



## AAI BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

Thursday 10 June 2021 7.00pm, via Google Meet

**Present:** Murray McKinnon (President), David Sim (Chairman), Daniel Lewis, Bryce Hall, Jim Hogg, Leigh Keefe (arrived into meeting 7.15pm), Dianne Craddock (arrived into meeting 7.55pm), Raewyn Rodger (Secretary).

**Apologies:** Peter Booker unable to join on Google Meet,

**Risk:** Board went into committee at 7.06pm. Board came out of committee at 7.10pm.

### **ANZ Updates:**

- ANZ 134<sup>th</sup> AGM Saturday 4/9/21, Mystery Creek Events Centre Ohaupo, Hamilton. All information and instructions regarding the Annual General Meeting will be available on the Athletics New Zealand AGM Web page:  
<https://athletics.org.nz/about-us/governance/annual-general-meeting/>
- Child Safety and Member Welfare This important update follows on from ANZ's message on 19 February regarding Athletics New Zealand initiatives to ensure a safe environment for everyone in our sport, particularly children, young people and vulnerable adults. As a reminder, Athletics NZ has three types of membership that require Police Vetting and child safety education: Accredited Coach membership, Community Coach membership and Community Volunteer membership. After in-depth and productive consultation, we are now proposing to move forward with the following three initiatives to enhance child safety for our members:
  1. Club team managers: Last year, ANZ introduced the requirement that all Centre team managers and other official team support members (such as those supervising overnight accommodation) must hold one of the three membership types listed above. After consultation with the Club Child Safety Working Group, the Youth Advisory Group and the 11 Centres, and with the support of the Athletics NZ Board, ANZ propose the same requirement for Club teams to help ensure a safe environment for the Colgate Games and other competitions with club teams. This requirement would not include parents who assist on an informal basis.
  2. Coaches: As explained in message in February, ANZ recommend that all clubs preferentially engage with, endorse, or utilise coaches who hold Athletics NZ Accredited Coach Membership or Community Coach Membership. ANZ believe this is an important step in ensuring ANZ are doing all that is practical to promote the safety of our members. ANZ propose a requirement that all coaches who lead official club coaching sessions must become Accredited Coaches or Community Coach Members. An official club coaching session has been defined as any coaching sessions run by a coach(es) approved by the club, to coach its club members. It also includes coaching of non-club members where this has been arranged by, or on behalf of, the club. This requirement would not include parent helpers and athletes who may assist with a coaching session.
  3. Officials: ANZ have received support from the Officials Advisory Group, Centres and Athletics NZ Board on establishing a system for Police Vetting for athletics officials. While Officials do not have the same level of athlete interaction as coaches and team managers, there is still an element of risk due to the position of responsibility and authority that officials hold. It is proposed that the Athletics NZ Officials Membership includes police vetting, to be introduced using a staged approach over the next 1-2 years, with a priority on national events. With the

wind up of the NZ Officials Association, Athletics NZ is committed to officials membership being at no cost.

ANZ are confident that these three initiatives will create a safer environment in our sport, but ANZ also understand that we need the support of clubs and Centres to make these initiatives successful. ANZ would like to receive feedback from clubs on how to best move forward with these child safety initiatives and to understand reasonable timelines. Please provide feedback on these 3 initiatives by 7 June to Hamish Meacheam (hamishm@athletics.org.nz, 027 324 1976).

- Athletics NZ Competition Manger Role has become vacant and is currently being adverstised by ANZ.

### **Mt Smart:**

- Council Regional Sports Organisations Meeting with the RSO's regarding the upcoming winter summer 2021/22 and Winter 2022 seasons. Council Community Facilities Sports Parks and Visitor Experience teams will both be in attendance. Venue Western Springs Garden Hall 21/6/21, DS asked if anyone would be available to attend. MM to check his schedule and advise RR prior to 17/6/21 cut off.
- Upcoming Events – Tonga/Samoa Rugby International 10/7/21. First Warriors Game back at Mt Smart since first Lockdown occurred 15/8/21. Both events should have sell out crowds.

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

- The minutes of 13/5/21 were accepted.

