

Athletics Waikato-Bay of Plenty – Children’s Section
AGM MINUTES

Minutes for meeting held online Sunday 12th June, 7.30pm

Proxy Votes; none required as no remits.

Meeting opened at: 7.33pm

Present: Dianne Rodger (Centre Manager), Sarah Watson (Te Awamutu), Kelly Albrecht (Lake City), Sally Kerr (Board Chair), Murray Green (Te Awamutu), Camella Melrose (Te Aroha), Tracy Groom (Papamoa), Sandra Murray (Chairperson AWBOP Children’s), Heather O’Hagan (AWBOP Officials), Teresa Mumby (Fairfield), Andrew Langman (Cambridge), Matthew Strange (Papamoa), Veronica Maree (Putaruru), Debbie Burge (Te Aroha), Jayson Bengé (Bellevue), Peter Blackwood (Whakatane), Joan Rawnsley (Paeroa), Paulette Oldeman (Te Puke), Donna Howitt (Bellevue) via phone

Apologies: Rob Kear (Frankton), Amy McLean (Hinemoa), Ruth Tuiraviravi (Athletics Tauranga), Jean Overington, Sarah Van Marrewijk (Te Aroha), David O’Keefe (Te Awamutu), Audrey Greening

Moved: Fairfield (Sandra Murray) Seconded: Bellevue (Donna Howitt)

Approval of Minutes from AGM held June 2021

Matters arising from 2021 AGM

- Follow up that the changes from the last AGM have been made to the rules. Sandra will look at the rules once the secretary folder is in her possession.
- Follow up that the Relay changes from the last AGM have been made to the rules. Sandra will look at the rules once the secretary folder is in her possession.
- Relay rules, NZCAANZ – confirmed these did change
- 12 year Triple Jump – discussion to leave with 13-14 year olds due to power and injury risk
- G14-U18 Inter Provincial’s – 2023 season what is happening? Will discuss this at an Operations meeting. Peter Blackwood advised they will be looking at a similar concept that was used for the 2021/2022 season. Looking also at home and away events/competition with Auckland.
- Children’s equipment trailer? Currently it is at Dianne Rodger house.

Moved: Paeroa (Joan Rawnsley), Seconded: Cambridge (Andrew Langman)

Correspondence Discussion:

- Grade 14-18 Interprovincials - Update
- Looking at Home and Away Meets with Auckland and potentially going away for a night
- Format was mostly successful.
- Children’s Trailer – in Dianne’s driveway
- Age Flashes – got a quote, possible decrease in price from new source that Auckland use. Could piggy pack off another centre to reduce the cost.

Moved: Cambridge (Andrew Langman) Seconded: Fairfield (Teresa Mumby)

Chairman's Report: As tabled

CHILDREN'S CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT 2021-2022

Registrations – At the time of writing this report I didn't have the registration numbers for clubs. I will update this report for the centre AGM.

Ribbon Days sadly this year they didn't occur due to the Covid restrictions placed on us by the government. We did consider different options through our meeting on how we might possibly be able to run something, but after discussion it was decided that keeping our children and their whanau safe was more important than holding Ribbon Days. These discussions were held both side of the season and in January it was decided that Cambridge would hold their Pentathlon at the end of February. It was run under the level of the time and all those who attended enjoyed the opportunity to participate.

WBOP Relay Championships and WBOP Children's Championships also were affected by Covid and neither event happened through the season. Discussion was held at meetings and again the decision was the safety factor. I'm sure we will all be looking forward to the 2022/2023 season when normality will return to our sport.

Waikato-Bay of Plenty G14 – U18 the format for this was completely changed this year to work with the registrations around Covid. I would like to thank Robin Knowles and his team for the work required for this format to be implemented, organised at various venues, and then processing the results. From all that I have heard it was enjoyed by all athletes and may even be considered an option moving forward.

Waikato-Bay of Plenty G12/13 Inter-Provincial team was to be in Dunedin; however, the call was made early to cancel this event and the same venue will be used in 2023. It was decided that as a centre we would consider holding a day at Porritt for this age group. This was managed by Louise Young, Teresa Mumby, Dianne Rodger, and Sally Kerr. As the Children's Championship was cancelled, the date of the 19th March was used. The morning was about coaching and the afternoon a competition and relays. Again, those who participated enjoyed being able to participate in some form of athletics.

Administration: This season we have used Zoom or Teams again, for our meeting both at Children's level and for Operations Meetings. Andrew Langman and myself (Sandra Murray) attended, with the position of Chairperson being held by myself again this season. The meetings this year for Children's, using Zoom has seen an increase of clubs attending. Sadly, this interest in attending meetings didn't continue when we held our Mid-Winter Forum in May. Though there was more participation from clubs through Zoom, the face-to-face networking wasn't there. I wonder how as a centre we can look at making this transfer from Zoom to in person.

