

## Athletics Waikato-Bay of Plenty – Children’s Section

Agenda of the Annual General Meeting held on 13<sup>th</sup> June, 2021. Cambridge Clubrooms

Proxy votes: Nil

Meeting opened at: 10.10

PRESENT: Sandra Murray, Louise Young, Camella Melrose, Debbie Burge, Andrew Langman, Teresa Mumby, Bernie Koppens, Dave O’Keeffe, Nellie Engels, Joan Rawnsley, Samantha Kaitai, Teremoana Kaitai

CLUBS PRESENT: Fairfield, Waihi, Te Aroha, Cambridge, Putararu, Paeroa, Bellevue, Te Awamutu, Tokoroa.

APOLOGIES: Kylie Hala; Tauranga Ramblers, Paulette Oldeman; Te Puke, Veronica Maree; Putararu, Peter Blackwood; Whakatane, Malcom Taylor; Tauranga Ramblers. Katrina Anderson; Whakatane.

“move that the apologies be accepted”

Donna Howitt/Camella Melrose

MINUTES OF THE 2020 AGM: deemed a true and accurate record

Nellie Engels/Bernie Koppens

MATTERS ARISING FROM THE 2020 AGM:

- What track was used for the 2021 Gr 14/18 IP’s in Auckland? Sovereign Track, North Shore
- Did any clubs apply for the resilience fund from Sport New Zealand? Cambridge.
- Did any clubs find that they were affected financial during the 2020/2021 season due to Covid-19? Yes – several but not significantly. Cambridge Harriers were more impacted than the athletics club with a loss in numbers of approximately 4%. Bellevue recorded lower than usual numbers. Te Aroha recoded significantly less numbers in their middle age group.
- Taupo’s Ribbon Day in February was cancelled due to a fresh committee, not enough support.
- Were the signatories on the Bank Accounts changed? This is still not completed. Sandra will look into what paperwork is required.
- Were we able to access any funding for the G12/13 IP team? No

CORRESPONDENCE IN:

Apologies

Responses from Hamish Meacheam regarding questions from Mid-Winter Forum

Remit from Tokoroa

Remit from Cambridge

Email from Steve Rees-Jones regarding finances for future IP’s

Children’s rules

CORRESPONDENCE OUT:

Agenda

Previous meeting minutes

“Move to accept the inward and outward correspondence’

Andrew Langman/Debbie Burge

## REPORTS:

**Gr 14/18 IP's** The main report may be available for the meeting on Sunday, the below is a temporary one

The team was 37 athletes.

There were difficulties with housing the WaikatoBOP athletes together, as Auckland were let down by the organisers. Who in turn had their hands tied by planned accommodation not being released to them due to an overseas team being stuck in NZ due to the covid.

The team sleep was disrupted by a fire alarm in the middle of Friday night. Furthermore, several became sick from the food. Despite all that the athletes stepped up and competed valiantly.

Still is a very worthwhile competition staged under difficult circumstances this year.

I'm not sure if the placings etc. Kylie or Robin may know.

**Provided by Peter Blackwood**

Firstly, it was a pleasure and a privilege to take the team to IPs this year. They were a great bunch of kids and their behaviour both on and off the track should be commended.

It was a shame about the accommodation situation, which was actually not appropriate for young teens to be staying (the Retreat (previously Centrepoint) had older permanent residents with shared showers) so the couple of rooms we had with showers were offered to the team to use. Also the fact that they were separated between the two accommodations was a shame, but that was only due to our numbers growing after competition entries had closed. Despite the fire alarm going off at midnight and a few of our athletes coming down with a vomiting virus either the night before or the day of competition, we did make the best of a bad situation. The food at the University was exceptional.

I really appreciated the way that Auckland allowed our athletes to change events to ensure that they still competed in three events. Our Managers did a fantastic job with the athletes and to ensure the smooth running of relays etc and we had a lot of families travel to watch and support the team also. With it being my first time as a Manager (normally a spectator), I did pick up on some things that I would like to suggest, even if we can get an exemption just for our Region:

