

Athletics Waikato-Bay of Plenty – Children’s Section

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

Meeting opened at: 10.10am

PRESENT: Sandra Murray (Chairperson, Secretary), Sally Kerr (Board), Robin Knowles (Cambridge), Berny Koppens (Cambridge), Jonny McKee (Cambridge), Donna Howitt (Bellevue), Robyn McRae-Aoake (Matamata).

PRESENT VIA ZOOM: Malcolm Taylor (Bellevue), Debbie Burge (Te Aroha), Cam Mumby (Fairfield).

CLUBS PRESENT: Cambridge, Bellevue, Fairfield, Te Aroha, Matamata and Board member

APOLOGIES: Amy McLean (Hinemoa), Nellie Engels (Putaruru), Teresa Mumby (Fairfield), Joan Rawnsley (Paeroa), Paulette Oldeman (Te Puke), Sarah Watson (Te Awamutu), Kelly Albrecht (Lake City).

“moved that the apologies be accepted” Moved – Sandra Murray/Sally Kerr

MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING:

“moved that the minutes of the previous meeting have been accepted” Moved - Sally Kerr/Donna Howitt

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. **Money has been received.**
- 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. **No One heard any complaints.**
- 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? **Not Yet.**
- Tauranga Domain concerns have been heard at Board level (SEE IF ANYTHING WAS MENTIONED AT OPERATIONS MEETING) **This is in general business.**

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.

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, No report at the meeting or before sending out the minutes. There was discussion from the floor;

- **The way in which they had taped off the throws didn't work. They had sectioned off the throws rather than 2 lines of tape running the length of the throws area.**
- **Sally said it was a positive day all round, nice to have a competition after a few years of covid impact and the races ran well.**

Jumps Referee – Ruth Kaiwhata, No report at the meeting or before sending out the minutes.

U16/U18 Inter-Provincial Report I have attached this when it goes out with the minutes. The discussion around this report was as follows;

- Talks with Counties and Auckland looking at an away trip for next season.
- How it can be linked to the Porritt Classic in the morning and bringing in the G12/13 athletes. Criss Strange has been spoken to regarding this.
- Looking at how more people can be involved, athletes and parents. Robin is moving to the South Island but will help to set up the competition for the 2023/2024 season.

GENERAL BUSINESS:

1. Age Flashes
 - a. **Hinemoa** - We want to continue using for as long as we can, they are very handy at club nights in keeping children in their right age grades, particularly when a birthday happens, but they stay in their grade for the season. We also feel it could mean a lot of added effort for ribbon days to use an alternative solution.
 - b. The **Whakatane** committee met on Monday night (in March) and was unanimously in favour of continuing to use age flashes.
 - c. **At the meeting Te Aroha, Fairfield, Bellevue, and Matamata all agreed to keep them. Matamata felt the under 5 for their club may not be necessary though.**
 - d. **Sandra will follow up with Dianne and Joan on where we can order these from for the new season.**
2. Triple Jump/Walks
 - a. **Triple Jump – There is issues around the development of children doing this event. It is available for those interested in this event at Secondary Schools, Open Meeting and the Championships for older athletes. So the children still have the opportunity. A Remit will be placed into the AGM to remove this event from the Children's Competition.**
 - b. **Walks – there are very limited walk judges, and the quality of walkers is on the low side. With the lack of judges could mean that we remove this event from the programme as well. For the AGM, I propose that we don't fully remove this competition but rather don't offer it for the 2023/2024 season to see if there is any feedback for it being available. Please discuss this with your clubs and provide feedback at the AGM.**
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 behaviour is witnessed by their own children and other children in the vicinity.

- a. **Hinemoa** - We have three committee members who are eager to train to be officials, and who attend ribbon days and events regularly, but with Heather having resigned there doesn't seem to be a clear pathway to do so. We have been in touch with Dianne, and Athletics NZ, and Heather did provide links to some online training, but the conversations have not yet progressed, and we are not sure what next steps would be. We are happy to do the training over the winter period, to be able to support next season, but it would be great to have some guidance.
 - b. **From the floor we had the following discussion;**
 - i. **Bruce Wood has advised that there is some world online training but unsure how this is accessed.**
 - ii. **There is interest for the older IP parents to do some official training.**
 - iii. **Fairfield promote official courses.**
 - iv. **Look at how on line would work for training new officials.**
 - v. **See what comes from ANZ and Trevor around this section.**
4. From Matamata Club - 'Support & Training for Club's'
- a. **With the old committee members and New committee members the history of how the club, Childrens and ANZ is lost. The new committee members want to know what the money going out for WBOP and ANZ is giving them as a club. They have had it explained that the club needs to be affiliated with ANZ and to attend Ribbon Days, Colgate and Championship events you need to be fully registered.**
 - b. **The age group managers have been using U-Tube to gain information on coaching or other ways to research this area.**
 - c. **When ANZ was contacted they were directed back WBOP.**
 - d. **Suggested the club travels to another club to gain coaching/training. This isn't any option for many in the club due to work commitments, being a dairy farming community.**
 - e. **The question Robyn asked was what support are other clubs getting?**

