

Athletics Auckland Incorporated.
Minutes of the 2021 Annual General Meeting.

Held in The Officials Lounge, Mt Smart 8th July 2021 at 7.00pm

Present:

Life Members: Murray McKinnon (President), Jim Hogg (Treasurer), Rodger Brickland, Dianne Craddock, Paul Craddock, John Cornaga

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

Delegates & Invited Guests: Raewyn Rodger (Secretary to the Board), Keith Procter (University), Neil Bartlett (Coaching Development), Grant Pepper (RWA), Sue Potter (ACA), Nick Moore (Owairaka), Tania Boyer (Pakuranga), Duane Duggan (Pukekohe), Daniel Donegan (Whippets), Michael Dawson (Whippets), Mick Keating (Whippets), Craig Alexander (Whippets)

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:

- Fiona Herbert (Hillsborough), Natalie Seay (Pakuranga), Daniel Lewis (Board Member), Peter Booker (T&F Convenor), Ross Pownall (Life Member), Terry Jensen (Manurewa), Anthony Curry, Karen Davison, Fano Asiata (Jun)

Apologies received: Moved Sue Potter, Sec Dianne Craddock, 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 Garth Gilmour (noted Athletic Journalist and Author), Phillip Cooper (founding Life Member YMCA Marathon Club), Ivan Keats (Western Suburbs, Marathon Runner and 1964 Olympian), Bish McWatt (HJ Coach and 1990 Commonwealth Games Official), Don Wilberg (Onehunga Club, 1963 NZ Road Champions), Dick Chase (Lynndale Club, NZ Marathon Record Holder 1959). The Meeting observed a moments silence.

Minutes of the 2020 AGM:

- The minutes of the AAI AGM 23rd July 2020 previously circulated were approved as a true and accurate record.

Moved Grant Pepper, 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 thanked the many Volunteers/Officials/Coaches involved in the sport for their time through a year interrupted by Covid 19 Lockdowns. He commended the Sections for their quick and well thought out strategies for getting athletes back into competition once lockdowns allowed. He also acknowledged the help that the Wage Subsidy and Aktive Grants provided during the lockdown period. A copy of President's Report is attached to the Minutes.

Moved Paul Craddock, Sec Leigh Keefe, Carried.

- David Sim resumed the Chair.

Financial Report:

- Jim Hogg presented the AAI 2020/21 Financial Accounts which have been audited by JSA Audit Ltd. Audit Report attached to Financial Accounts. He thanked the office for assistance with preparation of EOY Accounts.

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

Comments to the Financials

- Jim reiterated that Athletics Auckland is collectively one entity, has Income Tax exception and is registered for GST as one Organisation with the 3 sub-sections Childrens/Track & Field/Cross Country & Road running and organising events within their sections. He advised that AAI Audit is a Special Purpose Audit that includes Accounts as well as the Organisation as a whole and urged diligence around Section Minutes.
- Considering the Covid restrictions of this year the organisation ended the year with and overall operating surplus of \$6.186. This was due in part to receiving the Wage Subsidies and an Aktive grant that covered 3 months of administrative expenses. He also acknowledged the Grant Funding for wages received from NZCT. He gave particular praise to the Sections and Clubs for being ready and prepared to put on events as and when around Covid Lockdowns.
- Grant Pepper asked why the XCR equipment Depreciation was high. Jim advised XCR have purchased a new Timing system over the past year and this particular equipment is depreciated at a higher percentage.

2021/22 Board Budget:

Jim Hogg presented the Board Budget previously approved by the AAI Board. While Member numbers were slightly down for the 2020/21 year this could be attributed to Covid and lockdowns. The 2021/22 Budgeted income has included small increases in numbers as well as only stating Grant Funding already on hand.

Merit Awards:

- Two nominations were received by the Board for Merit Awards.
 - Murray McKinnon read out a citation on each nomination: Fiona Free and Murray Free, which were endorsed by acclamation for service to the AAI Centre.
- All nominations were previously approved by the AAI Board to be presented to the AGM and all were approved by a show of hands. Merit badges were presented to Fiona and Murray.

Honorary Life Membership:

- No Nominations

Election of Officers:

- **President:** One nomination Murray McKinnon. Elected by show of hands. **Carried**
- **Patron:** No Nominations, position not filled
- **Board of Directors: 2 Vacancies, 1 Nomination.**
Fano Asiata (Jun). Nominee was Elected unopposed.
- No nomination for remaining vacancy was put forward from the Floor.
- **Auditor:** No Nomination Received
Board recommended JSA Audit Ltd.
Moved Grant Pepper, Sec Paul Craddock, Carried
- **Treasurer:** no Nomination Received
Board recommended Jim Hogg
Moved Grant Pepper, Sec Paul Craddock, Carried
- **Legal Adviser:** No nominations, Position not filled.
Seconded, as necessary.

General Business:

- Discussion around Athlete Registration Levies. Levy payments are split between Club/Athletics Auckland and Athletics NZ. The AAI Levy portion is the smallest of the three payments.
- Tania Boyer brought up for discussion a letter received from a club struggling with membership numbers and asked what responsibility AAI has around helping individual clubs. While the day to day running of each club does need to come from within the individual clubs, Coaching Development Manager Neil Bartlett is available for free coaching hours at junior club nights to upskill club parents. Free coaching initiatives are also implemented at the beginning of each season for Junior athletes. While AAI does not have the staffing resources to individually help clubs the office is always available to help with administrative queries and database issues. Athletics NZ has a dedicated Club Community Team which is also available to clubs.
- Newly affiliated club Whippets voiced concern at the small number of Senior athletes registered with clubs across Auckland, what is being done about it and if event entries could be included in Registration fees. P Craddock responded that there is an ever-

growing list of sports trying to attract the same base of people, but that clubs and AAI try to encourage participation through well run events. Jim Hogg advised that while Registration fees are paid to the Board account to cover Office and administration costs, entry fees go to the Sections to run events.

- David Sim advised that AAI continues to be committed to helping with the School /College Sport Athletic days that come through Mt Smart #2 Arena during the first and fourth terms but there is not the same commitment between School and Club Athletics from many school children.
- Dianne Craddock reminded those in attendance that all affiliated clubs are the Centre and vice versa and it takes the whole collective group to make a difference.
- Due to Covid restrictions the 2020/21 Club Track & Field McKinnon Shield was presented at the AGM this year to the winner – Pukekohe Club – Duane Duggan collected the shield on the club's behalf.

Meeting Closed 8.34pm