- Since it is not a NZ Athletics run event, why do our athletes have to be registered athletes? We had two Tauranga kids register just for this event, but had to pay Club memberships beforehand. There are several other kids I would love to shoulder tap and bring on board, but with additional membership and the purchase of track shoes, the cost could put families off. We have some amazing athletes locally that play other codes, but are winning or breaking records on the couple of occasions that they turn up to athletics. How do we encourage them? One way would be to keep costs down by being the host and getting an exemption for non-registered athletes (even if we said maximum 5 per team) ***This event is run by centres who are affiliated to Athletics New Zealand, so athletes need to be registered.***
- Definitely the inclusion of one distance race. A lot of our team were distance runners and 800 and 1500 is just not long enough for them. I would like to see a 3000 added, even if it is run the night before. This is one of our team strengths and I really think we can capitalise on this. ***Events the night before generally can't happen as teams don't arrive before then.***
- Have everyone stay in the one place (all teams). I'm guessing this usually happens? I suggested a school – where there is a hall, a gym and a marae rather than individual locked rooms. The kids just kept locking their keys in their rooms and someone was running around all night rescuing them. I think if they are all in an open space, it is less risk, not more risk. We could look to separate the age groups and gender. That way the athletes get to mix with their competition and join stronger friendships. ***Ideally having all teams in one accommodation generally happens.***
- Lastly, I would like to have an after function. They prize giving left the team a little down due to the results so if they had had something to go back to and look forward to it would've been good. I have heard of a disco arranged before, but it never seems to eventuate, but if we had friendly games of volleyball, basketball, etc and then a disco, I think it would finish the

weekend nicely. At the very least, one big field for them to hang out in, play music etc. There was not a lot of team interaction both within the region or with other regions. We ended up taking the team back to the Resort and let them hang out until midnight, but you can only fit so many people into one room and to be honest, they were still excluded. ***Normally there is some form of event. Disco's are too formal for some and we have had dinner with a guest speaker, but having something to complete the competition would be great.***

Thanks Pete, for checking in on me during the weekend, to see how the team were doing. All in all, it was a fantastic weekend and I am looking forward to 2022!

**Regards Kylie Hala**

The 2021 edition for the IPs14-U18 was a mixed bag for the Waikato Bay of Plenty team.

We had some success with performances on the track and a fresh leadership team that went to Auckland. Both Peter and I had some commitments come up which meant that we couldn't travel with the team this year. We were very fortunate that some Tauranga Parents stepped in to help out and Kylie took charge for the management role. We are very grateful to her for doing this.

The competition is going through a slow redevelopment. We are looking at changing the point systems for the competition, due to the old system favouring the throwers. This might take a couple of competitions to get it right. Additionally we are trying to get some longer races in for the distance runners, while still hold true to the competition spirit of allowing the athletes to get rest and enjoy the multi-event format. ***We believe that the new points system was used for this competition, but does need to be confirmed.***

Due to Covid and a change in management for the hosting venue, our team was mucked around with being split over two separate accommodation venues, some 15 minutes apart by car. Additionally, some athletes were subjected to fire alarms during the night prior to the event.

While the competition does not seem to get a lot of support from club level or coaches within the region, we did manage to field a good solid team. As at the closing date for competition entries, we had two athletes signed up. Kylie eventually took a team to Auckland with 37 athletes. I know that friendships were being built among the team and the athletes were wanting more team building/bonding time.

As always, there were loads of personal best performances. This event does allow the athletes to relax, have fun and compete for each other without being a serious environment.

We would like to thank Kylie to taking the team. She did an incredible job and pulled in some enthusiastic parents which will hopefully continue for years to come.

One area we would like to address moving forward, is how can we engage the smaller country clubs to join in. There is an incredible amount of talent that we would like to bring into the team and hopefully provide opportunities for. Two things seem to be a barrier to being part of the event, firstly clubs do not advertise the event and some athletes coaches are very negative towards it; secondly money is a barrier to entry for a lot of families, how can we remove that in the future. ***Issues around coaches has been ongoing.***

The 2022 event is still being developed. Wellington has pulled out of hosting the event and we are looking for a new host. All regions have expressed that the Hamilton event is the easiest for all to get to and the Waikato Uni campus is a good facility. We have also been asked to see if we could be used as a permanent host, but have not taken up the offer, knowing that everyone is stretched.

The regions are now having to provide officials with their teams. The host regions struggle with other commitments, this will take the load off the organisers as an extra 15 officials will be turning up from other regions. ***We will need to look at how this information can be passed onto clubs, something to look at over winter or early part of season. With there being no NZ Children's Association the organising of venues for future events isn't happening effectively. Athletics NZ are putting it back to centre's to organise. There was discussion that WBOP could host, however after the operations***

*meeting 29<sup>th</sup> June, it was recommending that due to the condition of the track that we ask Auckland to host again. Robin Knowles will follow up with this.*

On a personal note. Wiremu came back with two massive personal bests for his hurdles and triple jump. He also said that he meet some awesome ‘new friends’. He loved his first time there and will be looking to go again in 2022.

