



AAI BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

Thursday 8 May 2025 7.08pm, Online

Present: Rodger Brickland (President), Bryce Hall (Chairman), Jim Hogg, Dianne Craddock, Paul Craddock, Julia Ratcliffe, Chris Day, Dan Brady, Judy Revell, Raewyn Rodger (Secretary).

Apologies: Nil:

AAI 2025 AGM:

- RR has forwarded Timeline for AAI AGM on Thursday 31/7/25 out to clubs and uploaded to Website.
- BH reminded Section Convenors about information for Annual Report. PC advised he has the format from 2024 if needed as a guide. RB advised that MM will put together event statistical information from the 2024/25 season.
- The Incorporated Societies Act 2022 (2022 Act) To remain registered as an incorporated society Clubs/Centres need to re-register by 5 April 2026. As per April 2025 Board minutes ANZ are still working through Constitution Template for Centre's to upload to. ANZ have advised this is still 2/3 months away which will not work within the time frame of AAI AGM. This will necessitate a SGM during September/October to ensure the new Constitution Template is adhered to.

2025-26 Budget:

- BH circulated an indicative 2025-26 Board Budget for discussion. Working on a 15% increase in membership fees he has put forward an increase in expenditure of \$19,500 under Advertising/Marketing/Development and also the introduction of a Technology investment of \$15,000. The biggest increase in expenditure would come under Salary/Wages with the re-introduction of a Social Media wage, employment of a Sports Development Manager and increases to current Office salaries.
- **BH moved** that current Office Staff salaries be increased by 9% to bring in line with Living Wage. Increase to be backdated to 1/5/2025. **Seconded DC, Moved**
- CD asked about static income from clubs who use Mt Smart #2 Arena and if this should be increased dependent on the gear they use belonging to AAI. As this is an indicative budget, no final decisions made.

2026 ANZ T&F Championships:

- DB asked what extra assets may be needed to host the upcoming 2026 NZ Track & Field Championships at Mt Smart #2 Arena and if the back straight would be usable for sprints in the event of wind. PC responded that the majority of AAI gear is in good order and are currently awaiting new Javelins. All markings were completed to be able to use the back straight when the track was re-laid but he is looking into the cabling. There does appear to be an initial set up for a cable from the finish line across to the 1500m start but need to employ someone with the right equipment to track a cable to see if it still exists. If not, Field Turf are open to the idea of digging a trench from one side to the other.
- JR asked about the need to purchase a fourth Photo Timing Camera in the likelihood of using the backstraight. PC advised this would be dependent on available funds and the preference at this time would be to borrow from another centre for the event.

- LOC are in place and have had an initial meeting, with ANZ T&F Events Manager in attendance. Still awaiting information from ANZ around sponsorship stipulations. Once to hand information can be present to Sponsors.
- Wi-Fi/Internet facilities around the #2 arena are currently being looked into by Mt Smart so they can be updated to the standard required.
- CD/DB asked that Medal Presentations be positioned that athletes can celebrate receiving a medal.

In Committee:

Board went into committee at 7.29pm

Board came out of committee 8.10pm

Co-opting Board Members:

- **BH moved** that Rajal Middleton be co-opted onto the Board from May 2025 Board Meeting until AAI AGM 31/7/25. The Board moving forward will look to co-opt Rajal for a further 12-month period from 2025 AGM through to 2026 AGM, **Seconded JR, Carried**

Winter Season Marketing Campaign:

- BH provided metrics for preceding month. To date membership numbers remain static with 2024 so a truer picture will become clearer over the next month.

