



AAI BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

Thursday 8 September 2022 7.00pm, via Google Meet

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

Apologies: Fano Asiata

Risk:

Covid Recovery (Club Engagement) Project:

- LK gave an overview of the workshop Sunday 28/8/22 in the JW Lounge, presented by ANZ Community Team in partnership with AAI. All Auckland Clubs were invited to participate in the workshop designed to inspire, encourage, and upskill delivery of athletics for the new summer season.
- Topics covered were The Auckland Athletics landscape – what it currently looks like; what would clubs like it to look like, how to get there and event planning.
- LK advised good attendance from clubs with the Junior Section providing Innovation Funding for clubs with Junior Age T&F athletes. This had to be applied for via written proposals around ideas of increasing registration numbers. Clubs will be advised of outcomes in the next week.
- A further workshop is planned for Sunday 25th September to discuss Strategic Planning, Balance is Better, Retaining Volunteers and Safe Sport for Children.
- Junior monthly Delegates meeting was held in person at Mt Smart Officials Lounge with Leigh reporting good attendance. Moving forward with Club Ribbon Day series with the focus of the competition around increasing participation and athletes earning points for their clubs which will accumulate over the season (appointing points still to be worked through). A shield to be named after Dame Valerie Adams (naming confirmation confirmed), will be presented at the conclusion of the season
- While the Junior Section are happy with traditional event dates, clubs were worried that the Junior Relay Champs were too early on 4/12/22 as some clubs will only be able to access their grass tracks via the Council after Labour Day in October. It will stay at this date for this season.

New ANZ Fees Structure Proposal:

- DS spoke to the ANZ fees structure review currently being discussed. Board discussed the options of split registration fee payments and how this will affect AAI and clubs both financially and administratively. As 2023/24 fees will need to be set Nov/Dec thought needs to be given to any increase in fees for AAI, so it is hoped that final options from ANZ will be known by this time.

GM Proposal:

- DS spoke to his proposal of the possibility of a GM Role. This would cover the 'operational' side of providing athletics to the Auckland region, where it is getting harder and harder for a Board of volunteers to manage and put in the hours during the week and weekends. The Coach Manager/Event Coordinator and SD Officer would report to this position. Funding and

the pros and cons for this role was discussed by the Board. It was agreed that a Job Description would be written up for the Board to discuss further.

Staff Reviews:

- BH has undertaken staff reviews over the past two years and asked if another member of the Board would like to be involved for the upcoming reviews. MM volunteered to help.

Draft Board Annual Work Plan:

- BH has produced a draft Work Plan for the upcoming year and asked Board members to peruse and report back at the next Board meeting around changes or inclusions. First Actual to Budget report November Board Meeting and thoughts on H&S plan for employees going out to Schools. PC advised there may be resources on ANZ website to refer to.

ANZ Updates:

- MM reported on the ANZ AGM Saturday 3/9/22 . He congratulated Paul Craddock who was awarded with a ANZ Merit Award. Auckland Club Volunteers also gained Long Service Awards which will be presented at the Auckland Road Relay Championships on Sunday 11/9/22. Life Memberships went to Dame Valerie Adams, Alan Tucker and Graeme Seatter.
- New Game Day membership platform is now in use with National/Centre fees distributed down to clubs. Game Day/ANZ/AAI office are helping clubs to upload new club fees for summer season.

Mt Smart:

- Mt Smart have advised track upgrade budget has been approved and the #2 Arena will be renovated commencing 30/9/22. This will include Removing the current track and asphalt sub-base. Installing a network of drains beside and under the track, re-laying the asphalt sub-base and surface for the 2 D's, LJ/TP runways and track, and re-marking the track. Work is scheduled for completion end of March 2023 so plans are in place to hold 2022/23 T&F season events at other Auckland venues. #2 arena will become a Construction site as at 30/9/22 and will be closed to the public until completion. AAI Gym will remain open.
- PC with the help of Neil are removing all equipment from the track and putting into the Gear Shed.
- PC also advised that two further Grant Funning applications have been approved from Grass Roots \$70,000 and Foundation North \$10,000 towards the purchase and contraction of a new Thor Hammer Cage. This will be completed at the same time as the track relay by Polytan.
- Board acknowledged the work PC and RR did to get the grant applications completed. A letter of appreciation is also to be sent to James Parkinson, Auckland Stadiums.

Confirmation of Previous Minutes:

- The minutes of 11/8/22 were accepted.

Moved JH, Seconded MM, Carried

Matters Arising:

- Nil

Correspondence:

In:

- ANZ Information on Club Development Work-shop 28/8/22
- ANZ information on new Game Day Database platform
- Grass Roots Grant Application – Hammer Cage Approved
- Foundation North Grant Application – Hammer Cage Approved
- Mt Smart budget approved for track relay to start Oct 2022

Out:

- Club Emails – XCR info final events and Prize Giving
- Emails to Game Day around new Database and roll out.

Financial Management:

Monthly Financials: 1/08/22 – 31/08/22 Financial Statements passed.

Moved JH, Seconded MM, Carried

Reports:

Reports from Event Coordinator, Coaching Manager, SDO/SMO tabled and discussed.

Reports from Sections.

XCR.

- August Minutes tabled. DC reported that Auckland athletes performed well at the NZ Road Championships with the WU18 placing 1st, 2nd, 3rd, and 4th. Overall team numbers were smaller which is always disappointing with the Road Championships. The facilities at NZCIS were exceptional.
- MM endorsed DC comments on the NZCIS facility and acknowledged the work DC and Bruce Calway did as Team Managers.

Junior September Minutes tabled

Track & Field. September Meeting 12/9/22

General Business:

- Junior Championship U14 inclusion in Senior T&F Championships discussed. Junior Delegates voted at their September meeting that only those events not offered at Junior championship events would be allowed on the Senior championship programme. Their feeling is that there are too many championship events over a 5/6 weekend period. BH reiterated that this would only apply to Championships and not McKinnon Shield events. PC is worried that this will take the sport back 5 years and that this should be a choice for the athletes to make. With the inclusion of U16 grade at the NZ T&F championships this age group needs to know what it is like to go through a semi Call Room scenario prior to competing at the higher level.
- DC advised Under Armour are to celebrate their 10th anniversary and as part of this will provide some sponsorship to next Aspire Development Academy.

Meeting closed 8.35pm

Next Meeting: 13/10/22