

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

Minutes for Meeting held on 1st May, 2022, 10am. Cambridge Clubrooms

Meeting opened at: 10.07am

PRESENT: Sandra Murray, Louise Young, Andrew Langman, Heather O’Hagan, Sally Kerr, Dianne Rodger, Kevin Bradley, Teresa Mumby, Berny Koppens, Ruth Kawhata, Dave O’Keefe, Sarah Watson, Donna Howitt.

CLUBS PRESENT: Fairfield, Waihi, Cambridge, Bellevue, Hawks, Te Awamutu, Board chair, Centre manager.

APOLOGIES: Joan Rawnsley, Murray Green, Kelly Albrecht, Sarah Van Marrewijk

“move that the apologies be accepted” Moved – Sandra Murray / Dave O’Keefe

MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING:

“moved that the minutes of the previous meeting have been accepted” Moved - Andrew Langman/Teresa Mumby

CORRESPONDENCE IN:

Email from Sally Kerr – submissions for mid-winter forum  
Remit from Fairfield – Uniforms  
Responses from Fairfield to board chair email  
Apologies

CORRESPONDENCE OUT:

Agenda  
Previous meeting minutes  
Email from board chair – Sally Kerr  
Responses to agenda items

MATTERS ARISING:

Police Vetting for IP Managers. Clarification on vetting procedure for clubs etc. Confirmation from board on who/when needs to be vetted. Simple procedure.

Promotion of Balance is Better. What might this look like for 2022/2023.

Sewn on age flashes. If not required – rule change through AGM

IP selectors. Police vetting straight to ANZ – what will the process/event look like moving forward.

IP selector process – 2 main selectors chosen at AGM, one in BOP and one in Waikato. Clear cut off date. Lou and Ruth to write a document on procedures.

Any concerns/comments from Colgates

‘How to’ run a ribbon day booklet to be created by Louise and Sandra which clubs can provide ideas/feedback on.

Consideration on who may like to be Chairperson, Competition secretary and minute secretary.

Encouraging attendance at meetings. What format will be suitable moving forward? Previous suggestions: paying clubs who attend, pre-season mini regional meetings, gathering information on zones from Margaret, what do clubs know about decision making at meetings.

Expressions of interest from clubs to organise Relay Champs. Fairfield is happy to continue to run – but encourages members to learn.

Clubs may want to close entry dates for relay champs so it doesn’t clash with Colgates.

Any sponsors within the region who may like to sponsor cost of vehicles or other events/expenses?

Children's trailer – is currently located in Waihi and will be used to store Tu Manawa hurdles and all equipment related to Waikato development advisor role.

Chairperson to speak with Rolf Porter to clarify where radios were from to purchase new ear pieces for the yellow radio's

Guidelines for a complaint procedure and code of conduct. Check with board on progress.

Submissions for format of relay champs. Will need to be succinct and submitted as a remit.

WAIBOP portion of fees will increase for the 2022/2023 season.

Remit to change wording from management to board of trustees in rules.

Remit from Fairfield regarding no DQ's from 7 year old age group at relay champs...should this be for 7-9? Change from medals to ribbons for 7-9's?

Youth council for teenage/youth participants – how to gauge interest/interest from non-participants to support...build connections and work on relationships.

Remit from Bernie Koppens regarding creation of a role to support/go between for clubs/events/officials/education sector. Was to go through the board.

## REPORTS:

Gr 12/13 IP Modified event:

## **Athletics Waikato Bay of Plenty modified G12/13 IP event - Saturday 26th March at Porritt Stadium**

With the cancellation of the G12/G13 IP's in Dunedin, AWBOP through Louise Young (Waikato Development Advisor) put together an event for those that had registered their interest plus any other athletes in the age group to register for a modified coaching/competition event.

This consisted of a 2-hour coaching session from 10am-12pm which the athletes rotated through three different events – sprint hurdles, high jump, and discus. Athletics NZ qualified coaches led these sessions – Criss Strange (hurdles), Ashleigh Sando (high jump) and Kevin Bradley (discus). Feedback from the athletes from these sessions was hugely positive, with them saying how much they learnt and could put in place in their training for the next season. Coaches and parents alike also said how valuable and enjoyable the coaching sessions were for the athletes.