Sally advised;

- a. **WBOP money from registrations goes towards wages for Dianne and Kerry Hill in the Bay. It was also used for the position Louise held, until she left, and this position wasn't filled as couldn't afford to and Covid came along. This role was around support and coaching for the Waikato side of WBOP. Money is also used to replace equipment, paid for some events and Open Meetings.**
- b. **ANZ provide support throughout New Zealand, run events and have supported Sally with the Strategic Plan for the area.**

From the floor came the following;

- a. **If committee/club members aren't attending the Children's Meeting or events then they are unaware on how we actually operate and run. How do we encourage more to attend these meetings?**
- b. **Matamata had 200+ athletes with a majority of them attending to run of energy. Do clubs have information on how to run a club night that they could share with clubs who need this.**
- c. **Cambridge pay for 2 coaches for the first night. They walk around with the parents to provide training. It is also about ensuring parents aren't scared to try training and giving them the tools to proceed further down this track.**
- d. **Approaching Criss Strange around coaching as this is his area.**
- e. **WBOP can look at the possibility of providing someone at the beginning of the season for clubs that may require this. What this might look like would depend on the number of clubs asking for assistance.**
- f. **Sally congratulated Matamata for making it through the season with their 200 + athletes.**
- g. **Roby advised that Matamata will be 100 years this coming season. Looking at holding an event Sept/Oct with the date TBC. Providing a selection of events for**

both children and adults. Robyn asked Debbie for assistance with the Major in this area and help from adults on the day will be required. So watch this space.
h. Donna advised that Bellevue is 60 years this season

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.
 - 4th November 23
 - 11th November 23 – Te Awamutu TBC
 - 18th November 23 – Te Awamutu TBC
 - 25th November 23
 - 2nd December 23 – Relay Championship Tauranga TBC
 - 9th December 23 - Relay Championship Tauranga TBC
 - 16th December 23
 - 3rd February 24
 - 10th February 24 – Porritt Classic TBC
 - 18th February 24 (Sunday) – Te Aroha TBC
 - 24th February 24 – Cambridge Pentathlon
 - 2nd March 24
 - 9th March 24
 - 16th March 24 – Children's Championships Porritt TBC
 - 23rd March 24 - Children's Championships Porritt TBC

Porritt is being resealed from September hopefully and depending in the weather will dictate when the track can be used.

As always, the calendar does need to align with other events in the WBOP area over summer. If your club knows when they want their ribbon day, please let Sandra know by the 21/5/23.
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.
 - a. Also, a big thank you to you Sandra, for all you've done in your roles, and the contributions you've made to Athletics in our region (and will continue to do so I'm sure). **Hinemoa Athletics Club** appreciates the dedication you've had for Children's Athletics.
7. Set dates for remits, Ribbon Days, Nominations to be into the Secretary by.
Please have any remits, Ribbon Day Dates, Nominations for President, Minutes Secretary and Competition Secretary to sanben677@gmail.com by 21st May so that the Agenda for the Children's AGM can be out by 25th May 2023 so clubs can discuss if need by the AGM which is booked for Sunday 11th June.
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.

Sally added to this at the meeting;
The structure of the board is President, 2 appointed can be outside athletics and 3 elected. There are currently 3/4 spaces on the board. Sally and Andrew both have children's background. If someone joined the board from Children's they would be

part of the operations committee and chair the children's meetings. This would mean a change to the constitution.

The role held by Louise, until she left, could incorporate being involved with children's. She did take the minutes during the time she was with us. Dianne does 30 hours per week but through Feb/Mar does more than this.

Co-ordination of coaches rather than being the coach.

MALCOLM TAYLOR LEFT THE MEETING 11.20AM.

There is a stakeholders survey going out from the board to fill in and return to Dianne. There is a meeting planned for the 25th June at Cambridge Club rooms which is an open forum to representatives from Schools, Rural clubs, City clubs, children's, outside the athletic community, coaching, athletes 14+ ANZ voice and coaching. The survey has also been emailed out.