In October we farewelled Steve Rees-Jones who has been our administration for several years, he will be sadly missed along with his knowledge. With his departure we welcomed with open arms Dianne Rodger into the Administrators role in December. Dianne continues to learn and understand the various parts of her role and we look forward to supporting her. At the mid-winter forum Louise Young advised that she would be resigning from her role as Waikato Athletic Development Advisor effective from the 15th May. Louise has been an inspiration to us all working to build athletics in the WBOP area. She was successful with grants, which have and will continue to be implemented into various programmes. Throw like a Girl was a huge success in 2019, before Covid, and other such

initiatives are being planned. With her resignation it will also mean the position of Minutes Secretary will now need to be filled. We wish her all the best in her new role working with WBOP Netball.

This season has certainly provided us with many challenges as a centre, while clubs had to established how to hold club nights under various Covid levels. My role as Chairperson for the Children's Committee this year saw challenges of not meeting face to face, clubs struggling with protocols required for events along with volunteers pulling away. I also found it extremely frustrating the fact that parents requested/demanded refunds or explanations as to why clubs were doing what they were doing. It is important that all our families realise that clubs are run by volunteers. They too have been working through their own work protocols, what schools or ECE were doing, which affected them going to work not to mention the personal well-being during the season. I can only hope the 2022/2023 season will run with families being considerably more understanding than some were last season.

As for last year, I believe we have managed very well, and clubs have supported their families and other clubs during this time. 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 reigns at Committee level. 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" Fairfield (Sandra Murray) Seconded: Te Aroha (Carmella Melrose)

Financial Report

Was given verbally on the night, with Dianne Rodgers following up with more detail for the minutes. A full report will be presented at the Centre AGM

Westpac current account balance as at 31 May 2022	\$27,564.57 (Colgate account)
Westpac Term Deposit as at 31 May 2022	\$10,000.00
BNZ Children's Account as at 31 May 2022	\$18,855.02 (travel account)
BNZ 14/18 IP Account as at 31 May 2022	\$1,875.89

General Business

Election of Officers:

Chairperson – Sandra Murray Nominated: Fairfield (Teresa Mumby) Seconded: Bellevue (Donna Howitt)

Minute Secretary – no nominations

Competition Secretary – Sandra Murray Nominated: Fairfield (Teresa Mumby) Seconded:
Whakatane (Peter Blackwood)

12/13 Interprovincials

Email from Fiona Maisey

Kia ora

For those of you who don't know me, I am Fiona Maisey, the Young Person's Lead at Athletics NZ (ANZ), a new role at ANZ which I took on in September of last year. Prior to this I have been a volunteer in the sport at club, regional and national levels for the past 20 years, mostly in the junior athletics space.

Today I am writing to you to give you notification of a decision that ANZ has made alongside some key stakeholders. As a long-time volunteer within Children's Athletics we wanted you to hear directly from Athletics NZ regarding this decision.

The 12/13 Interprovincial Teams competition has been on the calendar for many years and its success was due in part to people like yourself who advocated for this event. However, over the last decade we have, as a sport, been asking questions of this event and whether improvements could be made to ensure maximum enjoyment and participation for all young athletes across all of New Zealand.

While the Grade 12 & 13 Interprovincial event has several great characteristics, it also has some drawbacks, which have come to something of a head over the past few years, with the event being cancelled due to Covid disruptions several times. Ultimately Athletics New Zealand has made the decision to bring the event in its current format to a close, with some of the main issues being;

It is acknowledged the event does not align to important Balance is Better principles, especially in larger centres where many keen young athletes do not make the team. The cost burden has grown to circa \$1000/athlete over the past years. It has become increasingly challenging to find a centre to host the event, given the large workload and no opportunity to return a profit. Some of our larger centres have indicated they will no longer support the event in its current format.

While we have taken the decision to cease running the Grade 12 & 13 Interprovincial event, this doesn't mean that there will be no opportunities for provincial representation at this age level – and ANZ is keen to ensure we continue to deliver peak opportunities to engage young athletes and facilitate them building the lifelong friendships that are often developed at these competitions.

The new competition model will be co-designed alongside youth, and we look forward to what they may suggest. Balanced against best practise for youth sport and insight from people like yourself, we are excited by the possibilities ahead of us.

Feel free to send me an email or give me a call as we develop new and exciting opportunities that both attract and retain children and young people to our sport.

“Kia whakatōmuri te haere whakamua – I walk backwards into the future with my eyes fixed on the past”.

Kind regards Fiona Maisey Young People's Lead

- No managers are needed as the event is changing format.
- Email received from Fiona Maisey about the change in this event. Move to a more inclusive event, currently elite and over specialising
- Concern over flights paid for, now a credit, Joan to try and swap these to Adults for further events.
- Children's committee were surprised by the news and wondered about the consultation. Who are the 'key stakeholders? Feedback does this only apply to 12/13 Interprovincial or could it affect other events?
- 12/13 do want competition and something extra
- "Balance is Better principles" have we seen this before and if not ask for it to be sent to out to centres/clubs.
- Children's delegates are invited along with other Operation Committee members for the online Board meeting 11/7/22 where Fiona will be present and questions can be asked. Once we have had this meeting and the operations meeting the following night we will look at the option of a children's meeting to discuss the outcomes from both these meetings.