**Moved BH, Seconded MM, Carried**

### **Matters Arising:**

- ANZ U18 T&F Championships to be held with the NZ Secondary School Championships in December. Sue Potter has asked ANZ for answers on questions surrounding AAI selected athletes who may not be part of the school system, differences in heights, distances, and weights across the age groups as well as the inclusion of an U16 grade championship.
- MM commented in May Minutes that ANZ did not hold a championship event for the 10,000m during the 2020-21 season. While this is a breach of ANZ's own championship rules the season has been and gone.
- AAI AGM: - Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> July 2021, Athletes Lounge, Mt Smart #2 Arena. Close off date for Officer Nomination forms, Merit Award/Life Membership, Remits and Notices of Motion closed on Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> June. The Board received one nomination for President, to be ratified at AGM, one nomination for Board Member vacancy, which will be elected unopposed. Further nominations for the remaining Board vacancy may be taken from the floor of the meeting and an election held to enable the meeting to choose between the candidates nominated from the floor.
  1. Two nominations for Merit awards received, which the Board recommended be forwarded to the AGM for final ratification.

**Moved JH, Seconded LK, Passed**

### **Correspondence:**

#### **In:**

- Emails from ANZ for inclusion of PV/Shot Put Meets on calendar
- Aktive newsletters
- Auditors Questionnaires
- Auditors Engagement Letter
- ANZ AGM Information

#### **Out:**

- Final Accounts for 2020/21 out to Board

## **Financial Management:**

**Monthly Financials:** 1/5/21 – 31/5/21 Financial Statements passed.

**Moved JH, Seconded MM, Carried**

- Accounts audited 17/4/21. Awaiting Auditors Letter. JH thanked office for contributions towards EOY Accounts.
- 2021/22 Budget preparation by JH/DS/RR to be presented at AGM

## **Major Projects:**

- Board discussed draft Annual Report. DS thanked those who have already sent their reports through and asked for any outstanding reports to be forwarded asap so completed report can be distributed to clubs by the 3/7/21 prior to AGM on 8/7/21.

## **Reports:**

- Competitions Coordinator/Coaching Manager – Nil Reports
- Junior – June Delegates Meeting 14/6/21. Junior Prize Giving/Annual Meeting held 25/5/21 in JW Lounge, Mt Smart. No nominations for positions received. Leigh to continue as Junior Convenor and Terry Jensen as Deputy. Tania Boyer (Pakuranga) will write up the meeting minutes. Chris Day (Pakuranga) will take over from Rodger Brickland as Junior Gear Custodian. Fiona Yelas is stepping down from her role on the Junior Records Committee, Leigh acknowledged the work that Fiona has done in updating both Championship and Resident Records. MM attended to present awards at the prize giving and also attended the meeting.
- Track & Field Delegates Meeting 14/6/21.
- XCR May Minutes taken as read.

**Motion:** The Board of Athletics Auckland Incorporated hereby resolves to apply for funding to Four Winds Foundation Ltd for the specific purpose of assisting with funding towards Bus Travel and Accommodation for an Athletics Auckland Selected Team to attend the NZ Cross Country Championships on 7/8/21 at Chisholm Links, Dunedin. The total amount requested is \$4,069.56 (Four Thousand and Sixty Nine Dollars and Fifty Six Cents).

- **Moved Dianne Craddock, Seconded Daniel Lewis, Carried**

- DC advised ANZ have posted the required 50-day consultation period for NZ Road Race Championships to rationalise distances to either 5k or 10k. She reiterated that Clubs need to have their say on this or they will miss out on being part of the decision making.

## **General Business:**

- DL advised ANZ have approached him again about the possibility of finding Officials for another series of Shot-Put competitions for Jacko Gill on the 26/6, 3/7 and 10/7. RR asked that information be sent through to the office if these are to be put onto the AAI calendar.
- BH enquired about entry numbers to date for XC Season. Numbers for the first two GP events have been slightly up and significantly up for GP3 with good numbers in the SM fields.
- MM mentioned as this is the last formal Board Meeting before AGM he wanted to acknowledge the work Daniel has done during his time on the Board, which was echoed by those in attendance. Daniel will remain doing the Officials appointments and attending T&F Delegates Meeting as well as continuing as our IT person.
- Jim Hogg asked if there was any progress on filling Anthony's part time role. Nothing to date.
- RR advise she will be on Annual leave from 21/6 returning on 5/7/21

**Meeting closed 8.30pm**

**Next Meeting: 7/7/2021**