



## **AAI BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING**

**Thursday 8 October, 2020 7.00pm, via Google Meet**

**Present:** David Sim (Chairman), Daniel Lewis, Jim Hogg, Bryce Hall, Dianne Craddock, Leigh Keefe, Raewyn Rodger (Secretary). Via Google Meet

**Apologies:** Murray McKinnon (President), Peter Booker

### **In Board Confidence Item:**

- Board discussed historical item. DS advised that after consultation with Athletics NZ a NZ Centre level Child Protection Policy has been updated/established. Moving forward Clubs will also be encouraged to incorporate policy. Finalised policy document will be uploaded to AAI website.

### **Risk:**

- COVID 19 Update: Auckland has now joined the rest of NZ and moved to Level One.
- Following this announcement events scheduled for Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> October will now take place - Junior Pre-Season Festive including Introductory Officials Training during the morning, McKinnon Shield Pre-Season Meet #1 afternoon to be followed at 5.30pm by NZ One Hour Record attempt.
- DS brought up for discussion that there are 10 Senior Track & Field Meets on the Calendar prior to Christmas and asked for comment on Officials becoming burnt out. BH advised that a good number of Officials do it for the enjoyment of being part of a Sport, whereby DL said while he enjoys the Officiating side he does not so much enjoy the time spent before and after events setting up and putting gear away which is quite often left to a small group of people. A two-hour event can be a 5-hour commitment for some Officials. To offset this changes need to start being implemented to alleviate the workload on a few, e.g. those Officials scheduled on a particular event being responsible for set up and take down.
- DS ended the discussion by congratulating both the Junior and Senior Committees for the work put in to be in a position to start the season at the first opportunity.

### **ANZ Updates:**

- Athletics New Zealand 133rd Annual General Meeting 9:00 am, Sunday, 8 November 2020 at Bruce Pulman Park, Takanini, Auckland. One Board position to be elected at the AGM with Peter Wyatt from Rosill South Club restanding. Club Connect Conference to follow from 10am to 3pm. Both DC and LK have encouraged their Club Delegates to attend the Club Connect Conference as it is in the Auckland region.

### **Mt Smart:**

- RR has checked the Maintenance Manual for cleaning the track and enquired if the Board would be interested in investing in the Whirl Away attachment used to remove dirt from the track. The attachment is approx \$1,000. RR to also check with Mt Smart facilities team about this and enquire about the water restrictions around washing said track.
- Paul Craddock secured further ropes to the front gates of the Hammer Cage via a Cherry Picker to add additional nets. Geoff Haigh are measured out the sector lines and Paul/Neil and Daniel have erected the second Discus cage. A big thank you to these people for getting the venue ready for the start of the season.

### **Confirmation of Previous Minutes:**

- The minutes of 10/9/20 were accepted.

**Moved JH, Seconded DL, Carried**

### **Matters Arising:**

- Tu Manawa application form submitted. BH gave an update on application funding sought.
- At the AAI Centennial Trust AGM on the 3/9/20 two Trustees retired. Chairman Ross Pownall, and Les Mills, both have served as Trustees since the formation of the Trust. Board acknowledged the contributions of both Ross and Les during their time as Trustees. Jim Lonergan who represented Auckland College Sports also resigned after a move out of Auckland. Current Trust Member Keith MacKinlay has been appointed the new Chairman. Three nominations have been put forward for ratification by AAI Board
  - i. Bevan Smith
  - ii. Jim Hogg
  - iii. Paul Craddock

JH and DC stood down from voting.

**Moved BH, Seconded DS, Carried with confirmation from Board Apologies PB & MM**

### **Correspondence:**

#### **In:**

- Govt Wage Subsidy Round 3 Approved
- NZCT – Funding Application Approved
- AAI Centennial Trust Trustee positions available
- ANZ AGM/Club Connect information

#### **Out:**

- Club Information XCR and T&F Seasons including Covid updates.
- Tu Manawa Application submitted.

### **Financial Management:**

**Monthly Financials:** 1/9/20 – 30/9/20 Financial Statements passed.

**Moved JH, Seconded BH, Carried**

- RR tabled update Registration numbers to date. Registration numbers in the age grades 15 and above are all tracking above projected numbers for 2020/21, a bonus coming out of Covid restrictions. These numbers are below the final numbers for last year but a good trend moving forward. Most Junior Clubs registrations come through in the October early November period.

### **Major Projects:**

- Governance Plans – Section Updates. All Sections report a busy month in September. XCR Section finishing off their season with belated Auckland Road Champs in October and hosting of NZ Road Champs in November. Both Senior and Junior Track & Field Sections have been finalising events and programmes for the beginning of their seasons on Saturday 10/10/20.
- Annual reviews No update
- The gear and assets register. No update

### **Reports:**

- Coach development/ competitions/ sections – taken as read.

#### **XCR – DC reported:**

- NZ Club Road Relay Championships were held in Feilding 3/10/20 with Auckland Clubs able to attend under added restrictions. Auckland Clubs performed well with NHB retaining their Senior Women's title. Pakuranga club won the Junior Men's title and were placed second in the Senior Men's. Dianne acknowledged all the Auckland clubs who sent teams for the extra precautions they had to take in order to compete.
- Auckland Road Champs will go ahead on Sunday 18/10/20 at Mt Smart Stadium using both arenas. They have received a request from a Wheelchair athlete to partake. Will go over the course with him as it may not be suitable for a wheelchair. The best alternative maybe to use the track as the Road Walks are doing. The Cross Country & Road Club Delegates have decided that the annual Prize Giving will not go ahead this year, instead Championship medals will be given out at Individual Club Prize Giving events for this year only - returning to the Centre Prize Giving next year
- Auckland Marathon Championships are being run in conjunction with the ASB Auckland Marathon on Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> November. Club athletes have been asked to notify the office that they are entered to assist with results.
- The final event of the XCR Calendar is the NZ Road Championships hosted by Auckland at Bruce Pulman Park, Takanini on 7<sup>th</sup> November. Dianne has asked Delegates to encourage club members to enter a home organised event.
- Work has begun on next seasons Calendar.

#### **Junior – Leigh reported:**

- Junior Section have purchased two new Laptops, one for Administration and the other for results.
- Juniors are going to use up old stock of Colgate Patches for this season but will continue to use a Patched number system. Will look at Sponsorship of same.
- Auckland Relay Day preparations under way and clubs have been assigned roles but Leigh is worried about the availability of Photo Finish and Meet Manager Officials. DL volunteered to try and help find Officials for events.
- Junior Auckland Champs programme has been reduced by removing the 1500m races and adding them to a Senior Event, however Junior Delegates have voted to include 800m for 7-9year old's into the programme.

- Child Protection Proposal forwarded to clubs for feedback.
- Several Junior Clubs have approached the Council and been able to get their grass tracks opened for use earlier than the original 1<sup>st</sup> November timeline set by the Council.
- Junior Delegates have queried why Senior Track and Field are offering a U14 grade at weekly meets. 13 year old athletes have been allowed to enter the senior event days but, in the past, ran as U16.

**T&F –**

- First event Saturday 10/10 including NZ One Hour Record Attempt.
- Technical rules have been uploaded to Website and will be emailed out to clubs.

**General Business:**

- JH would like to see the Board to be more pro active around Civil Service Nominations, both local Council and State. DS will check out details.

**Meeting closed 9.05pm**

**Next Meeting: 12/11/2020**