



## **AAI BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING**

**Thursday 14 October 2021 7.00pm, via Google Meet**

**Present:** Murray McKinnon (President), David Sim, (Board Chair) Bryce Hall, Jim Hogg, Leigh Keefe, Dianne Craddock, Fano Asiata, Raewyn Rodger (Secretary).

**Apologies:** Peter Booker

### **Risk:**

Covid – Level Three Lockdown Auckland.

- Caused premature end to XCR season with all Road Events cancelled.
- Start to Track & Field Season also seeing events cancelled and T&F/Junior Sections asked to start planning to make the most of the second half of the summer season if restrictions are not lifted prior to the end of the year.
- Events will only go ahead if Auckland is at Level 2 or lower.
- Information from NZSSAA Website Newsletter 2. “Ideally the country will be back to Alert Level 1 with no restrictions on the size of gatherings. It is possible that an event could occur providing Taranaki is in Alert Level 1 along with most of the country but with part/s of NZ still having restrictions on movement and the size of gatherings. The term ‘Championships’ would be replaced by ‘Challenge’ or something that denotes the event as not being a full championship. Areas not at Alert Level 1 may not be able to participate. Everyone needs to be aware that a cancellation could happen if it becomes clear that it would be unwise to proceed.”

### **ANZ Updates:**

Information from ANZ regarding AGM:

- The 2021 Athletics New Zealand Annual General Meeting (AGM) will take place as an online only event on November 6. The AGM had been scheduled to take place on November 6 at Mystery Creek, Hamilton but given the Covid restrictions around parts of New Zealand the decision has been made to make the AGM an online event. All other matters relating the 134<sup>th</sup> Athletics New Zealand AGM remain unchanged.
- Individuals who had already registered for the AGM at Mystery Creek will need to re-register for the online AGM.
- The 2021 Athletics NZ Connections Conference (formerly known as Club Connect), which had been due to take on the same day as the AGM in Hamilton will now be run as a series of webinars. The conference to ‘connect, learn and enable’ is an opportunity for clubs, centres, partners/stakeholders and Athletics New Zealand staff to connect annually, share best practice and apply the learnings to their athletics communities.
- The theme of the conference is ‘Great Experiences in Athletics’ with key topics for discussion including:

1. **Distance Running** – ‘Providing great experiences for the distance running community’ Facilitated by Athletics NZ Community Manager Hamish Meacheam, this forum will explore what our members are doing to grow participation in distance running in their clubs.
  2. **The Teenage Question** – ‘How do we retain more teenagers in the sport?’ Facilitated by Athletics NZ Young People’s Lead Fiona Maisey we will engage with our panel of experts to explore the key issues around teenage dropout and focus on solutions for retention of youth in our sport.
  3. **Inclusion & Diversity** – ‘How do we attract and retain more people in our sport?’ Facilitated by Stuart Savage, Athletics NZ Club Development Lead, this panel will explore how to encourage new members and retain our current ones by sharing good examples of inclusion and diversity in athletics clubs and our communities.
- The registration process for the webinars plus timings will be communicated as soon as possible.
  - NZ Road Championships in Hamilton are still currently rescheduled to 7/11/21. The NZ 10000m Championships Newtown Stadium Wellington on the 13/11/21 are still at this stage going ahead.

**Mt Smart:**

- Possible upgrades as part of #2 Arena track relay have been presented to Mt Smart. Meeting has been scheduled for a socially distanced walk around #2 Arena to outline ideas put forward with Council Project Team.
- Mt Smart #2 Arena Track is now open for training within the Auckland Level 3 Rules. Hammer Cage Nets have been put up and poles inserted on #2 Discus cage. Sector Lines will be measured for marking by ground staff after sanding of field this week.

**Confirmation of Previous Minutes:**

- The minutes of 9/9/21 were accepted.

