

Athletics Waikato-Bay of Plenty – Children’s Section

AGM Minutes

Minutes for the Annual General Meeting held on 11th June 2023, via zoom/teams.

Proxy votes: NONE

Meeting opened at: 7.36pm

PRESENT: Sandra Murray (Chairperson), Teresa Mumby (Fairfield), Andrew Langman (Board), Joan Rawnsley (Paeroa), Jayson Benge (Bellevue), Robyn (Matamata), Robin Knowles (Cambridge), Michale O’Hagan (Whakatane), Sarah Watson (Te Awamutu), Jonny McKee (Cambridge), Malcolm Taylor (Bellevue)

CLUBS PRESENT: Fairfield, Paeroa, Bellevue, Matamata, Cambridge, Te Awamutu, Whakatane, Board Member.

APOLOGIES: Cam Melrose (Te Aroha), Donna Howitt (Bellevue)
“move that the apologies be accepted” Joan Rawnsley/Teresa Mumby

MINUTES OF THE 2022 AGM: deemed a true and accurate record
Sandra Murray/Joan Rawnsley

MATTERS ARISING FROM THE 2022 AGM:

- There was no competition for the G12/13 athletes 2022/2023 season.

CORRESPONDENCE IN:

Resignation from Sandra Murray as Chairperson and Minutes Secretary. She is happy to continue as Competition Secretary.

Ribbon Day Dates and Nominations

Information on when NZ Track and Field is being held and NZ Secondary Schools.

CORRESPONDENCE OUT:

Agenda for AGM 2023

Minutes from AGM 2022

Invitations for Zoom Meeting

“Move to accept the inward correspondence and approve the outward correspondence”.

Jayson Benge/Sarah Watson

REPORTS:

Chairman’s Report:

CHILDREN’S CHAIRPERSON’S REPORT 2022-2023

Registrations for the 2022-2023 season show there were 3968 athletes registered from 33 clubs; this is a increase of 572 from last season. This season there was very little disruption from Covid and most clubs were able to continue as they had pre this pandemic. As I said last year in my report, some clubs have made changes to the way their club nights run, which came about from processes they put into place to work through the pandemic.

Ribbon Days were held by Whakatane, Bellevue, Fairfield, Te Awamutu and Paeroa. Sadly, Lake City was cancelled due to a concert held on the track, making it unusable for a Ribbon Day. Te Aroha also had to cancel their day due to Cyclone Gabrielle but did hold a twilight meeting on a Friday at the end of their season which was enjoyed by all that attended. They may look at doing something

similar again for the next season. Cambridge held their Pentathlon, which as always was well run by the club.

In December we held our **Relay Championships** at Tauranga, where 11 clubs participated. This season we brought in what had been discussed from the AGM in 2021, regarding the 7–8-year-olds relays. This was to ensure ALL parents are aware of what is happening for this age group, and it would be discussed at the managers meeting that there will be discretion for the referee about leniency for the 7–8-year-olds on baton changes. If another team has not been impeded, then there will be no disqualification. All infringements would still be documented, and officials would still pass onto the referee, however; it will be ultimately up to the referee as to final decision. I don't recall there being any issues or concerns regarding this, which allowed the day to run smoothly. The Walks were held alongside the Relay Championships with the Triple Jump Competition being held at the Cambridge Pentathlon. These events may be removed from the calendar for next season due to lack of Walk Judges and athletes for both events.

Waikato/BOP Children's Championships was held at Porritt Stadium 18th March which saw 305 competitors this year from 19 clubs throughout the Waikato/Bay of Plenty area. This was down from last year, but it was still a wonderful day for those who attended. I would like to thank those who organised the Officials for me, which takes the pressure of me as Competition Secretary. Thank you also for the Fairfield Club who set up the event and all the officials and volunteers that stepped forward to ensure the day runs as smoothly as it does.

Waikato-Bay of Plenty G14 – U18, - Presented by Robin Knowles and I have taken key points from his report presented at Mid-Winter Forum.