**Ngā mihi, Robin Knowles**

### **Gr12/13 IP's**

Verbal Report by Ruth Kawhata – Gr 12/13 IP's.

Venue was in Palmerston North staying at a motel and using the Distinction Hotel for dinner. Everything went fairly well and Ruth went early to the accommodation early to have a look. The food was disappointing and there wasn't enough, and no hot food at breakfast. At one point the staff were monitoring the amount of food that kids could eat. Food quality wasn't great for the \$175 food budget for the weekend. Some parents chose to go and buy extra food. There was a delay in lunch arriving – it was due at 11.45 but arrived at 12.15.

The team came 4<sup>th</sup> overall and great experiences were had by all. Jack Marra was only 15 points away from coming third. The competition was quite tough. The team from Auckland was quite rude both on the field and in the shared food space, as well as getting onto the bus. The managers were also rude.

### **CHILDREN'S CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT 2020-2021**

**Registrations** for the 2020-2021 season show there were 3869 athletes registered from 30 clubs; this is a decrease of 105 from last season. As we consider what might have occurred due to Covid-19 I believe our sport continues to stay quite healthy. We were pleased to welcome Thames and Mercury Bay to the WBOP Children's Championship, it has been a while since their athletes have been here. I would like to thank Louise and Alana for the contribution they have both put in to have Mercury Bay Club affiliated and operating this season. As I look at the registration numbers provided by Management, I see that there were slight changes to the numbers, however Lake City had an increase to their ones. At our Children's meeting there was discussion around how clubs ran their club nights with the uncertainty of Covid-19, with many of them creating changes that have benefited the club. At the time of writing this report I didn't have the full information on the different age groups registered, just the numbers of the clubs.

**Ribbon Days** were held by Whakatane, Bellevue, Fairfield, Te Awamutu, Tauranga Moana, Te Aroha, Tokoroa, Paeroa *this event wasn't held due to a Covid change in levels* and Lake City, along with Cambridge holding a Pentathlon. In the reports that were provided after these Ribbon Days there continues to be a positive culture around our Ribbon Days, which is greatly appreciated by all those who provide us with their time to officiate. It is important to remind the Meeting Referee that part of their role is to provide a report that is presented to the next children's meeting. These reports show what went well and any areas that may require changes, they are very helpful for the club and other clubs that may still need to hold their ribbon days.

In December we held our **Relay Championships** at Hamilton which saw a strong turn out from some clubs and we saw some of the smaller clubs combine to allow children from these clubs to participate. Fairfield organised the day again this year and I would personally like to thank Teresa Mumby and her Fairfield Team for taking on this role to support me as Competition Secretary, it certainly made my job easier again this year. At our mid-winter forum, we discussed how the Tauranga Domain won't be available again this year in December, so Fairfield will co-ordinate it with hopefully some of the other Hamilton clubs stepping up to support them and learn alongside them. The Walks were held alongside the Relay Championships with the Triple Jump Competition being held at the Cambridge Pentathlon. We discussed at our Mid-winter forum the possibility of adding 12-year-olds to this Championships, so await to see what the vote is for this is at our Children's AGM.

**Waikato/BOP Children's Championships** was held at Tauranga Domain 13 th March which saw 379 competitors this year from 24 clubs throughout the Waikato/Bay of Plenty area. It was a wonderful day and well run by the Bay Clubs, and I would like to thank Donna Howitt who organised the bulk of the Officials for me. This certainly took the pressure of me as Competition Secretary, and I appreciated her assistance. As I generally do in this report, I would like to remind clubs that there are always opportunities for people to up skill or learn new skills that will support us to ensure the Relay and Children's championship events continue. At our meeting prior to the championships, it was decided that we would ensure to use the signage we have that reminds parents and everyone attending the event that we are volunteers. Thank you again to all the officials and volunteers that stepped forward to ensure these days run as smoothly as they do.

**Waikato-Bay of Plenty G14 – U18 Inter-Provincial team**, will be provided for the report that goes to the Centre AGM in August.

**Waikato-Bay of Plenty G12/13 Inter-Provincial team**, will be provided for the report that goes to the Centre AGM in August.