With a short break for lunch the athletes then participated in a modified competition. Events on offer were 80m hurdles, 100m, 600m, 1500m, long jump and shot put. Even though the athletes had preregistered for their events, it was great to see some more take up the challenge of the 80m hurdles, after their experience and confidence they took from their coaching session. There were certainly some good performances from the athletes, especially after their morning coaching sessions and the heat of the day.

A big thanks need to go to our coaches three coaches – Ashleigh, Criss and Kevin, Teresa Mumby who collated entries and the support from clubs and parents who assisted with running of events and for transporting the athletes to Porritt. We can't forget our athletes, who were friendly, polite, challenged themselves, had fun and totally open to learning.

Sally Kerr, AWBOP Chair commented “It was encouraging to be able to put on an event for our rangatahi in the weekend after a challenging season. Athletics is about coaching, competing and community – and it was wonderful to see athletes from across the region coming together. Please whanau and clubs keep an eye out over upcoming months for other events – and athletes, keep on getting out there whether it is doing cross country or training or doing other winter sports.”

Gr U16/U18 IP – Robin Knowles TBC

#### GENERAL BUSINESS:

1. Heather O'Hagan to discuss officials.
2. Inspire and lead athlete development weekend – September school holidays...Lou to discuss.
- 3.

#### REMITTS:

Email received from Teresa Mumby of Fairfield to request uniform change:  
Fairfield committee wish to put forward the following uniform change -

That plain black shorts be added to the Fairfield uniform for our senior girls in particular. The reasons for this are:

A. to remove the barrier for adolescent girls of wearing white at an all-day meet. We have over the past couple of seasons (that I have had to deal with) been required to seek a dispensation for the girls to compete in black shorts - which in itself singles them out - and had to deal with upset young girls when they are caught out by nature.

B. to remove the difficulty and cost in finding a fitting white short that is appropriate for the girls who are jumping particularly.

#### SUGGESTIONS/RESPONSES FROM BOARD CHAIR EMAIL:

Fairfield:

-Incorporating coaching sessions into ribbon days - the IPs day went well and was enjoyed particularly by those from smaller clubs with less resources

-changing up / offering different events that encourage skill development. Eg running different race distances to teach pacing, achieving a marked distance for throwing / jumping - could consider the Colgate standards, or points as per the pentathlon eg marked out at 100point intervals.

Staggered races across the age groups - time or distance head starts

- interclub competition that rewards participation in a range of disciplines - staying away from early specialisation
- celebration of PBs and encouragement to have personal rather than podium only goals (only 3 can podium, but everyone can PB)
- Setting aside a calendar day for clubs to hold a club champs? We ran ours as a one day event because of how much of the season we had already lost, and it was a real success. It also allowed us to keep club nights focussed more on teaching

Meeting closed: 12.58pm  
 Next meeting: AGM 12<sup>th</sup> June.

#### Working Meeting Minutes Notes:

Sandra Murray welcomed Sally and Dianne  
 Sally spoke – introduced herself and how the board works and Dianne. Challenging season  
 Presidency of AWBOP – Murrays term comes to and end in August – does anyone in the room want to consider. Introduce Kevin.

Police Veters: Heather, Sally, Steve, Louise. Birth certificates – if older than a certain date they may not necessarily accept it. Always get ID verifiers to check with Susan from ANZ who may be able to find a working solution.

New database is coming – Gameday will be phased out. New system decision be made by 1<sup>st</sup> October.

If clubs are going to not sew age flashes on – a remit needs to go into the AGM – and justification of why

\*Aware of who is registered/competing in correct grade/name written on them.

IP team managers/must be vetted – encouraged to have coaches/club night members vetted as well.

Relay –  
 Sandra to talk to Ralph

Code of Conduct is in place – is on website – and Dianne to send out Code of Conduct to all clubs prior to the season.

7+ is \$15

3-4 \$5

5-5 \$ 10 Waibop region fees will increase for 2022/2023 season.

ANZ fees will remain the same for this season (but will likely increase next year)

GR12-13 IP's – Teresa spoke – 30 kids ish – had some 10/11 year olds

Coaching session in the beginning of the day. Some kids had intended to only do the throws – but ended up doing runs and throws as well.