The objective from this forum is:

What do clubs want from the centre?

How do you want to be communicated with?

Officiating – did you know this was available? Was the time for this wrong?

What does WBOP want from clubs?

Do we have the right structure?

We want to hear what the people want.

Sally is on holiday late May till Mid June and will be back to put in time to look at the survey prior to the meeting on the 25th June.

9. From Fairfield Club –

Remit 1:

On behalf of our smaller clubs, and discussed with Joan over the season -

Looking at adjusting the rules around team entry for relay champs for smaller clubs combining. Currently they have to have teams essentially ready to enter by that final planning meeting, whereas us larger clubs have at least an extra 2 weeks usually to pull our teams together. I know at that time of year getting early commitment from families is difficult, but as a larger club we can have a rough idea of the composition of the teams we will be entering at that stage and adjust our entries depending on who we can pull in over those next couple of weeks.

I'm looking for a way to allow the smaller clubs in the region that same flexibility, and therefore ability to involve more children. Numbers at relay champs have been dropping, so we definitely have capacity to be more inclusive.

Open to suggestions of what has worked in the past here, but I suggest either clubs being able to raise the intention of combining at that meeting or creating 'cluster clubs' that allow smaller clubs who are geographically linked within WBOP to form teams without prior approval.

From previous meetings, at that time of year clubs are only just getting interest from their athletes in attending relay champs, and we have over recent years begun discussions about creating mixed teams to realise they needed to be confirmed that day. This remit is looking for a way to avoid those children missing out.

Hinemoa - We would back the remit regarding clubs being able to combine for relay champs without prior approval. The focus should be on all kids getting to participate.

Discussion from the meeting;

What is the intent? More participation, some clubs don't have family join until November.

Being able to have a forum prior to the November meeting to decide or discuss who might be joining which club.

Hard to explain to new parents the Relays concept especially if they have only just joined.

With clusters what would this look like/does it need to look like anything? Do we look at the zone concept we used to have years ago for Children's

Championships? Cluster relate to the east/West/North/South.

Do we look at removing the "2 clubs" in the rules?

Is this a guideline or a remit?

Could use a google form and have a template for this.

Fairfield – do you want to word a remit for the AGM?

ROBIN LEFT THE MEETING AT 12 NOON AND MALCOLM REJOINED.

SALLY AND DONNA MADE A PRESENTATION TO SANDRA.

Remit 2:

This is looking to open a discussion, as resolution is probably at a higher level - Over this last season, we have seen the appearance of the 'vaporfly' Nike running shoe in middle distance track events. These shoes are on the 'not approved for competition' list in adult track competition due to the advantage they provide. The concern with this is the potential for a 'bought advantage' that is not available to all children. There is a precedent in swimming with the speed suits which were eventually banned for use in children's competition, due to unfair advantage and the significant cost to keeping up with developments.

The question is should the ban be enforced at a children's level? Do we just put out the information to our families that these shoes are not approved for competition and trust they will follow the guidance? As stated initially, opening a discussion as this I guess will be a developing issue, as shoe technology progresses.

Cam emailed through a link

World Athletics Current Approved Shoe List - 28th April 2023

[https://worldathletics.org/download/download?filename=bee4dcef-7be6-45c8-93ae-5eb5a0b1305f.pdf&urlslug=World%20Athletics%20Approved%20Shoe%20List%20\(as%20at%2028%20April%202023\)](https://worldathletics.org/download/download?filename=bee4dcef-7be6-45c8-93ae-5eb5a0b1305f.pdf&urlslug=World%20Athletics%20Approved%20Shoe%20List%20(as%20at%2028%20April%202023))

World Athletics Shoe Regulations (Rules)

[https://worldathletics.org/download/download?filename=b723c6b6-7d1f-40ad-8b27-1d3f956c6c99.pdf&urlslug=C2.1A%20%E2%80%93%20Athletics%20Shoe%20Regulations%20\(effective%20from%2001%20January%202022\)](https://worldathletics.org/download/download?filename=b723c6b6-7d1f-40ad-8b27-1d3f956c6c99.pdf&urlslug=C2.1A%20%E2%80%93%20Athletics%20Shoe%20Regulations%20(effective%20from%2001%20January%202022))

These shoes are banned at higher level and are appearing at children's level. If clubs can put out to their families that these shoes are not approved at IAAF level.

They have been seen at Colgate and are used more for the middle-distance running.