Athletics New Zealand Updates:

- BH updated the Board on ANZ Leaders Hui in Rotorua held 4th May.
- To augment income streams ANZ is considering engaging with events for non-registered athletes.
- CD reiterated that now that the Children's Section sits under Athletics NZ it is hard to get processes looked at. Review by T&F Event Manager, of the past T&F season (Children's and Seniors) is currently taking place.
- To offset costs, they are looking to implement a 3 year calendar of National championships at the same venue.
- On Friday 30/5/25 ANZ have invited AAI Board members to attend the ANZ Board Meeting to present AAI Strategic Plan. BH/CD/DC/PC have indicated they will attend.
- Maxine Chappell/ANZ support person in Auckland is currently mapping where current clubs are situated in Auckland to explore the possibility of sharing facilities with other codes.
- An Online seminar for officials to explain new grading taking place online on 13/5/25.

Auckland Council / Mt Smart Meetings:

- RR advised no Tenants meeting during April. Next Warriors Game 25/5/25.
- CD asked if there were any updates on a possible track at the old Manukau Velodrome and if it would be a grass or synthetic track. BH advised he understood that any track would be grass and after discussion it was agreed that the Boards narrative to the Council be that the current synthetic tracks should be kept to a high standard and the Board directs its support for new tracks to the right areas. With AUT Millennium Stadium not being available to non-paying athletes there is a need for a second synthetic track on the North Shore.

Youth Voice Initiative:

- JR/CD will liaise with JRat once she returns from an overseas work trip to start putting this initiative into place.

Financial Management:

Monthly Financials: 1/04/25 – 30/04/25 Financial Statements passed.

Moved JH, Seconded JR, Carried

- Final Actuals to Budget for the Board tabled as at 30/4/25. JH advised without any depreciation added that the Board Budget shows a small surplus when a loss was initially forecast. This is largely due to membership fees and ends the year with a good result.
- Final Year End Journals are currently being done and EOY accounts will then be forwarded through to Board.

Reports:

- Coach Development Report tabled.
- Children's May Minutes tabled:
- T&F May Meeting 12/5/25. April Calendar meeting only.
- XCR April Minutes tabled. New trailer now in use and parked directly under a Camera in the Mt Smart Car Park. A XCR resolution was passed whereby the Athletics Auckland Cross Country & Road Committee unanimously agreed:
 1. To trial the use of a DJ/Announcer at a cost of \$500 inclusive of GST for all Grand Prix events in 2025.
 2. That hosting clubs will contribute 50% towards the cost (\$250).

Action Points: held over until June Meeting

- Asset Management Plan – Ongoing
- Child Safety Policy – Ongoing
- Sister Centre Initiative - Ongoing

Confirmation of Previous Minutes:

- The minutes of 10/04/25 were accepted.

Moved CD, Seconded RB, Carried

General Business:

- JRat advised that ANZ High Performance Athlete Support Manager, Kat Austin will be moving to take up a role in Australia.
- DC asked about any updates with the new clubs ANZ had advised about. RR advised nil information to hand from ANZ currently.
- BH advised there is interest in starting a club in Hobsonville area. He also advised that at the Children's Prize Giving 27/4/25 Rodger Brickland was given an award for "Services to Support Athletes on their Journey"
- CD forwarded on feedback from Coaches and athletes around planning for the 2025/26 T&F Calendar.
 1. Look to condense event time frames and number of event days.
 2. With Auckland FC home games at Mt Smart run events during the week and later in the evening to take advantage of cooler temperatures and reduced wind.
 3. Splitting of races and redrawing if athletes do not show so fuller fields compete.
- DB advised Takapuna Club are now the owners of the red PV mats that were being used as training mats at Mt Smart #2 Arena.

He also gave feedback:

 1. From Parents and Coaches around the Childrens multi-weekend Auckland Championships which have run over the last few years. They would like to see this go back to one weekend only.
 2. Lack of Pathways for Young athletes to go to World Championship events with ANZ not naming teams. He asked Judy to investigate through NZSSAA around this issue and advocate for a team to the Youth Olympic Games.

- JR gave feedback on her trip managing the NZSSAA team to the US. They had good results especially in the Combined Events and the bonds the athletes made will hopefully keep them in the sport long term. They will maybe look to alternate the trips between the US and Australia.

Meeting Closed 9.17pm

Next Meeting: 12/06/25 Online