I continue to enjoy the opportunity of being Chairperson for the Children's Committee this year and again I would like to thank Louise Young, the Waikato Athletics Development Advisor, who continues to be the Minute Secretary. She has worked alongside Stephen Rees-Jones and me, to ensure information is going out to the clubs. I also thank Stephen Rees –Jones who took on the responsibility of organising the financial aspects for WBOP Children's account. I continue to be the Competitions Secretary, with the assistance of Alison Bussey during these times. This year Alison managed the bulk of the Relay entries as I was on a two-week holiday, so I thank her for that, it was greatly appreciated. I again ask that if there is anyone else who would like to stand as Chairperson or learn the role of Competition Secretary for the coming or next season, please consider it. As we have come out the other side of a virus that stopped a country and world, we were not sure what this season was going to look like. As I look at the registration numbers and comments during the season, I believe we have managed very well, and clubs have supported their families and other clubs during this time. As I previously mentioned some clubs looked at how their club nights ran and have made positive changes to support the children and families that attend. We may continue to have obstacles placed in our way as we continue to manage this virus, but I believe we have each other's backs and will offer support when required.

Unfortunately, as a sport we are having issues finding starters, and at our last operations meeting photo finish also have a shortage. It is important that we continue to encourage people to begin learning at club level, moving onto Ribbon Days, then learning alongside others at Championship events or senior competition.

A big thank you goes out to all those who continue to support children's athletics, especially at club level. The future of children's Athletics in the Waikato-Bay of Plenty region relies on people stepping forward as volunteers, learning to coach children at club level, to officiate and to take up the reins at Committee level. The Board have now been operating for at least a year and as mentioned still not 100% sure what this will look like for us but the communication currently is strong which we appreciate. It continues to be important too, that we encourage our families to take up these opportunities as the future of children's athletics hangs in the balance and their involvement is necessary to ensure we continue to provide a strong front for Children's Athletics in the Waikato/Bay of Plenty area.

Sandra Murray  
Chairperson

“move that the Report be adopted”

Sandra Murray/Nellie Engles

## Financial Report:

### IP 14/18 - 2021 Event - Brief Financial Summary

In Total Income	9091.37
Total Expenditure	11171.86
Less Centre travel contribution	1500.00
Contribution from 2020 Hosting profit	580.49
Balance	NIL

### IP 12/13 - 2021 Event - Brief Financial Summary

#### In Total Income 16087

Income from BBQ/Champs Entries	2126.00
Athlete Fees owed	700.00
Less Total Expenditure	26100.48
Centre Travel contribution*	5320.00
Children's Colgate account contribution required	1867.48
Balance	NIL

Brief finance report attached. Note that there is a star next to the IP 12/13 centre travel contribution – a figure was never agreed on, so I have estimated based on previous event. Also note the outstanding payments from two athletes.

Also of note is the approx. \$1800 balance that needs transferred from Westpac or we could just hold it as a balance against next year's event which we can subtract from the Centre contribution given if it is easier.

***A clearer financial picture will be available after the centre AGM, where the full report will be presented.***

#### GENERAL BUSINESS:

##### 1) ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Chairman: Sandra Murray Nomination from Fairfield/Seconded Bellevue Moved

Minute Secretary: Louise Young Nomination from Fairfield/Seconded Paeora Moved

Competition Secretary: Sandra Murray Nomination from Fairfield/Cambridge Moved

#### ***Selectors - Grade 12-13:***

1. Ruth Kaiwhata - Fairfield/Tokoroa
2. Kelly Albrecht - Lake City/Fairfield
3. Donna Howitt – Bellevue/Cambridge
4. Sarah Van Marrewijk ???Cam and Debbie to follow.

Paeroa seconded

*Selectors to get together, share contact details and discuss roles*

#### ***Managers - Grade 12-13:***

1. Ruth Kaiwhataa Fairfield/Bellevue
2. Kelly Albrecht Lake City/Cambridge(to be clarified at October meeting)

(Note: expressions of interest from parents to be received in writing before the October meeting, where four candidates will be elected, remainder to be co-opted onto the team by the Chief Manager)

#### ***Inter-provincial Co-ordinator:***

#### ***Selectors - Grade 14, U16, U18:***

1. Robin Knowles Whakatane/Cambridge
2. Peter Blackwood Whakatane/Cambridge
3. Kylie Hala Whakatane/Cambridge
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#### ***Managers - Grade 14, U16, U18:***

1. Robin Knowles Whakatane/Cambridge

2. Peter Blackwood Whakatane/Cambridge
3. Kylie Hala Whakatane/Cambridge
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- 6.

