

Athletics Auckland Incorporated.
Minutes of the 2020 Annual General Meeting.

Held in The Officials Lounge, Mt Smart 23rd July 2020 at 7.00pm
Also by Google Meet

Present:

Life Members: Murray McKinnon (President), Jim Hogg (Treasurer), Rodger Brickland, Dianne Craddock, Peter Booker (Via Google Meet)

Board Members: David Sim (AAI Board Chairman), Bryce Hall, Daniel Lewis, Leigh Keefe

Delegates & Invited Guests: Raewyn Rodger (Secretary to the Board), Bryan Bates (University), Keith Procter (University), Neil Bartlett (Coaching Development), Grant Pepper (RWA), Meryl Hartshorne (Takapuna), Michael Hartshorne (Takapuna), Fiona Herbert (Hillsborough), Sue Potter (ACA), Julie Collard (Owairaka), Nick Moore (Owairaka), Chris Day (Pakuranga), Kirsten Marx (Pukekohe), Kate Snushall (Pt Chev via Google Meet), Eric Sila (Papakura via Google Meet)

Welcome by AGM Chairman:

- Murray McKinnon called the meeting to order and welcomed all Honorary Life Members, Honorary Officers and attendees to the AAI AGM. He then appointed David Sim as Chairman for the meeting.

Apologies:

- Alex Radley (Board), Denise Cheese, (Eastern), Tony Sargisson (RWA), Hamish Meacham (Athletics NZ), John Cornaga (AAI Life Member), Paul Craddock (ACA), Cameron Mackey (Hillsborough), Derek Williams (Waitakere) Anthony Curry, Karen Davison

Apologies received: Moved Bryce Hall, Sec Jim Hogg, Carried

Obituaries:

- Murray McKinnon assumed the chair for Obituaries and asked that we remember those in our sport who died during the year and the contributions they have made to athletics. He acknowledged the following from his Presidents report Sir Peter Snell KNZM, OBE, MBE, Dennis Dickey (Lynndale), Clyth MacLeod (Owairaka), Lawrie Mihaljevich (University), Garth Gilmore (Co-Founder Auckland Joggers Club), Ross Dallow MNZM, QPM, NZSSM (Erebus). The Meeting observed a moments silence.

Minutes of the 2019 AGM:

- The minutes of the AAI AGM 4th July 2019 previously circulated were approved as a true and accurate record.

Moved Michael Hartshorne, Sec Bryce Hall, Carried

Matters Arising: Nil

Appointment of Scrutineers: None Required

President's Report:

- Murray Mckinnon spoke to his report which had been previously distributed with AAI AGM information and incorporated into the AAI Annual Report. He reviewed events throughout the year highlighting the Auckland Record in the U18Women 4 x 100 of 47.65 set at the NZ T&F Championships in Christchurch March 2020. He also highlighted the World Athletics Heritage plaque which was awarded posthumously to Arthur Lydiard under the legends category for his outstanding contribution to worldwide history and development of athletics. The plaque was presented to Athletics NZ at the Sir Graeme Douglas meeting in February 2020. He also made mention of the combined Auckland T&F Championships bringing together athletes of all ages. He once again presented trophies and Certificates at the annual Junior Prize Giving and commended the Junior Section on acknowledging excellence within the sport. He finished with congratulating the Cross Country and Road Section on putting together a season within the restraints of Covid19. A copy of President's Report is attached to the Minutes.

Moved Murray McKinnon, Sec Mark Trotman, Carried.

- David Sim resumed the Chair and presented Murray Mckinnon with his Silver Tray now engraved, which had previously been given to him at a Senior Track & Field Saturday Meet in November 2019. This celebrates Murray's 50 years announcing for AAI.

Financial Report:

- Jim Hogg presented the AAI 2019/20 Financial Accounts which have been audited by JSA Audit Ltd. Audit Report attached to Financial Accounts.

The accounts were moved for Approval: Moved Jim Hogg, Sec Bryce Hall, Carried

Comments to the Financials

- Board Statement of Profit and Loss shows a Board operating profit of \$1,196 for the Financial year. AAI received both Wage Subsidies for the three staff it employees but while some is reflected in the 2019/20 accounts the majority will be reflected in the 2020/21 accounts. The Sections P/L shows an operating profit for T&F \$24,685, Cross Country & Road \$20,495 and operating loss for Juniors \$6,367. The Balance sheet remains static overall. Jim advised increased T&F and XCR depreciation expenses on equipment. Purchasing of the equipment was offset by World Masters Games Legacy Funding which the Board acknowledges.
- Chris Day (Pakuranga) asked with the overall reserves approaching \$600,000 what the Board has in place via its Strategic Plan and Business Plan to implement spending of these funds.

Jim advised that reserves in some areas are long standing. There is also a paragraph added into the Financial Notes of the 2015/16 Accounts:

Changes in Accounting Policies

There have been no material changes in accounting policies during the year, however The Board acting on advice are maintaining a reserve of \$200,000 to preserve the going concern of AAI for a minimum of one financial year.

He also stressed that as per many Volunteer organisations, it was getting harder to recruit and keep Volunteers which is leading to the prospect of more paid staff.