In 2023 we had 40 active athletes competing for the Waikato Bay of Plenty IPs Team. This consisted of 19 females and 21 males, competing from January 1st till April 16th (local, national, and international competitions were included). The athletes amassed an overall total of 159 Personal Bests (PB's) this season (three athletes did not register their season starting PBs, so their PB counts were not included). [2022 Team was 37 athletes, 18 females and 19 males, with a total of 82 known PB's]. We were not able to recover all the costs this year, due to athletes intending to join, yet did not contribute financially or register any event performances (did not compete). With support from the following businesses; Da-Silva Builders, Smith Sports Shoes, and Ako Engineers, we have been able to reward (prizes) a larger group of athletes this season as well as use some of the donations to create a raffle to raise funds for the 2024 season competition.

The following prizes are to be awarded

- U18 Boys 1st – 4th Placings for personal bests
- U18 Girls 1st – 4th Placings for personal bests
- U16 Boys 1st – 4th Placings for personal bests
- U16 Girls 1st – 4th Placings for personal bests
- T-Shirt Photo competition
- IP Competition performances

The competition has been evolving over the last three seasons. The point system has been developed through the committee, with maximum points (1200) based on secondary school's national records.

Certificate awards are awarded to athletes that achieve a Merit and Excellence standard.

The IP's management team collected athlete and parent voice to gain a deeper understanding to support and nurture our athletes and their parents in a sport they love for the upcoming 2023/2024 season. The feedback was completed by 25% of the athletes.

The main athlete request was for the return of a feature team event.

- 2020 was the last time we had a trip, Massey University, held over the 29th January weekend.

The management group feel that this does not need to be an overnight event, instead an organised group trip could fit the requirements.

- We are also currently in discussions with Auckland and Counties Manukau regarding a tri-series type event. We go to them, and they come to us.

Stats from the athletes highlight that the majority feel the IP's helps them to:

- be connected with a wider group in the sport @ 78%,
- feel part of a team and not an individual @ 78%,
- work on their own goals @ 89%,
- felt they could do a range of events @ 77%, while not being told what events to do

▫ felt they could compete against a range of athletes and share in other's successes @ 67% .
Recommendations for change is as follows

- We continue to use all the events on the circuit, within the competition window. All open meets, classics, nationals and schools events are open to the IP athletes
- Work with Auckland on a Tri Series event – with us running one event in our region
- Discuss with the region about what can be done on our Calender for an event, current suggestion is to have it prior to the Porritt Classic, with some sprint finals during the event. We would need approval and buy in from the events management. It could bring an extra 60 athletes to the event (not within the main event).
- Find ways to help parents connect throughout the season so they know the other athletes
- Athletes voice group, 4 athletes have raised their hands to be part of this and 2 are a maybe
- Set up ways to help fundraise for the 2023/2024 season from the current prizes to ensure there is money in the account to assist with some of the initiatives for the 2024 event
- We need more parents to be involved as it is currently not sustainable

Waikato-Bay of Plenty G12/13 Inter-Provincial team – there was discussion around what this would look like for this season. However, nothing got off the ground so we can only hope Athletics NZ and the Youth Advisory have plans in place so that there is some form of competition for 2023/2024.

Administration: This season I continued as Chairperson of Operations, but with Andrew resigning from Cambridge and the Children's side of the organisation I was the only delegate from Childrens. There was an attempt to find the second delegate, so this will need to be addressed in the AGM so that 2 delegates attend these meetings. Again, this year they meetings were all via Zoom, which has been the preferred option by most of this committee again.

This year I have decided to step down as Children's Chairperson, which was a hard decision after 7 years in the role. With the resignation of Louise last year and no one stepping up as minutes secretary, I have felt it has only been me holding this committee together. I also have struggled with some of the decisions coming from Athletic NZ and the Youth Advisory. I feel that some of my views regarding what is coming from our organisation, may not reflect that of someone, who holds a chair position within this organisation. I will continue as Competition Secretary but would encourage anyone that is interested to step up and learn this role. I would like to thank those who have supported me through the last 7 years in this role with their knowledge and history relating to Childrens Athletics. With the discontinuation of NZ Children's certainly changed how information was shared out to centres and clubs and a considerable amount of knowledge was lost.

We welcomed Dianne Rodgers into the role of Administrator for WBOP and she has done an amazing job not only for children, but all areas of our sport. Sally Kerr from the Board continues to support Children's and offer support when required and with Andrew Langman also now a representative on the Board I feel children will continue to be supported strongly in this area.