Kevin – kids responded well and enjoyed it – competition at the end...team events – get kids operating as a team...get lots of enjoyment out of that. Might help to build the social connections as well – this is there athletics has challenges to the team sports – make it fun for that age groups – so that they stay in the sport for the 13-14 plus

\*Programme for team athletics –

Sally – about 7-8 clubs were involved.

Dianne – good model for pre-season

Robin – was a great GR16-18

Teresa – had lots of young members at the open meets

ANDREW read through Robin's report

WAIBOP suggested the event rather than cancelled

ANZ did the behind scenes organisation work

Positive Note from Covid – a re-think of how things operate and competition models moving forward and for future thinking.

Heather – new rule books...the centre has decided that anyone who was current and on the ANZ website would get their rule books for free. Those who are heavily involved will also get one for free (Kevin Bradely). Around half of our members are not currently registered as officials. When the new database comes into play all officials that arent current will be dropped.

Very challenging space with officials – senior open meet – not a lot of high level officials.

\*Berny – spoke about getting officials course as NCEA level. Will follow up with Trevor Spittle on what that looks like moving forward. Berny will follow up with WILLS as to if there is a cost associated with designing a course. Berny to liaise with Heather about moving the process forward. Is there a possibility that there is a resource of participants who may be at events but are not competing.

\*How to run a ribbon day booklet – Digital document \*

\*Sample programmes to be an appendix – with each club to add a paragraph on what worked well and why – and what progress/tweaks have been made.

Could allow for innovation – half day events – or only offer 3 events for 7-9 year olds maybe.

How to bridge a gap with parent helpers – how to encourage them on the day...get helpers

Safe, well run that need less officials. Perfect time to run with innovation for the future of the next season.

Officials stuff can't be done online. A lot of benefit from being in person for things like officials – and hands on. Filters down from ANZ. Feedback to ANZ – that by not offering a 'beginner' course for officials (not IAAF) that it's not being inclusive etc.

Heather will get some dates together and send them out

Remit: Fairfield – uniform change. White is hard to come by. Make it affordable. Same as their peers. Self-conscious about.

Plain black short. All in attendance at the meeting.. another option – plain black, white with red trip, plain white. (

(LOU TO CHECK IF THIS NEEDS TO GO THROUGH TO AGM)

7-14

Sally – why do we mind who wears what colours shorts...Heather – used to be a dispensation for anyone to wear black.

At Colgate – there is no issue – as long as they have their singlet on

Sally – we don't want barriers to any girls participating and competing.

Dianne – could it be that the Fairfield uniform be either black or white shorts for boys or girls.

(most clubs have plain black shorts above the knee anyway).

Invite Sally to speak on the email she sent out:

Cambridge:

Fairfield – high numbers, strong in mini club – sells out, 30 is all that is manageable per age group 7-9 similar. Drop off in 10-14. Be nice to build age groups. Teresa and Brad – will work together on the transition to Hawks. Events supported – everything. Long jump, high jump, sometimes shot put and discus, any comments on events – great teams at Colgates lots of number – core group that does it. Good champs with relay champs – have track to prepare – concern about next season without the track. Active group of parents who help at events – getting parent support continues to be a challenge. Getting them to step up to run groups. Covid has allowed changes...running the 10-11's as a squad and the 12-13s as a squad. Having kids moving a lot more

Covid – 3 times frames – gave a lot of time and space – which was great. 5/6's got to jump into the pit which was great. teresa to put a survey out to mini club to see if it was going to be a possibility moving forward. This season – single day club champs – was very well received. Will likely do that again. Meant there were kids who wanted to be at clubs champs – means that each club night could be development for everyone. Having Charles means....pre registers

Te Awamutu – watered down fun day with Cambridge club – followed rules and was really successful – be nice to finish the season as well. Was really successful. Weekly programme – on club night – on specific nights Murray would coach and everyone else could continue to have a normal night.

Sarah – have a great core of 3 people who operate the mini club – keep them moving the entire time – easier to manage.

Down on numbers 150 this year. Kept in groups of around 20 to manage the covid restrictions.

Interclub was a great way to get a good introduction to athletics and the season.

Pool of older athletes is small. Only 2 to Colgates – dedicated that go to everything. Karen – drives the organisation of the season. Te Awamutu like relay champs as it is a great way for families to get to know each other.

