

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

Agenda for Meeting held on 7th May, 2023. Cambridge Clubrooms and via zoom  
Mid-winter Forum

Meeting opened at:

PRESENT: Sandra Murray (Chairperson. Secretary),

CLUBS PRESENT:

APOLOGIES: Amy McLean (Hinemoa), Nellie (Puturau)

“move that the apologies be accepted” Moved –

MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING:

“moved that the minutes of the previous meeting have been accepted” Moved -

CORRESPONDENCE IN:

Items to add to the agenda.

Addresses to post Finalist ribbons to.

CORRESPONDENCE OUT:

Finalist ribbons from Children’s championships.

Asking for items for the agenda.

Minutes from March Meeting

Agenda for Mid-Winter Forum.

MATTERS ARISING:

- The BBQ money from Relay Championships of \$300.50 will be sent back to the Bellevue/Greerton clubs as there was no event for the G12/13 IP group.
- There was no BBQ at the Children’s Champs as the person who had contacted Sandra regarding this never turned up. I believe there were some issues around having no food for this event.
- Sandra still has to send through the feedback regarding the 2023 Colgate’s.
- Meeting between Teresa and Joan re combined G12/13 competition for 2024, did is this happen?
- Tauranga Domain concerns have been heard at Board level (SEE IF ANYTHING WAS MENTIONED AT OPERATIONS MEETING)

REPORTS:

### **Children’s Championships**

#### **Track Referee – Joan Rawnsley**

The day ran very smoothly with only one disqualification, with an older athlete running the line, and one race rerun in a younger grade by following the curve at the start of the 100m. The medal tent did extremely well keeping up to date all day with presentations, I was only aware of one race having a delay in presentations. Congratulations to all involved I believe a great day had by all, other than a few athletes who had a lesson in life.

#### **Throws Referee – Tamsin Larsen**

#### **Jumps Referee – Ruth Kaiwhata**

GENERAL BUSINESS:

1. Age Flashes

2. Triple Jump/Walks
3. From Joan Rawnsley, Paeroa - the ever decreasing number of officials. We didn't appear to have an issue filling roles at ribbon days and most of those had a good understanding of the basic rules, we just need a few more to take that next step. I can understand reluctance because of the abuse that is directed to officials, which in turn affects their confidence, The abuse has to stop there is a procedure if a parent/guardian is not happy, and that does not involve raised voices and swearing. What I find hard to comprehend is they give no consideration to the fact that this behavior is witnessed by their own children and other children in the vicinity.
4. From Matamata Club - 'Support & Training for Club's'
5. Ribbon Days Dates, Relay Championship Date and venue, Children's Championship Date and venue. These are needed before the AGM in June, unless clubs have already discussed dates and we can add to this meeting.
6. Resignation of Sandra Murray from role of Children's Chairperson and Minutes Secretary. She will continue as Competition Secretary. Nominations for these positions as well as 2 delegates for the Operations Committee will be required to be in before the AGM.
7. Set dates for remits, Ribbon Days, Nominations to be in to the Secretary by.
8. Sally Kerr, the board - It is around the structure of Childrens when you move on. I wanted the group to consider:
  - a. The same structure with someone else stepping up to take the role of Chair.
  - b. A designated seat for a Children's Club on the board - with that person taking on the lead role (would require a change in constitution).
  - c. The coordination role falling into any Events/Coaching Coordinator position - and how we fund that.Also I think we should table the shortage of officials and ramifications for children's records etc if we cannot have the right people. Is that important to the group?  
I will be there and happy to talk through these things. There will also be a newsletter going out in the next week with a survey - I will bring some along to the meeting as well.
9. Any other business?

Meeting closed:

Next meeting: AGM 11<sup>th</sup> June.