Sadly, Heather O'Hagan has resigned from her role as Official co-ordinator and as an official. I wish her well with her retirement and thank her for all the work she did through the years in this role. There are many of us who have become officials under her guidance, learnt even more as we worked alongside her and totally appreciated everything, she did to increase the number of officials. Her replacement still needs to be found, so for the moment there is a gap in this section of the sport.

I feel this season may be the beginning of a new faze for children, depending on the nominations for Chairperson and minutes secretary at the AGM. What this may look like will reflect the contribution we receive from the children's clubs. Over the past years the number of Children's clubs attending our meetings has dropped off considerably. With this drop off has seen a loss of knowledge throughout the centre, especially around 'why we do what we do' as well as the rules we have to support competition events, uniforms and all aspects of Children's Athletics. Though I'm stepping away from my positions, I'm still available to answer questions or direct you to those who can.

I believe we have managed this season 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"

Sandra Murray/Michael O'Hagan

Financial Report: This is just an approximate amount in each account.

Westpac 6 th April 2023	\$27,564.57 (Colgate account)
Westpac Term Deposit 2023	\$10,000.00
BNZ Children's 28 th February 2023	\$18,994.89 (travel account)
BNZ 14/18 IP Account, this was last season balance	\$1,875.89

GENERAL BUSINESS:

1) **ELECTION OF OFFICERS**

Chairman: Teresa Mumby Nomination from Bellevue/Greerton & Cambridge

Minute Secretary: Sarah Watson Nomination from Fairfield/Paeroa

Competition Secretary: Sandra Murray Nomination from Bellevue/Fairfield

All three positions were voted on unanimously.

2) **Inter-provincial Co-ordinator:**

Selectors - Grade 14, U16, U18:

Managers - Grade 14, U16, U18:

No selectors are required for this event, due to athletes coming forward to say they want to be part of the team, which happens once interest shown.

No managers are required for this event, parent help is requested from the athlete's parents.

The most important aspect is getting the information out to the athletes of this age group, either via clubs or directly to the athletes.

Looking at involving G12/13 as well within this group.

Criss and Debbie have a high-performance group, so supporting them with this age group.

Delegates to WaiBOP Operations

1. Teresa Mumby

2. Sarah Watson

Reserve: Sandra Murray to support the above 2 for this season.

All three positions were voted unanimously.

Delegates to ANZ AGM/ClubNet – These positions were relevant when NZ Childrens was operating, so no longer relevant. The Centre will send representatives and all Children's Club can send delegates to this, if they are affiliated to Athletics New Zealand.

3) **RIBBON DAY REQUESTS**

Final dates for the Ribbon Day calendar to be confirmed after Australia, Athletics NZ and WBoP Seniors have set the Track and Field Calendar

2023

4th November 23
 11th November 23 – Fairfield TBC
 18th November 23 – Te Awamutu
 25th November 23 - Whakatane TBC
 2nd December 23 – Relay Championship and Walk Championships Tauranga
 8th-10th December 23 – Secondary Schools Christchurch 50th Year
 15th December 23 -
 3rd February 24
 10th February 24 – Porritt Classic TBC
 18th February 24 (Sunday) – Te Aroha
 24th February 24 – Cambridge Pentathlon
 2nd March 24 - Bellevue
 9th March 24 - Paeroa
 14th-17th March 24 – NZ Track and Field, Wellington
 23rd March 24 - Children's Championships Porritt

Robin mentioned that the Seniors may use the Cambridge Track for some of their meetings as Porritt will be out of action with a new track being laid. There maybe the possibility that Fairfield could use the Cambridge Track if needed for their Ribbon Day.

4) **Children's Committee Meeting dates:**

8 th October 23	For Ribbon Day Referee's (Zoom)
19 th November 23	Relay confirmation of officials etc. (Zoom)
10 th March 24	Confirmation of Officials Children's Champs (Zoom)
5 th May 24	Mid-Winter Forum
9 th June 24	Children's AGM

5) **Setting of Fees for Relay Championship, Children's Championship:**

Relays (to cover cost of medals) per team entry

Fees set at 2022 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:

Relay Championships \$3.00	Children's Championship	\$5.00
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(The printing of the Programmes for both events need to be sourced. Does anyone know someone?)