They are being missed by officials, marshalling, so we suggest that if they are seen that you approach the referee for the day and explain the situation.

This remit was bringing the attention to clubs rather than creating a rule which is already in place at IAAF level.

10. Email from Malcolm Taylor regarding the situation

On 1st May 2023 Priority One had on Tauranga City Council their Business Case for the Boutique Stadium at Tauranga Domain to be included in the next 10 year plan.

The cost of the stadium is now \$220,000,000 with a projected loss of \$15,000,000.00 per annum. My understanding is that Priority One expects Tauranga City Council to pay for 50% of the stadium and the annual loss. Tauranga City Council is the ratepayers of Tauranga.

Tauranga Millennium Track Trust, Tauranga Croquet Club and Tauranga Tennis Club representatives spoke in opposition to the Stadium and one individual spoke in favour claiming 2% of the community were in support of it. He claimed he was a CBD Businessman. The Priority One proposal to be included in the 10 Year Plan is to be considered in September 2023.

Tauranga City Council has formed a working party of Tauranga City Council staff, and representatives of Athletics Tauranga Inc being Kerry Hill and Bruce Cortessi and Tauranga Millennium Track Trust being Murray Clarkson and Malcolm Taylor.

The brief is 1: For the All Weather Athletics Track to remain at Tauranga Domain as is.

2: As above with enhancements.

3: To be relocated to another site.

The Tauranga Millennium Track Trust will continue to oppose the Boutique Stadium at Tauranga Domain in association with Tauranga Croquet Club, Tauranga Tennis Club and Bay Park Speedway.

Tauranga City Council cannot afford to have 2 or 3 stadiums incurring losses hence they want to remove the Bay Park Stadium, the third stadium would be an All Weather Athletics track with a Grandstand suggested at Bay Park.

Malcolm Taylor

There was discussion on how Athletics Tauranga spoke to this for the smaller clubs as well as themselves without their consent.

There is the possibility that in 2026 Tauranga may hold the Colgate Games, so answers regarding what is happening there would be appreciated. When the last Colgates were held in Tauranga the Committee was formed 2 years out to begin planning.

The stadium needs to be available to support all athletes.

- 11. Bellevue voiced their concerns about a parent who had gone above the clubs competition secretary to enter the children's championships, dispute the club asking on multiply occasions. Another club had the same thing happen to them. Sandra has advised that this won't be happening this coming season. Only allowed this season due to what we have been through over the past few years.**
- 12. Bellevue have provided a quote for accommodation for the Auckland Colgate Games should anyone be interested. If you would prefer a better look at this Donna's email is donna-howitt@yahoo.co.nz and I'm sure she can email it directly to you. Bellevue uses these type of quotes to get funding/grants through NZCT which is a community trust.**

Following are unavailable
 Kings - not available
 Emailed epsom girls multiple times and no reply.
 Mount Albert Grammar closed then

Following are available
 All prices ext GST

	Accom per person per night	Breakfast	Lunch	Dinner	Distance	Room options
Auckland Grammar	\$45 (+ 12 linen) So \$57	\$14	\$15	\$23	10km	60 beds are in dorms (3 single beds and a set of bunk) Single/double rooms available. Split males and fem two different areas so that they have separate b Linen includes two sheets, two towels, a pillow duvet cover and a duvet inner
St Cuthbert's	72 (+\$250 cleaning fee) So maybe \$75 \$2000 bond	\$15.50	\$17.50	\$21.50	7km	4 single rooms. 2 triple share. 4 x 4 wings which have a partition between room 4 x 5 wings which have a partition between room Mattress protector and bottom sheet provided.
Sacred Heart	\$45 (single room) Or \$35 single dorm + \$12/linen	\$15	\$10/15	\$20	10km	- One dorm has x24 single cubicles on the first floor the ground floor and x6 with a lounge/meeting room between floors. - One dorm has x24 single cubicles on the ground floor x24 single cubicles on the first floor. Both floors meeting room each and share a large lounge area are also two single bedrooms on the ground floor own bathroom and laundry facility, usually used - One dormitory has single room accommodation single rooms in total, ground and first floor come a lounge meeting room.

No other business so the Meeting closed: 12.30pm and lunch was shared with those who attended the meeting.

Next meeting: AGM 11th June. It was decided that we will hold this meeting via zoom. Winter sport saw a number not attend this meeting, so by June there will be more sport. **The zoom meeting will be held 7.30pm Sunday 11th June.**

If anyone has any questions regarding anything relating to this meeting or in general, please contact me and I will see if I can answer your questions.