David Sim advised as per October 2019 Board Minutes

Business Plan now finalised with initiatives and tasks identified from Strategic Plan to be implemented over next 5 years. These include a number of tasks for Coaching, Officials and the three sections. DS hopes that Section Meetings will work through the plan and report back to the Board on how they are achieving initiatives

It was also noted that the overall reserves are made up from the Board and three separate sections whose accounts are completed and audited as one, but the sections are responsible for their own funds.

2020/21 Board Budget:

Jim Hogg presented the Board Budget previously approved by the AAI Board. Covid19 – AAI has responded well to lockdown and after initial fears of an extreme reduction in Registration numbers, it looks like it is turning a corner. The budget is still reflecting a registration reduction by a third but with Grant funding harder to secure the budget figures may even out in these two areas.

Moved Jim Hogg, Sec Dianne Craddock, Carried

Chris Day (Pakuranga) asked why the Board had increased the Registration fee for the U7 athletes from \$5 to \$8 with what his club perceives as no return in value for this age group. He was also critical of certain events not been introduced early enough into Junior programmes, eg: Hurdles and Walks

As per Board Mins March 2020:

Two clubs have responded by email regarding 2020/21 AAI fee increases. Board discussed emails, concluding that Neil is to continue with Club Training Coaching sessions. Junior Section to continue (as per previous season) to run a 2-hour RJT or similar event for U7 membership. While the U7 membership is not eligible to compete in Centre events they are still part of a bigger whole within the athletics family.

Neil Bartlett is working with the Junior Section to implement Get Set Go into Clubs for U7 Athletes and Run Jump Throw for athletes up to 12 years. He will be liaising with clubs around this. He will also liaise with the Junior Section around introducing more events for the Junior Section.

Leigh Keefe, new Junior Convenor advised that some Junior Clubs do facilitate events for this age group with approx.6 Ribbon Days through the summer season. The Junior Section would like to offer some form of support to the clubs for hosting these events for the Under 7s age group.

It was also noted that the AAI Membership fees were the least of the three fees paid by an athlete, incorporating club and Athletic NZ fees.

Merit Awards:

- No Nominations

Honorary Life Membership:

- No Nominations

Election of Officers:

- **President:** No Nomination Received
Board recommended Murray McKinnon. Elected.

Carried

- **Patron:** No Nominations, position not filled

Murray McKinnon assumed the chair for the election of Board Members:

- **Board of Directors: 2 Vacancies, 2 Nominations.**
David Sim, Bryce Hall
Elected Unopposed.

- **Auditor:** No Nomination Received
Board recommended JSA Audit Ltd. Elected.

Carried

- **Treasurer:** no Nomination Received
Board recommended Jim Hogg Elected,

Carried

- **Legal Adviser:** No nominations, Position not filled
Seconded as necessary.

General Business:

- Covid19 – After initial fears that there would not be a Cross Country and Road season at all the XCR Section reports that after their first event on 20/6/20 once the country moved into Level 1 they have been pleased with the entry numbers. They have completed 4 events with their 5th this Saturday 25/7/20. While Event dates have been condensed a full season of racing is being achieved.
- Eric Sila (Papakura) advised that the Papakura Club in conjunction with JW Field of Dreams is promoting a 2 Hour Racetrack Run on Sunday 16th August at the Hampton Downs Raceway.

- Papakura Club would also like clarification on the clash between the NZ Road Championships (due to Covid has been postponed until Saturday 7th November) which will coincide with the NZ AGM and Club Connect on Sunday 8th November, and the Papakura Club Junior event Ron Keat Day also scheduled for this weekend. Auckland will be hosting the Road Race Championships at Bruce Pulman Park, Papakura. ANZ are keen to get as many Club Delegates along to Club Connect on the Sunday as possible and are encouraging all Auckland clubs to send a Delegate. Papakura Club may have issues changing the date of their event but will look to send a Delegate.
- Junior Club Delegates present expressed concern with Council grounds not being marked for athletics until into November due to Winter Codes being given extra weeks due to Covid. Discussion ensued and Board will continue to check with clubs moving towards the beginning of the Summer Season. Clubs who use Council Grounds were also asked to check on their Incorporated status as the Council is working towards not leasing out Council grounds to any club that is not incorporated. Leigh Keefe would like to work with the Junior Delegates towards helping out the smaller clubs with running events/Volunteers/Coaching, (Neil can help with Coaching)
- Mark Trotman asked about ongoing Social Media coverage of what NZ Athletes are doing overseas at US Universities as a pathway for up and coming athletes to aspire to. Murray McKinnon does cover all results from overseas in his weekly ANZ updates, but it is something the Board will look to move towards with facebook.
- Chris Day also asked how the Board handles Social Media comments and issues of bullying around these comments. David Sim responded that any comments put up were managed on a case by case basis. Michael Hartshorne asked if the AAI Facebook site could be Informative Only. Information currently uploaded to the site is informative only but it has since been advised that the Athletes Auckland Facebook is a page not a group site so comments cannot be turned off but need to be removed after the event. It is also noted that the Board does not have a paid staff member to monitor Facebook solely.

Meeting Closed 8.19pm

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