

## **AAI BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING**

**Thursday 11 August 2016, 7pm Athletics Auckland Office**

**Present:** Murray McKinnon (President), Peter Wyatt, Dianne Craddock, Rodger Brickland, Jim Hogg, Fiona Maisey, Bryce Hall, David Sim, Simon Yarrow, Niko Toluono, Raewyn Rodger (Secretary).

**Apologies:** Sasha Daniels, Peter Booker

**Confirmation of Previous Minutes:**

- The minutes of 14/7/16 were accepted.

**Moved PW, Seconded BH, Carried.**

**Matters Arising:**

- ANZ AGM - No contentious issues. Good attendance from local Auckland Clubs. Club Connect sessions on Saturday very good. New ANZ Strategic Plan in draft process.

- **Correspondence:**

**In:**

- Various Club/Athletics queries

**Out:**

- Various Sectional Correspondence
- AAI AGM Minutes distributed to Clubs and uploaded to Website
- XCR Event Information
- Grant Application to North & South NZ Road Championships

**Reporting: Office/Development/Sections:**

- Reports: T&F and XCR reports distributed to Board and taken as read (copies attached to minutes).
- No Junior Report, nothing to report.

**World Master Games**

- No Report – Karen away until Mid August.
- WMG representatives attended NZ Cross Country Championships at Auckland Domain 7/8/16. This will be the same venue used for the WMG XC.

**Financial Management:**

- Monthly Financials 1/7/16 – 31/7/16 Financial Statements passed.

**Moved JH, Seconded PW, Carried.**

### **Risk:**

- **Stadium Strategy:** PW had a meeting with RFA Officials around calendar dates for summer season. If it is not possible to use Mt Smart as per our contractual calendar of events submitted due to concerts, then we need to be advised promptly so alternative venues can be booked before they too are booked for other events. Board discussed issues around the continued loss of Mt Smart for concerts throughout the summer. We are still waiting to hear back regarding dates that have been sent to Mt Smart. Look to also work in with Athletics WBOP.

### **Work Plan:**

- **Coaching:** Athletics Auckland is about to kick off two important coaching initiatives for clubs and schools. These projects will aim to increase the coaching capacity and capability for our members and to assist school pupils in achieving more active and healthy lifestyles through athletics-based activity. Funding is confirmed for these programmes and we now need to recruit a pool of coaches to deliver the programmes which will begin in the October 2016 and run through to March/April 2017.
- The level of coaching provided in these programmes is basic athletics techniques for members and parents to increase the knowledge and capability in clubs. The second programme is focused on strength, fitness and co-ordination sessions for the schools, the first pilot programme of which involves schools in the Papakura area.
- This information has been uploaded onto AAI website and Facebook with interest already received back from interested parties. Karen will be coordinating these Initiatives on her return.
- **Annual Business Plan 2016/17:** PW asked the Board to think about the AAI Work Plan for 2016/17 season. Board discussed strategies around social media, and increased membership/participation. Once Business Plan updated Niko and Simon will concentrate on Communications/Marketing/Branding. Discussion was around profiling people to make athletics okay to be recreational. Bryce and David will help with the Coaching initiative as we are not meeting the current demand of our 10 year onwards membership. Clubs should be using the Get Set Go and Run Jump Throw programmes for their 5 – 10 year olds.
- PW has spoken to ANZ Marketing Manager and he is keen to meet with Niko/Simon to coordinate different initiatives.
- BH asked about Reporting on targets of 5 year plan. PW advised it is done annually by the Board
- **Office:** The Board had further discussion around paid office roles - Sport Development Officer, Event Management Officer and Part Time Marking Manager.
- **Photo Finish Room:** FM and RR advised the Board that the equipment in the Photo Finish Room needs to be looked at by a knowledgeable Technician before the season starts. There is gear that is not working and if this needs to be replaced it needs to be sourced from outside NZ. The room also needs to be cleaned up with cables etc correctly labeled and put into their respectful cases or on shelving. RR to contact Malcolm Maisey to see if he would be available to come in and check everything out.

### **General Business:**

- Assessment of Officials Coordinator role how it is going and if there is a need for assistance.
- MM passed around a programme schedule of the NZ athletes competing in Rio.
- Apology from JH September Board Meeting.

- FM asked from a H&S point of view if we should have our own Defibrillator on site. There is one in the main Mt Smart office but it is not accessible after hours. It would also be taken to out of stadia events. It would require a person trained to use it. It may be a grant application item. The Board will have further discussion around this.

**Meeting closed 9.18pm**

**Next Meeting: 8/9/2016**

### **Track & Field Convenor Report August 2016**

1. ***Events summary***

2. ***Championships***

New Zealand Secondary Schools Championships December 2016 .

