plenty placed 3<sup>rd</sup> in the medal table at the National Track and Field Championships.
- Track and Field report: Katherine Camp (Te Awamutu) was also selected for the Commonwealth Games in the 4 x 400m.
- Officials report: Heather O'Hagan was congratulated on her appointment to the position of Chairman of the National Technical Officials Committee
- Masters report:
  - Waikato-Bay of Plenty is now the largest area with 101 members.
  - In response to the report it was confirmed to the meeting that masters were consulted about the summer program. It was also explained that Centre can't communicate the program earlier as it relies on Athletics New Zealand to decide their calendar first.
  - The separate Masters Track and Field Championships was noted and it was questioned whether this would occur for winter events.
  - Problems with not enough officials at Masters meetings were noted
- Finance Report: It was reported that the Centre is in good health financially with available liquid funds. This has been the result of many years work and the Centre is one of few in New Zealand with such funds.

## **AWARDS**

- **Life Memberships of Athletics Waikato-Bay of Plenty** were conferred on **George Caddie** and **Joan Rawnsley**
- Athletics Waikato-Bay of Plenty Official of the year award was presented to Ray Young.
- Athletics Waikato-Bay of Plenty Service Awards were awarded to Margaret Holcroft, Jack Lockhead and Lynette Lockhead.
- Athletics New Zealand Long Service Awards were presented to Joan and Peter Rawnsley

## **ELECTION OF OFFICERS**

**President:** Brian Evison

**Chairman:** Bruce Fleming

**Financial Reviewer:** Michael Scott

**Arbitration Panel:** Malcolm Taylor, Glenn Sexton, Stewart Foster, Marcia Petley, Ashley Taylor, Douglas Taylor, Heather O'Hagan, Mhyre Oman, John Tylden, Bruce Fleming, Graeme McCabe, Joan Rawnsley and Tom Powell

## **ATHLETICS NZ AGM**

- Graeme McCabe reported the following from the AGM:
  - The family of Lesley Cantwell expressed great gratitude to Athletics New Zealand for how they dealt with her death, which occurred whilst representing New Zealand at the Oceania Championships last year. They asked that this be conveyed to the wider athletics community.
  - Two new members were appointed to the board of Athletics New Zealand, Chris Maister and Patrick Meffan (re-elected)
- The new President of Athletics New Zealand (John Tylden) was congratulated by the meeting.
- John Tylden reported that the meeting attendance had been low and it had been close to not achieving a quorum and encouraged more Clubs to attend next year.

## **REMITTS**

The following remit was proposed by the Management Committee:

- For a trial period of one year, the Management Committee Meetings are to be held at least five times during the year, with a Sub Committee of three persons plus the Administrator being appointed to meet periodically between meetings to transact any urgent business requiring attention. This trial is to be reviewed at the 2015 AGM. The Management Committee Meetings are to be open to any club delegates to attend.
- The remit was passed.

## **ATHLETE LEVIES AND ANZ**

- The newly proposed registration system from Athletics New Zealand was explained to the meeting. Athletics New Zealand envisage all athletes to pay a base fee, with an additional competition licence for those who wish to compete at National Championships. Initial indications were that this would be agreed by December 2014, with implementation from April 2015. Some sample fees as suggested by Athletics New Zealand were discussed.
- Concerns were expressed about the short lead in time for the introduction of the new registration system.
- Concerns were raised from the Children's perspective that fees were starting from age 0. It was confirmed that the NZCAA are suggesting that there will be no fees for under 7's and a reduced fee for those aged 7-14. Concern was also expressed that senior athletes will pay less than they do currently, whilst children will pay more.
- It was reported that Athletics New Zealand are nervous about implementation of the new system and have adopted a fall-back position of the old Centre levy should it not work out. It was suggested that a Centre proposal would be beneficial to Athletics New Zealand and that this should be considered at the next Management Committee Meeting.
- Note that since the AGM the following information has been received with regard to the above concerns; Athletics New Zealand will be considering a formal levy proposal on 10<sup>th</sup> October and it is hoped that a proposal will be circulated to Centres shortly thereafter.

## **PORRITT RESURFACE**

- Ashley Taylor updated the meeting regarding the resurfacing of Porritt Stadium. It was confirmed that tenders closed on Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> August and the work will commence on 20<sup>th</sup> October. The following was agreed:
  1. That the Centre gratefully acknowledges the work of Hamilton City Council in arranging the complete resurfacing of the Porritt track and facilities at their cost.
  2. That the Centre accepts responsibility for the costs of approximately \$97,000 for additional work in upgrading as follows: A. Construction and polyurethane surfacing of a new 2 lane training strip. B. Construction and turf surfacing of two areas around the existing concrete shot, discus and hammer throwing circles. With such cash contribution payable to HCC after the completion of the contract.
  3. That the executive make funding applications to Lottery Board and other funding bodies to assist with the Centre's financial commitment to HCC.
  4. That all clubs within an approximate 50k radius from Hamilton, together with Waikato Secondary Schools Association, Porritt Classic, Waikato-Bay of Plenty Masters and Waikato-Bay of Plenty Children's Centre (\$5,000 already committed) be invited to make a financial contribution.

The meeting was closed by the new President of Athletics Waikato-Bay of Plenty, Brian Evison.