

**MINUTES for the 77<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING of ATHLETICS WAIKATO-BAY of PLENTY  
held in Cambridge on Sunday, 14th August 2022 at 12:00pm**

**PRESENT:**

Murray Green (Chair), Sally Kerr, Ashleigh Sando, Kerry Hill, Dianne Rodger, Steve Rees-Jones, Criss Strange, Myhre Oman, Malcolm Taylor, Sandra Murray, Andrew Langman, Aynslee Rodger, Heather O'Hagan, Kevin Bradley, Murray Clarkson, Fay Riley, John Tylden, Marion Clarke, Graeme Raill, Val Bromley, Jonny McKee, Joan Rawnsley, Berny Koppens, Teresa Mumby, Nicola Cornes, Julie Marriner, Dean Chiplin, Donna Howitt

**APOLOGIES:**

George Caddy, Ashley Taylor, Douglas Taylor, Tony Rogers, Monica Robbers, Thomas Refoy-Butler, Brett Addison, Pam Kenny, Dennis Kenny, Papamoa Athletic Club, Glenn Sexton, Peter Blackwood, Nellie Engels, Debbie Burge, Cam Melrose, Paulette Olderman, Paul Signal, John Charlton, Ruth Tuiraviravi, Dave O'Keeffe

**MINUTES of the 76<sup>th</sup> AGM, 15<sup>th</sup> August 2021** ~ Murray Green MOVED and Sandra Murray SECONDED that the minutes of the 2021 Annual General Meeting be confirmed as a true and correct record.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Matters arising from the 2021 AGM minutes - there were no matters arising.

**REPORTS**

The following reports were presented in the Annual Report

- **Board Chair**

- Sally Kerr spoke to the meeting, with a brief overview of her report. She noted that once again it has been a tough year with challenges and a financial loss has been incurred. The Board were working on putting things in place for moving forward on the Strategic Plan, with a major goal being diversity of income.

Joan Rawnsley then acknowledged Tom Powell, who had passed away earlier this year. Tom had been part of the athletic community for many years, working behind the scenes with IT, sharing his knowledge and being there for the athletic community.

- **Cross Country and Road**

- The following was added to the report. Teams Results from the NZ Cross Country Championships - Men's U18 Team 1<sup>st</sup>; Women's U18 Team 1<sup>st</sup>; Masters Men 35+ 2<sup>nd</sup>; Masters Men 50+ 3<sup>rd</sup>; Masters Men 65+ 3<sup>rd</sup>

- **Track & Field**

- Kevin spoke of lack of communication to coaches on changes to youth and children from Athletics NZ and clarification from Fiona Maisey, Youth Lead on U16 grade for NZ Track & Field Championships.
- Kevin spoke of remit that he had submitted. It was moved by John Tylden, seconded by Criss Strange that further follow up be done on this remit with Kevin, with a view to submitting at a later date.

- **Children**
  - Sandra summarised her report and noted that to date we have four clubs that are struggling and will need assistance to operate this coming season - Matamata, Tokoroa, Tokoroa Blades and Frankton Children's.
  - A query was made from Fairfield re their email question *if an option for the G12/13s would be to open the Open meets up to the 12y age group*. Discussion had taken place at with the Operations Committee with the thought that this could be feasible but only targeting Open Meets that don't clash with Ribbon Days on same date.
  
- **Officials**
  - Nil to add
  
- **Coaches**
  - Work is in progress between Criss and Kerry to activate coaches' meetings in Hamilton and Tauranga.
  
- **CoachForce**
  - Kerry noted that Carolyn Heathorn from Otumoetai Club was moving to Wanaka and acknowledged her input into the success of the club.
  
- **Masters**
  - Murray added that two masters members had passed away during the year – Hector Mein and John Shivas.
  
- **Finance**
  - Nil to add

Murray Green MOVED and Aynslee Rodger (Hawks) SECONDED that the Annual Reports, including the Financial Performance Report be adopted and approved.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

## AWARDS

- Official of the Year was awarded to Kevin Bradley
  
- Waikato-Bay of Plenty Service Award - presented to Val Bromley, Murray Clarkson, Fay Riley, and John Charlton
  
- **Life Member – John Tylden**  
Murray Green provided a summary of service supporting confirmation of Life Membership for John Tylden. The meeting confirmed the Life Membership nomination unanimously.

## Athletics WBOP Track & Field Trophy Recipients 2021-2022

<b>Gallichan Cup</b>	Athlete gaining the most points in Senior Men and Women and U20M/U20W grades	<b>Sarah Hewlett</b>
<b>AWBOP Colts Shield</b>	Most points in U18M grade	<b>Nathan Browne</b>

<b>Sue Drummond Shield</b>	Most points in U18W grade	<b>Zara Rattray</b>
<b>Keith Falla Memorial Trophy</b>	Winner Senior Men's 800m Waikato-BoP Champs	<b>Ben Bidois</b>
<b>John L Davies Memorial Trophy</b>	Winner Senior Men's 1500m Waikato-BoP Champs	<b>Ben Bidois</b>

**Acknowledgements**

Sally acknowledged Steve Rees-Jones for his role over 8 years of outstanding service as Executive Officer, and Murray Green as President plus his service to the Board and Centre.