Delegates to WaiBOP Operation

1. Sandra Murray Putararu/Fairfield
  2. Andrew Langman Cambridge/Te Aroha
- Reserve: Berny Koppens Cambridge/Te Aroha

Delegates to ANZ AGM/ClubNet

1. Louise Young Cambridge/Bellevue
2. Andrew Langman Putararu/Tokoroa

2) REMIT: Joan Rawnsley moved that all remits be adopted.

**Remits to update the AWBOP Ribbon Day, Area Championship and Championship Rules**

1. Front page – remove NZCAA Children’s Committee Rules.
  - a. Rationale is that NZCA was dissolved 2018 so not relevant any longer to be mentioned in these rules.
2. Page 2 clause 3 remove the word ‘Colgate’ mentioned 2 times in this clause and NZCAA Colgate Rules needs to be removed.
  - a. Rationale is that Colgate is no longer relevant to the age flashes.
  - b. NZCAA was dissolved in 2018 so not relevant any longer in our rules. Do we replace the wording in this clause to Athletics Waikato Bay of Plenty Rules AWBOP for short?
3. Page 2, clause 5 – “To be in line with current NZCAA Track Rules No 1(b)”
  - a. Rationale – NZCAA was dissolved in 2018 so this rule needs to change or be removed completely?
4. Page 3, clause 7 – the certificates are currently no longer being provided so do we reword this so the clause remains, in case certificates are reinstated in later years?
5. Page 3, clause 8 – “Finalist Ribbons will be rewarded to placegetters 1<sup>st</sup> to 8<sup>th</sup> at Track Events”
  - a. Rationale – believe this was changed at another AGM but the rule hasn’t been changed as Finalist Ribbons will be rewarded to 4<sup>th</sup> to 8<sup>th</sup>. Which is the same for the field events.
6. Page 9, Pentathlon “to be run on the similar lines as the current Auckland Junior Pentathlon Championship.”
  - a. Rationale – is this still relevant or can it be removed from this section? Also are the rules these rules still applicable or do we need to alter them?

***All the above were moved and the changes will be made in the WBOP Children’s Rules***

**Cambridge Athletics and Harriers Club Inc/ Waihi seconded**, wish to put forward a Remit to allow 12 year olds to compete in the Triple Jump WAIBOP ChAildren's Championship event. Plus add the Triple Jump to the possible Ribbon Day Programme.

2 proposed Amendments to the Waikato/Bay of Plenty Centre NZCAA Children's Committee Rules...

**Amend 1:** Area Qualifying & Waikato/Bay of Plenty Championships Only

15) Events: The following are the events for each grade...

Grade 12 - add Triple Jump

**Amend 2:** Ribbon Days Only  
Ribbon Day Programme...  
Grade 12 Girls - add Triple Jump  
Grade 12 Boys - add Triple Jump

**Rationale:**

- 1) Have more children able to compete in the event.
- 2) 12 year old's are already competing in Triple Jump at NZ Secondary Schools Athletics Association events.

Thanks  
Andrew

**Discussions on remit:**

- a) **Concerns for injury prevention and correct training given to avoid long term athlete injuries/jarring.**
- b) **Considerations for alignment with the secondary school space.**
- c) **Bellevue will support the inclusion as long as there is adequate training and injury prevention.**
- d) **Putaruru club are against.**
- e) **Tokoroa will discuss at their next meeting.**
- f) **Fairfield – if an event is added to a programme the centre/children's committee are sanctioning it as safe.**
- g) **Further research is required to clarify what age/stage triple jump is safe and appropriate in terms of LTAD or injury prevention. Additional information will be sought from ANZ and WILLS.**

*More information to be sought on health and safety on the 12 year old participation. This will be raised again at the 2022 AGM. Andrew Langman to follow up etc on this and it will go onto the matters arising.*

**Fairfield Club** propose we change the wording in the rules where "management" is to "operations."

**Rationale** - now that we have a WBOP Board we hold Operation Meetings not Management meetings.

*This was clarified in the first set of remits.*

**Relays rules as they are applied to the 7-9 year old group:**

**Part 1.**

Fairfield propose lenience is applied in lane infringements for the 7-9 year old age groups, particularly at the baton change.