**Moved MM, Seconded BH, Carried**

**Matters Arising:**

- Social Media/Sport Development Positions. Online interviews were carried out by BH and MM with the two interested parties during the last month.
  1. Social Media (10 hours) Candidate would need to be flexible around other work obligations during the first couple of months of 2022.
  2. Sport Development (24 hours initially) Given the nature of this role Candidate would like the flexibility of doing some of the work from home.
  3. BH and MM reported that both were strong candidates for the two positions. After discussion Board voted to move forward with presenting written contracts to both. Due to the current Covid Levels in Auckland and current assess to Grant Funding the Board agreed to Start Dates when Auckland is in Level 2 for one month. This will hopefully be around the latter part of January/February 2022.
- Transgender & Gender Diverse Inclusion: DS has spoken with Fiona Maisey now employed by ANZ as “Young People's Lead/Designated Child Protection Officer”. She has advised that ANZ are in the process of putting together a policy which will

align with what other Athletic Federations are doing in this area. MM to forward a copy of the latest AIPS magazine with an article on “The Transgender Debate”

- AAI Refund Policy: AAI does not currently have a refund policy uploaded to website. RR to follow up with this.
- Aktive Sector Support Fund – Alan McDonald (who has worked previously with Sport Waitako) has been engaged by ANZ/AAI to help Auckland Clubs apply to this fund. Clubs will receive an email from Alan in the next day or so to engage with them individually about their current needs and produce a template to be submitted. AAI will also look into this funding.

### **Correspondence:**

#### **In:**

- Aktive Newsletters
- MSD – Wage Subsidy Approvals
- Govt Resurgence Fund approved and paid into account
- NI Masters Championships scheduled for 27<sup>th</sup>/28<sup>th</sup> Nov at Mt Smart Cancelled

#### **Out:**

- MSD Wage Subsidy Applications #2, #3 & #4
- Club Emails – Covid Info

### **Financial Management:**

**Monthly Financials:** 1/9/21 – 30/9/21 Financial Statements passed.

**Moved JH, Seconded MM, Carried**

- JH advised the September monthly financials look healthy with both Wage Subsidy and Govt Resurgence Support Payments but registration income will need to be monitoring closely if Covid Alert Levels remain above Level 2 moving further into the Season.
- BH asked about an Actuals to Budget. RR will forward out to Board.

### **Reports:**

- All Reports from Sections were taken as read.
- DC advised from Social Media posts clubs are keeping in touch with their athletes and it is now positive that small groups are able to get together to train with Social Distancing.
- LK advised the Junior Section is currently holding online meetings fortnightly with a number of people stepping up to help with season/event planning. Takapuna Club have passed on their Covid Safe Plan to all Junior clubs to initiate. The goal is to keep Clubs enthusiastic around getting their athletes registered up for when the season is able to start.
- DS asked LK about the protocols around Wichsport if more than the 3 currently selected clubs for the trial want to take part and the Section funds put aside for this. LK advised that the 3 selected clubs will have obligations to help other clubs once the trial period is over.
- Also noted that Paul Craddock has continued with Officials Courses online.

### **General Business:**

- Fano asked about Vaccination Passports and events put on by AAI. After discussion AAI will operate within legal parameters if and when Event Passports are passed by

the Govt. MM and DS both commented on the age range of AAI Officials and any health problems this might pose.

- JH asked about staff welfare and working conditions during extended lock down. October Aspire Academy has had to be cancelled but Neil has made up some Sprint/Long Jump Drills which RR has uploaded to website and will also be uploaded to Social Media.
- BH Would like to see “A Big Bang Start to Events” when season finally gets under way. Thoughts!
- MM advised of the death of Kenyon athlete Agnes Tirop a month after returning home to Kenyon from the Tokyo Olympics.
- RR advised that AUT Student currently doing placement with AAI is preparing an event as part of her degree. To liaise with LK and Neil around a Run Jump Throw type event for U6 athletes as part of one of the Junior events.

Board went into committee at 8.33pm. Board came out of Committee at 8.40pm

**Meeting closed 8.pm**

**Next Meeting: 11/11/2021**