Allocation of venue resolve, deposits paid, preparation of event commenced.

Road Race location viewed on 5/8/2016 requires Auckland Parks approval part road closure being followed up.

Budget being prepared in the order of \$55,000.00 to \$60,000.00.

Draft programme prepared subject to number of entries and confirmation of Friday start time.

Hamer/Discus cage to be disassemble, reassemble Trust and return.

3. ***New equipment***

Pole vault cover installed problem with water ponding looking at ways to eliminate.

Purchase of new equipment details awaiting upgrade of revised quote due to dollar movement.

No action until Europe returns from holiday 24 August.

Electronic measuring devices are investigating laser system (refer attached details.)

4. ***Coaching Nil***

5. ***Masters***

Continued discussions with Trevor Spittle/Peter Booker/Karen Hinkley re running of track and field, up dated budget has been approved. Equipment purchase as soon as revised price is back. EDM refer above.

6 Programme to Mt Smart awaiting information to allow it to be published.

7 ***Nationals***

Track & Field nationals to be held in Hamilton discussion to how large a team and whether athletes will make their own way.

Peter Booker – T&F Convenor.

### **CROSS COUNTRY & ROAD REPORT – 11 August 2016.**

#### **GRAND PRIX:**

- Since our last report we have had GP5 (Cross Country Championships).
- Challenging course due to muddy conditions at Barry Curtis Park. Well attended in all grades. First time the Senior Women have run over 10 km following the IAAF change

effective this season. A large number of the officials were given duties similar to the ones they would fill at the ANZ XC Championships two weeks later.

The racing gave the selectors a final look at athletes for the Auckland Team for Nationals. Full teams were selected in all Grades U18 and above.

- The Road Championships at Bruce Pulman Park will be the final event in the GP Series in two weekend's time. Planning is underway catering for both walks and running. Teams for the ANZ Road Championships in Masterton in early September will be selected. Again we are looking to field teams in all Grades U18 and above.

#### 2016 ANZ XC CHAMPIONSHIPS / OCEANIA 2016 XC CHAMPIONSHIPS:

- The ANZ Cross Country Championships, as a pre run for World Masters, were held at the Domain last Sunday. Saturday was set up day with the tents and course being set up. Fortunately all sport was cancelled for the weekend to preserve the ground for our event – our thanks to Auckland Council for that. Also a big thank you to the AAI people who spent many hours in setting up the event.
- Sunday morning the sun shone and the overnight high wind had dried much of the “sloppy” ground.
- Just over 500 entries were received making it the largest field in recent years – nearly 150 up on 2015 in Canterbury. This bodes well for a better than breakeven in the financials.
- The Auckland Clubs really came to the event – the junior races were very well supported number-wise. The U11's were treated exactly the same as the Championship races making them feel a little bit special according to feedback received.
- My thanks to the Selectors and Geoff Haigh (AAI Manager) for their time and expertise.
- 50 officials kept the program to time and processed the athletes through the finish area. My thanks to all of them including those from as far away as Wellington.
- This was also the Oceania Championships for U18, U20 and Senior Grades. Yvonne Mullins, from Oceania was one of the medal presenters along with some of NZ's leading athletes and ANZ personnel.
- Comments received by ANZ and via email after the event mentioned that the whole event – course presentation, course and event management – was the best people had seen in recent years. From the Grandstand area a view of 85%plus of the course is possible.
- Chris Bird, WMG2017, was there for the Senior races to view how we performed in our “warm-up” event. He is satisfied with the planning, performance and personnel.
- Auckland Council have told us to apply early for the 2017 ANZ XC Championships at the Domain – so it may be possible to hold them there. Failing that we have alternatives at Barry Curtis or Pukekohe Showgrounds.
- At the Monday review / hand back with Auckland Council they were very pleased with the cleanliness of the Grandstand building and the minimal wear and tear on the grounds. At the Friday hand over there was an expectation that some damage was going to be sustained. They did ask us to “protect” the ground as much as possible – this was done.

- There were no incidents with athletes or protests leaving the Jury of Appeal free to enjoy the VIP Lounge food and beverages and watch the races from the top of the Grandstand.
- The TD Report from John McBrearty will form the basis of any review by AAI for both the WMG2017 and the 2017 ANZ Championships. His comments to myself and Paul during and after the event were all positive.

#### HALF MARATHON CHAMPIONSHIPS.

We are, as per my last report, entering into a “partnership” with Running Events for this event. Each AAI athlete competing will receive a discount and AAI will receive some funds.

#### ANZ ROAD CHAMPIONSHIPS.

- All the details (airfares, accommodation, etc) have been completed.
- I will be the Team Manager for this event.
- Funding has been applied for as per my last report.

Dianne Craddock