We propose that at the Judge's discretion, minor lane infringements are not automatic disqualification, if no impeding of another athlete occurs, and no significant advantage is gained.

The **rationale** for this is to bring Athletics in line with all other children's sports, where acknowledgment of their physical and mental development is reflected in the rules – stepping does not apply in netball, foot infringements are not called in hockey to name 2 similar situations. Lenience in this rule would recognise the developing physical coordination of this age group.

**Part 2.**

Fairfield propose protesting of results in the 7-9 year old age groups only be considered if the athletes are impeded by another athlete.



Again, we propose calls on the track be at the Judges discretion, with their decision being final unless significant impeding occurs.

The **rationale** for this is to discourage a 'protest culture' we are unfortunately seeing in our younger athletes, and their parents, where the higher placing teams are heavily scrutinised (by parents / phone footage) for any minor infringement that could result in an improved placing for themselves. We would hope to see the focus more on 'how can we improve'.

There were some concerns that the judges don't always see everything – in their other sports at this age group referees / umpires are often intermediate / high school children, and they definitely don't 'always see everything'. There are no video refs in children's sport, and we believe they are not needed in athletics either.

Motion moved/seconded by Fairfield/Tokoroa

**Discussion:**

Would a rule change be needed? Or is it a discussion at the managers meeting?

Intent is based on wanting to give kids opportunities for development and a successful sporting experience, in that unless an athlete has impeded another team or has stepped in and out of lanes then it's not grounds for a DQ. Younger athletes are generally facing the wrong side of the track so there is no advantage. Referees make decisions on what has been seen. Officials will observe if there has been any impairment which has impacted on the race and report to the referee.

**Decision:**

At the upcoming 2021 relay champs it will be discussed at the managers meeting that there will be discretion for the referee about leniency for the 7-8 year olds on baton changes. If another team has not been impeded, then there will be no disqualification.

All infringements are still to be documented and officials are still to pass onto the referee, however; it will be ultimately up to the referee as to final decision.

Protest culture – at the managers meeting advise that protests for 7-9 year olds will only be discussed if it is for their team and not a protest on another team.

All in attendance at events will be made aware of what the children's committee and centre support in terms of philosophy. The Good Sports flyer will be emailed to all clubs to be printed and a smaller version will be put inside the ribbon day programmes at the Bellevue and Fairfield ribbon days.

REMIT from Tokoroa Track Club regarding relays:

On behalf of the Tokoroa Junior Athletic Club, we would like brought up about a possible rule change with the relay champs.

this is strictly regarding the 4x100m relays for the 10 plus age groups. We would like to see if it would be possible to bring in the ruling that we can have mix sex teams for that age group but with the same rules as the 7 to 9 age group. 3 x males and 1 female will run as a boys team or vice versa 3x females and 1 Male will be a female team, if there are 2 boys and 2 girls then that's a boys team.

We think this would be a great change in the Hope's of having more older teams competing as their own full club teams, without having to borrow a child from another club. Obviously having that option is great but for example our club being smaller and less older athletes we would still have a better chance being able to enter older teams that are fully our own club members if we can add girls in to run with the boys, this is even the reason I moved Tyla to lake city as once she was 10 she was never going to have a chance to be in a relay team unless another club used her based on the lack of older kids the same sex with out club.

If this could please be put on the agenda I think it would be a great discussion to see what other clubs think to help put their kids into teams.

**Discussion:**

- a) Fairfield – Great for mana and to see full clubs competing and sets a great example for younger athletes.
- b) Bellevue sought clarification on definitions on what a girls/boys/combined teams.
- c) Terminology will be the same for the 7-9 year olds in the rules, the only change will be wording from 7-9 year olds to up to 14 year olds.
- d) Fairfield – clarified about athletes competing in an older age group – however this remit is designed specifically for mixed sex teams.
- e) Mixed teams can only be submitted if there isn't enough numbers for a full team.
- f) All team members must be from the same club in the grade 7-14 composite/mixed sex teams.

Moved: Paeroa. Seconded: Fairfield  
 Bellevue voted against the remit.  
 Remainder voted for.  
 Remit was carried. Rule change will be required.