14-18 Interprovincials

Nominations – from Whakatane Club

Robin Knowles (Cambridge)

Peter Blackwood (Whakatane)

Charles Annals (Hamilton)

Michael Pugh (Tauranga)

Moved: Cambridge (Andrew Langman) Seconded: Paeroa (Joan Rawnsley)

Note: Need to co-opt two female managers to the team

Delegates to WBOP Operations Committee

Sandra Murray

Michael Pugh – Peter Blackwood provided this name, however after discussion with him he decided that it wasn't something he was interested in. We will look at another delegate for this role.

Delegates to ANZ Club Connect

Need clarification on cost

Sally Kerr is attending just may need clarification/guidance on remits.

Sandra Murray/Andrew Langman may also be available depending on costs.

Ribbon Days

Proposed as below depending on Porritt Stadium Plans and confirmation with club committees

29th October Whakatane – Referee Joan Rawnsley

5th November

12th November Te Awamutu TBC

19th November Fairfield TBC

26th November Te Awamutu TBC – Referee Andrew Langman

3rd December Tauranga – Relay Champs

9th-11th December Special Olympics and NZ Secondary Schools

17th December Lake City – Referee Ruth Kaiwhata

6th-8th January NI Colgate Games – Whanganui

13-15th January SI Colgate Games – Timaru

11th February Porritt Classic

12th February Te Aroha (Sunday)

18th February Bellevue – Referee Joan Rawnsley

25th February Cambridge Pentathlon/Triple Jump – Referee Jude Trumm

4th March Fairfield TBC

11th March Paeroa

18th March Children's Champs

- Potential to offer training event on one of vacant Saturdays.
- Officials – have lost many officials during last few years.

Children's Meetings

9th October 22 For Ribbon Day Referee's and IP Managers Online

19th November 22 After Fairfield Ribbon Day for Relay confirmation of officials etc. OR Zoom

4th March 23 After a Ribbon Day (if happening) or Zoom

6th May 23 Mid-Winter Forum - Cambridge

11th June 23 Children's AGM - Cambridge

Fees and Levies

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

Relays (to cover cost of medals) per team entry

Fees set at 2021 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

(The printing of the Programmes for both of these events will need to be sourced as the previous people who did the printing are no longer able to do this)

Do we increase the fees if IP no longer happening? These were set at the 2021 AGM but as both these events didn't occur in the season there is an option of taking them back to \$20.00, \$25.00, \$15.00 for relays and \$5.00 Children's). Voted to keep as set at the 2021 AGM.

Moved: Fairfield (Sandra Murray) Seconded: Te Awamutu (Murray Green)

Arbitration Panel

Nominations:

Joan Rawnsley

Sandra Murray

Moved: Whakatane (Peter Blackwood) Seconded: Fairfield (Teresa Mumby)

Bank Accounts

Change of signatories is required on both Children's accounts held at Westpac and BNZ.

Signatories on Westpac Account (Travel Account)

Currently - Sandra Murray, Steve Rees-Jones, Louise Young

Change to - Sandra Murray, Joan Rawnsley, Dianne Rodger

Moved: Te Awamutu (Sarah Watson) Seconded: Cambridge (Andrew Langman)

Signatories on BNZ Account

Currently - Sandra Murray, Steve Rees-Jones, Louise Young

Change to - Sandra Murray, Joan Rawnsley, Dianne Rodger

Moved: Cambridge (Andrew Langman) Seconded: Fairfield (Teresa Mumby)

Discussion about amalgamating accounts and moving into the centre operations. Some of the view that children's money should be approved by the children's committee. Would be simpler if we were dealing with one bank. To be considered.

Funding Application for Events

"It was moved that if needed we will make an application to funding agencies for travel and accommodation assistance when applications are due for any children's team competition"

Moved: Peter Blackwood (Whakatane) Seconded: Murray Green (Te Awamutu)

Other Business

- Fairfield Athletics uniform will now include black shorts along with their white with red trim or plain white. This will be added to the Boards next meeting 11/7/22
- Sandra sent a text to Denise Powell re the passing of Tom Powell and there was a post placed onto the WBOP Facebook page. Currently there is no actual address to send correspondence to Denise.
- Thanks to Andrew Langman for all his hard work and efforts at Cambridge and on the Children's Committee.
- Reminder for clubs to pay their Affiliation Fees to ANZ, clubs should have received an email.
- Centre AGM 14th August, Cambridge Club rooms 12 noon. There will be a remit to further increase the centre portion of levies for the following season.

No other business the meeting closed 9.22pm

Secretary/President