



AAI BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

Thursday 13 January 2022 7.00pm, via Google Meet

Present: Murray McKinnon (President), David Sim, (Board Chair) Bryce Hall, Jim Hogg, Leigh Keefe, Dianne Craddock, Paul Craddock Temporary Convenor Role for T&F, Raewyn Rodger (Secretary).

Apologies: Fano Asiata, (arrived into meeting 8.30pm)

Risk:

- Covid – Auckland currently in Traffic Light System – Orange.
<https://covid19.govt.nz/traffic-lights/life-at-orange/> Saturday 15/1/2022 Senior Track & Field events will all be held at the one venue, Mt Smart #2 Arena. This will go ahead with 185 entries plus Officials and Spectators. Mt Smart is part of Auckland Unlimited and must comply with their mandated vaccination policy. Anyone 12 years 3 months and over must provide a “My Vaccine Pass” to enter the venue. Under Orange (as per govt link above) people are encouraged to wear a face covering whenever leaving the house. This will also be encouraged at any venues.
- Track & Field have also produced a plan to hold Auckland Championships under Traffic Light System – Red over four days including a Friday and Wednesday night. DS thanked PC for this template which can also be used by the Junior Section (and XCR during the winter season). Social Media Post to go up advising Championships will go ahead in Orange or Red Light systems to give certainty to athletes.
- To date Sections have only advised of a very small group who do not have My Vaccine Passes and hence unable to compete.

ANZ Updates:

ANZ:

- High Performance Director – Scott Goodman and Lead Coach Throws – Dale Stevenson have resigned and are moving back to Australia.
- ANZ have moved to no printed programmes at events which also applied to the Colgate Games. This did however pose some problems as the programme for Colgate Games is large.
- Board to look at deferring hosting NZ Track & Field Championships at Mt Smart until possible track relay is confirmed and start and finish dates are known.
- LK advised the Junior Section will check when the Colgate Games is due to be held back in Auckland again.

Mt Smart:

- Possible upgrades as part of #2 Arena track relay. Check updates now in the New Year.

- All Events will continue to come under the Auckland Unlimited mandatory vaccination policy of entry only to My Vaccine Pass Holders to people 12 years and 3 months and over.

Confirmation of Previous Minutes:

- The minutes of 9/12/22 were accepted.

Moved PC, Seconded BH, Carried

Matters Arising:

- Social Media/Sport Development Positions. Sammy Berryman has signed contracts for both positions and started Social Media role on 10/1/22 and SDO role on 17/1/22. DS and Anthony will put together with Sammy a 12 month plan of contacting a new Junior club each week to encourage club nights for the remainder of the season. Also encouraging young athletes and parents that there is a pathway through to Senior athletics. It was noted that Clubs do lose performing athletes to American Universities so this could be an area where Sammy keeps in contact to encourage rejoining a club on return to NZ. Also help Neil with Aspire programmes.
- Received numerous pieces of office furniture from Auckland Football who are relocating.

Correspondence:

In:

- Get Set Go at Home edition from ANZ
- MSD – Wage Subsidy Approvals #8
- Gym My Vaccine Pass presented for Gym use.
- Term One School Equipment Request forms returned.

Out:

- Club Emails – Covid Info – My Vaccine Pass Verifier – Marathon Entries
- 2022/23 Club Fee Document out to clubs.

Financial Management:

Monthly Financials: 1/12/21 – 31/12/21 Financial Statements passed.

Moved JH, Seconded MM, Carried

- Junior Motion to Board for Inter Provincial 12/13 Age Grade Competition. The Board of Athletics Auckland Incorporated hereby resolves to update December Board Minutes Motion to apply for funding to Four Winds Foundation for the specific purpose of assisting with funding towards Accommodation/Entry Fee/Sundry Expenses for two Athletics Auckland Selected Teams, Counties Manukau and Auckland to compete at the Inter Provincial 12/13 age group athletic competition at Caledonian Ground, Otago Friday 15/4/22 to Monday 18/4/22. The Board has approved application to \$20,000 (Twenty Thousand Dollars).

Moved PC, Seconded LK, Carried

Reports:

Reports from Sections.

- **XCR December Minutes tabled.** BH asked about Calendar items for the 2022 season. Whippets club have proposed a Night race for older athletes only on 1/4/22 under lights at a football field. Open to club and unregistered athletes. Have asked AAI for Officials and Timing system.

- Calendar dates have changed for the season due to ANZ holding NZ XC Champs a week early. This will end up freeing up a weekend date that XCR are going through the options of adding in a Road Race.
- Also looking at options to cater for past athletes who want to return to the sport but intimidated by Senior Race distances.
- **Junior December Minutes tabled.** LK advised she enjoyed the NI Colgates Games despite the windy weather and noted there were some good performances from Auckland athletes, with Kate Hallie from Takapuna Club receiving one of the Nick Willis Sponsorships. DS advised 6/700 athletes competed, this being a big drop off in numbers due to Covid.
- Leigh wants to keep the momentum going from Colgates with Run Jump Throw and Get Set Go type events on 22/1/22 and 29/1/22.
- Junior Section focus will be on providing Auckland Championships with 800ms and 1500ms held on separate days and then one day for 10 – 14 years and one day for 7-9 year olds.
- LK/RR have gone through second half of the season calendar which RR will upload to website.
- DC asked LK if the Junior Section would be interested in considering some type of Grand Prix Series throughout their season as XC does to increase interest.
- **Track & Field January Minutes tabled:** NHB have contacted T&F to share dates of their Summer Throws Series, so they do not clash with AAI events. PC also advised them of the need to have athletes registered and the correct Officials present in order for Records to be allowed.

General Business:

- BH tabled spreadsheet of monthly income generated by registrations from 2019 to current which shows to date a deficit in registration income of approx. \$45,000. JH advised that AAI have received \$28,800 in Wage Subsidies which has halved the deficit. As Junior events are just about to start, junior registrations will be down. Fano spoke about his experience with helping out at South Auckland Clubs and that numbers are reduced, a lot of these parents are finding registering is something that is not important in a year where covid has made life hard in so many ways.
- PC advised Officials Coarse at Lynndale clubrooms next week and Papakura Club have also made contact to run another course.
- JH reiterated that Covid has created a lot of fear in communities. He congratulated the Sections on finding ways to put on events within Govt guidelines.
- MM – looking forward to Junior Men's Mile 15/1/22 with a good field of Auckland runners and several from other centres.
- DS asked that Convenors discuss AAI Business Plan appropriate to their section at their next Delegates Meeting.
- DS asked MM to check dates with The Churchill Club for a Board dinner in Jan/Feb.

Meeting closed 9.06pm

Next Meeting: 17/02 /2022