Sarah will follow up with Rose Town Print to see if they might be able to assist.

We have allocated money for IP's. I propose we continue to do this so there is money available should ANZ come forward with options or we as a centre offer something. Thoughts?

Decided to continue allocating this money as there maybe so form of hubs being considered for the IP's.

6) **Athletics Waikato-Bay of Plenty Centre AGM:**

Nominations for Arbitration Panel – (Sandra Murray and Joan Rawnsley did this last season)

May need new nominations. Will keep as we had from last AGM.

Sarah Watson/Robin Knowles

7) **Signatories for the Children's Travel Account**

Current signatories are: Sandra Murray, Joan Rawnsley, Dianne Rodger. Will follow up with Dianne as to whether we actually got this set up. Will need to replace Sandra Murray. Decided to keep as they are for this season as changing signatories is a struggle.

Jayson Benge/Sarah Watson

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9) **Gr 12, 13 Inter-provincials (Do we need to continue to include this?)**

"It was moved to apply for funding from the funding agencies for travel and accommodation assistance when applications are due for the Gr 12, 13 Interprovincial team"

Sarah Watson/Jayson Benge

10) From Fairfield Club – **This was presented at Mid-Winter do we wish to continue with this at the AGM. I have added below what was discussed at Mid-Winter.**

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?

There was a discussion and it was decided that we would do the following

- i. remove the word 'two' from clause 8, 4 x 100m Relay.
- ii. Remove the word 'two' from clause 8 i, 4 x 100m Relay.
- iii. Remove ALL the words in clause 8 ii, 4 x 100m Relay.
- iv. This change won't deny a slower or younger athlete from the club being included in any of their teams. This isn't part of the rules but the intention behind this change.

Joan Rawnsley moved that make these above changes for the 4 x 100m Relay and the Field Relay, but NOT the Medley Relay and see how it goes for the 2023/2024 season. All on the zoom meeting agreed with these changes.

11) Triple Jump/Walks - the below comes from the Mid-winter minutes, please decided what we will do this season for these 2 events.

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.

There was discussion around the Triple Jump which was;

- i. It is offered as part of the Secondary School Events so G13/14 can compete there.
- ii. It is offered as part of the Open Meets, so again G13/14 can compete there.
- iii. We will remove if for the 2023/2024 season as there is limited expertise to coach this event.
- iv. We will see if we receive any feedback with this not being offered for the 2023/2024 season and discuss at the Mid-Winter forum what the ongoing affect will be for this event.
- v. Was unanimously voted on the above.

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 itt being available. Please discuss this with your clubs and provide feedback at the AGM.

There was discussion around the Walks which was;

- i. To keep this event as it gives athletes the opportunity between Relays and Colgate the opportunity to learn and develop the skill.
- ii. Encourage them as they could be the next Craig Barrett.
- iii. If clubs are entering athletes for the Walks, observe if they can actual do this event and possibly have a conversation with them before entering.
- iv. Malcolm Taylor could run a Walks Clinic prior to the event to give them the relevant information for this event.
- v. It was voted to unanimously keep the Walks Championships in with Relays.

12) Reminder for clubs to pay their Affiliation Fees to ANZ, clubs should have received an email.

13) Centre AGM TBA

14) Reminder that Age Flashes will continue to be used throughout the Centre and Sandra will ask Dianne to follow up where we might be able to access these.

15) There is a concern that the information that is being sent to clubs by either Dianne or the Children's Secretary may not be getting to everyone. Teresa form Fairfield suggested that if club committee members sign up as Volunteers through Gameday, then as a centre we should be able to access their emails and they will receive the information that is currently going out to all clubs. They

will also be police vetted and we can have access to a wider community than we currently are, which hopefully will see more participants at our Children's Meeting.

16) Matamata will be celebrating 100 years this season. They are having their AGM the end of June and Robyn is concerned that the club may go into recess. She is hopefully there may be some response from the AGM, as waiting till the first club night isn't ideal for organising anything.

17) Joan thanked Sandra for her work over the years on behalf of all clubs for the work she has put in to support Children's Athletics in the WBOP centre.

Meeting closed: 8.40pm
Secretary