### 3) RIBBON DAY REQUESTS

Final dates for the Ribbon Day calendar to be confirmed after Australia, Athletics NZ and WBoP Seniors have set the Track and Field Calendar

2021

30 <sup>th</sup> October	-
6 <sup>th</sup> November	-
13 <sup>th</sup> November	- Fairfield
20 <sup>th</sup> November	- Lake City
27 <sup>th</sup> November	- Te Awamutu
4 <sup>th</sup> December	- Secondary Schools
11 <sup>th</sup> December	- Relay Champs in Tauranga (walks)
18 <sup>th</sup> December	-

2022

January	-
7 <sup>th</sup> /8 <sup>th</sup> /9 <sup>th</sup>	North Island Colgate Games in Wellington
14 <sup>th</sup> /15 <sup>th</sup> /16 <sup>th</sup>	South Island Colgate Games - Invercargill
29 <sup>th</sup> January	- GR14-U18 IP' TBA
5 <sup>th</sup> February	-
12 <sup>th</sup> February	- Tokoroa
19 <sup>th</sup> February	-
20 <sup>th</sup> February	- Te Aroha
26 <sup>th</sup> February	- Cambridge Pentathlon (triple jump champs)
5 <sup>th</sup> March	- Bellevue
12 <sup>th</sup> March	- Paeroa
19 <sup>th</sup> March	- Children's Champs in Hamilton
15 <sup>th</sup> /16 <sup>th</sup> /17 <sup>th</sup> April	- GR12/13 IP's (Easter Weekend) Dunedin

***Te Aroha delegates left the meeting at 12.05pm***

4) Children's Committee Meeting dates:

17<sup>th</sup> October – Cambridge (all ribbon day referee are to be appointed at this meeting and IP 12/13 managers as well)  
27<sup>th</sup> November Te Awamutu (after ribbon day) – Relay Champs roster  
26<sup>th</sup> February Cambridge (after Pentathlon) – Plan Children champs  
1<sup>st</sup> May Cambridge 10am Mid-Winter Forum  
12<sup>th</sup> June Cambridge 10am - AGM

5) Setting of Fees for Relay Championship, Children's Championship:

Relays (to cover cost of medals) per team entry

*Fees set at 2020 AGM:*

\$21.00 4 x 100m

\$26.00 medley team

\$16.00 field relay team

(With \$2.00 per athlete per event going to the IP Travel Fund)

Children's Championship

\$6.00 per entry, (\$2.00 from each entry fee to go to the IP Travel Fund)

Programmes:

Children's Championship \$5.00

It was moved that the above fees would be implemented for the 2021/2022 season.

Sandra Murray/Louise Young

6) Athletics Waikato-Bay of Plenty Centre AGM:

Nominations for Arbitration Panel – Andrew Langman and Joan Rawnsley

Dave O'Keefee/Berny Koppens

7) Signatories for the Children's Travel Account

Current signatories are: Steve Rees Jones, Sandra Murray, Louise Young and Joan Rawnsley

Nellie Engels/Sammy Kaitia

8) Signatories for the Waikato-Bay of Plenty Children's Athletics Account

Current signatories are: Sandra Murray, Steve Rees-Jones and Louise Young.

Nellie Engels/ Sammy Kaitia

8) Gr 12, 13 Inter-provincials

*"It was moved to apply for funding from the funding agencies for travel and accommodation assistance when applications are due for the Gr 12, 13 Interprovincial team"*

*Nellie Engels/Joan Rawnsley*

Possible funders: One Foundation, Southern Trust.

It was moved to ask for a volunteer for a grade 12/13 IP's coordinator who will support the funding applications.

Andrew Langman/Teresa Mumby

9) Email from Steve Rees-Jones with regards to the G12/13 IP Team

I understand that it was resolved by children's that some Colgate funds would be used to support the IP team this year, capping the cost at \$350. As such, I believe that these funds would need transferred to the main centre account to cover this. I am unsure what figure was suggested, but I was projecting and IP cost of \$450, so that would be \$100 per athlete.

In addition, this leads to a second point which is that the board has some concern over the cost to the centre of attending grade 12/13 IP's. This has increased over time and sits at around \$10,000 for the last event (less the possible Colgate contribution – though that is likely more of a one-off?). We have had a difficult year financially (loss will be \$20K to \$30K probably) and as such all spending needs to be reviewed for effectiveness going forward. To maintain the current level of funding my thoughts would be that it may be prudent to look at a registration fee increase for 2022/23 season and that it may have to extend to all youth grades (0-14) as that way the youth will be directly funding the IP team. A fee increase for senior athletes would also be on the cards similarly to fund their activities. Our overall registration fee income of \$13,000 per year is tiny compared to the other main regions registration income (if we used their fees, our registration income would be around \$50,000 to \$70,000 per year).