Murray also thanked Steve for his input and service to the Centre.

**ELECTION of OFFICERS**

**The following were declared elected**

**ELECTED BOARD MEMBER X 1**

- Sally Kerr

**OPERATIONS COMMITTEE – the following were appointed:**

- Kevin Bradley (Track and Field)
- Criss Strange (Coaching)
- Malcolm Taylor (Road and Cross Country)
- Sandra Murray (Children)
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- Masters – Murray Clarkson
- Officials – Heather O'Hagan

With reference to the second Children's position on the Operations Committee that is not filled – Sandra Murray is following up on possible person to take on this role.

John Tylden MOVED that the above candidates for the Operations Committee be approved.  
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**PRESIDENT**

- Andrew Langman

Murray Green MOVED and Berny Koppens SECONDED

**FINANCIAL REVIEWER**

- Johnston Associates (to third year of a three-year term)

## **ARBITRATION PANEL**

The following were appointed as members of the arbitration panel:

- Brett Addison (convenor)
- Criss Strange
- John Tylden
- Murray Clarkson
- Andrew Langman
- Murray Green
- Joan Rawnsley

**OFFICIALS COORDINATORS** – Heather O’Hagan (Porritt).

There were no nominations for Tauranga, though it was noted that it would be desirable for someone from Athletics Tauranga to step forward and assist with the Tauranga official’s coordinator position. Heather is to follow up with Ruth Tuiraviravi.

**SELECTORS** – the following were appointed:

- Brett Addison, John Tylden and Murray Green (Track and Field)
- Glenn Sexton, Malcolm Taylor, Steve Rees-Jones (Road and XC)

Aynslee Rodger MOVED Jonny McKee SECONDED that the above positions be approved.  
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

## **REMITTS**

### **Remit submitted by Athletics Waikato-Bay of Plenty Board**

To increase the Centre Levy across all age groups to:-

Ages 3 & 4 - \$7

Ages 5 & 6 - \$12

Ages 7 to 14 - \$20

Under 16 to Masters - \$25

#### Rationale –

Currently we charge	\$5 for those under 5
	\$10 for 5 & 6 year olds
	\$15 for ages 7 and up

This is possibly the lowest in the country and well below other Centres that we have been able to track, with one Centre as high as \$40 and most around \$25 for over 7’s and \$10 to \$20 for under 7’s. When we made increases last year at the AGM, we advised that there were more to come, and there will be more next year. We do not plan to increase again for the 2024/2025 season.

We have been able to operate in the past with a lower fee due to our overall revenue streams, prudent management of expenditure, Government funding through Kiwi Sport and little or no increase to staff remuneration. All of these are under continued pressure.

We have recorded a deficit in our trading the past two years and are budgeting another deficit this year. We are only just starting to receive the benefit of last years approved increase now, from 1 April 2022.

The proposed increases cannot take effect until the start of the 2023/2024 season which means we are running behind the 8 ball. The total extra income is approximately \$18,000pa.

Covid had a big effect on our revenue with lower registrations and no revenue from the Rotorua Marathon in this financial year. Some clubs struggled with restrictions, and the central Waikato was particularly affected from October to Christmas.

To boost our revenue the Board is also presenting a Funding and Sponsorship Plan at the AGM. Athletics NZ is also considering a more flexible membership model to provide more options to members.

We will also open the floor to clubs to feed-back what they want from the AWBOP Centre. With more money we can provide more support to clubs and trial new events to attract people.

- Cambridge questioned that the rise could put more pressure on parents and weren't keen on the increase being set. Questioned how any possible changes from Athletics NZ registration structure could effect change in levy.
- Frankton also expressed financial impact on families and timeline on appointing a Development Officer.

**After discussion it was decided to defer any decision on a levy increase until after the Athletics NZ Club Conference and AGM on the 3 September and once further information is to hand a Special AGM could be called later in 2022 to discuss. Registration Fees for 2023-24 would be confirmed after the Special AGM.**

## GENERAL BUSINESS

- **Strategic Plan and Goals**

Plan outlined and open to feedback from clubs.

- **Funding and Sponsorship**

Draft proposal shared and highlighted that a conflict of sponsors for Porritt Classic needed to be kept in mind.

Feedback can come direct to Sally, Dianne, Thomas, and Monica.

- **What do clubs want from the centre?**

Ideas were shared on obtaining officials from Southland example and through WILSS course as part of credits in secondary schools

Joan Rawnsley expressed frustrations for families without credit cards and internet registering with Paeroa Club and lack of support from Athletics NZ in solving this problem. Clubs encouraged to make sure they attend one of the online workshops on the news Gameday system.

Close of meeting from President Andrew Langman

Andrew acknowledged the contribution of retiring President Murray Green, and thanked everyone for attending the AGM.

Andrew Langman declared the 77th AGM closed at 2.36pm