



AAI BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

Thursday 9 April 2026 7.06pm, In Office

Present: Murray McKinnon (Patron), Rodger Brickland (President), Bryce Hall (Chairman), Jim Hogg (Treasurer), Dianne Craddock, Paul Craddock, Chris Day, Raewyn Rodger (Secretary to The Board)

Apologies: Judy Revell, Rajal Middleton (Appointed), Dan Brady, Sarah Fruean

ANZ/AAI Partnership Proposal: BH advised Interviews for CNW Athletics Development Manager will take place on Wednesday 15/4/26.

The Board went into committee at 7.09 pm.

The Board came out of committee at 7.20pm

Grant Funding

- BH tabled grants to date received since new Grand Funder started submitting grant applications. This will be updated monthly.
- A three-year future grant funding schedule is being developed with indicative Junior, T&F, Cross Country & Road and Board funding requirements to ensure clear communication between AAI and the Grant Funding Contractor.
- DC asked if Section Convenors and Board Members could meet with Funder to go over the said schedule.

Application Motions:

The Board of Athletics Auckland Incorporated hereby resolves to update motion from 12 March 2026 Board Minutes to now apply for funding to NZ Community Trust for Salary and Contractor Support for Up to \$120,000.00.

Moved BH, Seconded JH, Carried

AAI AGM:

- AAI AGM has in the past been held on the 3rd or 4th Thursday of July to meet our old constitution requirements of within three months of our EOY Financial Date of 30th April'
- Due to declining attendance at the past few AGM's and the struggle to reach quorum BH suggested the following:
 1. New constitution extends the AGM date from 3 months to 6 months. Hold AGM closer to the start of the summer season and combine it with a club engagement session, or similar, as a way to increase engagement and attendance, eg late September or early October.
- JH advised that the Centre no longer puts remits forward for Athletics NZ AGM so this would not be a hindrance but the Board Budget is tabled at the AGM and this would make it a working document already 6 months old.
- After Board discussion moving this far into a new season would cause its own set of problems with the XCR season for the next year completed and Summer Season Clubs setting up for the next season. Need for different pitch to get people along – engage a guest speaker. Make sure digital accessibility available.
- Look to book in a Sunday afternoon late July/early August.

Marketing:

Winter marketing campaign has been running for three weeks. BH tabled a digital marketing summary which shows 5000 clicks to the Find your Club page. Question was asked how does this information transfer to people clicking into individual clubs.

Go Series :

After a request in March Minutes BH gave some background on The Go Series.

Background

In the lead-in to the 2023-2024 summer season, the GO! Series was developed by the Junior section as a way to engage athletes in a short-format (up to 3 hours) teams-based athletics event outside of the usual Championship events and ribbon days to give athletes another way to engage with athletics. It is available to athletes aged 5 to 14.

The Event

Athletes compete in all the usual athletics events (and some unusual ones). Athletes earn points for their club team by jumping or throwing within point scoring zones or finishing a run within certain time thresholds. No other distances or times are recorded.

While a different methodology, the idea of earning points for your club is the same that has been in place at the McKinnon Shield for a number of years and enhanced over the last couple of years with the use of the Athletics Victoria software creating more engagement.

It does have a training/coaching component to it. There are typically two age periods when kids develop running speed. Typically, 6-8 and 10-13, plus or minus a year or 2 depending on gender. The GO! Series includes lots of shorter sprint type events to maximise this opportunity.

Entries

Event entries over the three years of the GO! Series are shown in the following table:

Event	2023-2024	2024-2025	2025-2026
1	171	151	147
2	167	167	158
3	173	189	144
4	No event	157	190
5	No event	171	154

Evolution

The GO! Series is an athlete centric event, and the aim is to give the athletes and their parents the best possible experience for each GO! Day. Sometimes the organisers even succeed in achieving this.

For the 2025-2026 season, the GO! Shield was introduced to give more clubs the opportunity to compete for a trophy.

Athletes who attend any 3 GO! Days during the summer receive a medal and those who attend all 5 receive a GO! Slam medal.

All athletes received a different coloured wristband at each GO! Day during the 2025-2026 summer.

The Future

When it started, the 5-year **Goal** was to develop the event into a number of modules across the Auckland Region, similar to touch or tag modules as below:

GO Mt Smart, GO Bays, GO Waitakere, GO Pakuranga, GO Papakura

This remains a work in progress and would require an investment in volunteer resource to achieve this as well as technology and support from the Junior clubs.

The pay-off would be between 1,000 and 1,500 young athletes engaged in a fun and rewarding athletics experience at 5 GO! Days over the summer creating engagement and adding another tool to improve the stickability of athletics.

Mt Smart:

- Warriors and Auckland FC both have games weekend of 19/4 with Saturday/Sunday games. If Auckland FC make semi-final either 8th-10th or 15th-17th May, and home grand final dependant on these results.
- Asphalt project to fix pot-hole in Athletes car park has now been done.
- #2 Field now reverted back to league training field for the winter. One HJ to be stored in gear shed. Running rail has been taken up and netting taken down on second Discus cage.
- CD asked about the SP going over the netting at the Tunnel end during Auckland SS Champs. PC advised it landed on the ground on the other side of the netting and then rolled across the track and the track was clear at the time. The netting has worked well since the SP area was erected and there are no holes in it but one solution may be to string some wire between the first two sections to make the netting more taut.

Centre Leaders Meeting:

- BH tabled latest minutes 1/4/26. ANZ AGM Online 21/9/26.
- BH will attend the Centre Leaders Meeting in Rotorua early May where some time will be spent discussing NZ T&F Championship review CD asked if this would include programme scheduling eg Timed Finals going to progressions. BH to report back.

Monthly Financials: 1/03/26 – 31/03/26 Financial Statements passed.

Moved JH, Seconded MM, Carried

- JH to investigate Audit options for EOY Accounts.
- The Children's Section still retains an Australian Westpac account with a small balance to keep it open. Signatories need to be updated.
- Wireless Radios were stolen from locked car in December 25. Six Radios and accessories were hired for Children's event. Children's section will cover \$3,283.25 as per April Minutes.
- T&F Section and Board will split the difference which has currently been covered by the Board.

Moved BH, Seconded RB, Carried

Coaching Report:

- Board discussed coaching in general and how we can best support our member clubs in this space. Coach manager role to include, identify and enable new coaches in the club space.

Section Reports:

- Children's March Minutes tabled.
- T&F 2026 Minutes Not yet held

- XCR March 2026 Minutes not to hand

Confirmation of Previous Minutes:

1. The minutes of 12/03/26 were accepted.

Moved JH, Seconded MM, Carried

General Business:

2. JH reminded all Sections that EOY is 30/4/26.
3. PC advised he would like to have the 2027 LOC for NZ T&F Champs up and running early. He will use a variation of people who show interest and asking others.
4. RB advised his club had won one of the four Colgate voucher prizes at the Colgate games. Pakuranga Club also won one.
5. BH asked the Board to give feedback on their preference to hold Board Meetings on line, in person, or a combination of both. Those at the meeting responded that a 50/50 mix would be the most desirable as there are times when members need to sit around the table together.

Next Meeting:

Thursday 14 May 2026 Online.