Ongoing issues – getting parents more active and hands on – covid brought a challenge as club didn't want parents

Bellevue – Donna hasn't been around as much – 100 mini club 100 in junior. Big numbers in 3, 4, 5. Still strong despite covid. Ran a programme right through – still did 2 club nights with relay training. Offer refunds to covid parents. Offered to 6-8 – 2 accepted. Missed the representative side...people still contacted club to check about events. Weekly programme – withdrew the 800/1500 but put it back into the later half of the season. Ramblers generally only take over 14's and Bellevue only take under 14. Challenges for upcoming season – 4 main committee members leaving who are leaving after 5-8 years. May be hard for the 4ish remaining members...good structures, programmes and systems in place...just need the people to get it off the ground

Greerton – Monday evening

Bellevue – Tuesday evening

Athletics Tauranga. Not a lot of athlete participation – maybe only 6-10 athletes.

Cambridge – really down on numbers. 180 from 300. 3-6 year olds were around 100. Made it easy to do the groups. Keeping group 14-17 year olds x 3 that run the mini club. Andrew or another parent

2 part refunds for covid this year. 5 parents who approached and only 2 who took it up.

No club champs at all – haven't for the past 3 years. Do champs all year – kids do pb – 1<sup>st</sup> get 3 points, 2<sup>nd</sup> get 2, 3<sup>rd</sup> get 1<sup>st</sup>. Means that who are there each week earn points. 2 events and an 800/1500 for those who want it. RJT training event and do a measured event.

Parent support was challenging trying to keep the numbers down to 100. More pressure on committee members. May be hard to get support this season as parents

Don't get a lot of members who want to go to Ips/relay etc as there are so many other sports around Cambridge. 12-14 x 26 in 2021. This season around 14 12-14 age group. Club night is quite social. When Colgates are local there are more numbers – only a small group of hard core parents who go to ribbon days etc. Not enough kids to offer a lot of

7-9 year old rule change which may help a lot for the relay champs.

Andrew is stepping down as chair person. His children have decided to pursue other sports. He will be available to support officiating when he can...but will be stepping away completely.

Hinemoa – good parent help. Strong mini club. Increased committee. New people with younger kids stepping forward. Good season – not in terms of numbers but Amy McLean is doing a great job. Offered refunds but not a lot took it up. Offer koha to some teenagers to come and help.

Kevin Bradly:

Disconcerted about difference in alignment between schools and clubs.

Big challenge in hurdles 80cm in childrens

70cm in schools

Wants to do workshops in hurdles in thames valley. Promote the events as there aren't many around.

3 strides over 80cm hurdles -

Distance between hurdles – 7m in between hurdles is the key

John Tyldon – problem at the moment – things that need to be changed at north islands need to be changed at Waikato

Secondary Schools has changed.

400m – gr10 is introduced (lanes are full at 10) – drop off around 14 as the event is too challenging

Who advises childrens committee

World athletics guidelines – certain aged children doing specific events – disregarded in NZ

Junior U14 –

NZ champs – just 2

(LOU TO CONTACT BRAD TO GET THE DETAILS ON AGE/RUN GROUPS.)

Sally asked Brad – removed 400 for under 12 year olds. Hurdles – 70cm with 7m spacing in between.

3 stride rhythm into hurdles as soon as possible.

Centre to be using best practice and progression.

Sally – write to the Youth Advisory Group - with recommendations on what we want into our centre and confirming with ANZ what time frames this may actually come through. Hurdles and 400m are what the centre would like to see changes happen with at the forefront. Sally, Dianne and Brad will liaise to get some communication through.

Centre wants to be a leader in this space.

10 year olds -

AGM: Dates for the ribbon days. Porritt stadium will be out of action this side of the season.

Relay champs will need to be in Tauranga. Children's champs will be in Fairfield

Te Awamutu:

12<sup>th</sup> November

Cambridge Pentathlon:

25<sup>th</sup> February

Paeroa:

(Saturday before the champs)

Sarah left meeting at 12.32.

\*check secondary school calendar\*

Porritt Classic – 11<sup>th</sup> February 2023

Children's champs could possibly be 18<sup>th</sup> March

Relay Champ possibly 3<sup>rd</sup> December.

Secondary Schools are the 9<sup>th</sup>-11<sup>th</sup> December

3<sup>rd</sup> June is the cut off date for Remits. To be sent through to Dianne



AGM is 12<sup>th</sup> June