Other points I note are that other regions do charge athletes the full cost (Auckland) or the vast majority (Wellington), so we have contributed a huge amount in excess of other regions over the years. We have also lost the Drummond Fund that was used to support the event. The next event is also in the South Island, so costs are going to be higher. What I have been asked to do is initiate a discussion about this and see if we can find a way to secure the sustainability of sending our athletes to the event. I also think it is worth talking about whether this the best way for \$10,000 to be spent on local children's athletics or are there other things which you think may be better for us to fund and could have greater benefit for more young athletes? I think that this is something to have a chat about at some point in the next few weeks, so that I can report back to the board on your feelings on the matter. No decisions have been made and this is just a consultation to find out the thoughts of Children's athletics.

Regards Steve Rees-Jones, Executive Officer, Athletics Waikato Bay of Plenty

**Response: Joan Rawnsley will research if it's possible to do a bulk group booking with airlines without paying for the tickets up front.**

10) Answers to questions put to Hamish ANZ from Mid-winter forum below;

If centres are using age flashes (own source) can they remain sewn onto singlets if they only have a name and age (no branding), and how will this process be clarified with officials? There had been some mixed messages at this years event.

***From my perspective, this is fine, but we may need to seek clarification that this is OK for national events.***

Is there an upper limit on the amount of police vetting that ANZ will pay for per club?

***No, the more the better. We really appreciate your work in promoting and normalising this.***

What is the process for following up on those that have been vetted by ANZ every 3 years?

***Membership is annual (for athletes, coaches, volunteers etc.). So when people sign up for a new season, we will cross reference if they need to renew their Police Vetting, and advise those that need to do it.***

Do the minutes from the YAG meetings get sent out to centres to go out to clubs?

***No, this has been discussed, but never formalised and carried through. We are looking at re-launching a club newsletter, which would include updates from the YAG***

11. Andrew has shown the old Cambridge uniform and also shown the new uniform which has had approved by the board already. Andrew has advised that there is also a shirt and a crop top for 12+. Uniforms have been designed to be a bit more modern and to accommodate national athletes. Both uniforms will be an option for athletes while the old uniform has been phased out.

**A note for future:** For all future uniform changes it can be done at any time however it must go through from the board of trustees.

12. Discussion on ruling 15.1C. Robust discussion regarding the wording on 15.1.C. Throughout discussion clarification on wording of what constitutes a member club, requirements of affiliation, what is a 'children's event'; and what is a representative were sought. As a result of discussion it was moved that a remit be sent to the Athletics Waikato Bay of Plenty prior to the August AGM. The AWBOP Children's committee requests that the wording of rule 15.1.C as per the board constitution be changed as follows:

“Two representatives from each member club as per point 6.1 whose members participate in children's events as sanctioned by the Athletics Waikato Bay of Plenty Children's Committee”.

Secretary to submit a remit to executive officer of AWBOP to be presented at the board AGM.

Moved Andrew Langman/Second Joan Rawnsley

***TERESA MUMBY LEFT AT 1.20.***

13. A reminder will be sent out to clubs about the structure of meetings, the format of the AGM, who can vote and that club representatives that attend and vote on behalf of clubs must be nominated.

14. Children's trailer and equipment. Equipment that is currently with the Mercury Bay club will be returned to the Children's Committee and made available to other clubs. It is noted that Joan Rawnsley has suggested that a new club in the Coromandel may open and the equipment could be used to support that start up club.

Bellevue is required to submit a proposal to the October meeting regarding a koha from the Bellevue club for the trailer.

15. All managers or those travelling with athletes must be police vetted prior to events. It is suggested that after selectors and managers are confirmed in the October meeting that Police Vetting is completed immediately.

16. A reminder to all clubs that the ANZ AGM will be in Hamilton on September 4<sup>th</sup>. Clubs must be affiliated to ANZ to have voting rights at the meeting. All clubs are encouraged to attend the club connect conference as it is local and a great opportunity.

17. For the 2022 season IP's will be in Dunedin. Concerns over cost have been raised by Executive Officer.

18. Age flashes for the 2021/2022 – will see how many Steve holds and look at other centres that are still requiring these. Joan will follow this up.

Meeting closed: 1.47pm

Secretary