



AAI BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

Thursday 12 March 2026 7.02pm, Online

Present: Murray McKinnon (Patron), Rodger Brickland (President), Bryce Hall (Chairman), Jim Hogg (Treasurer), Dianne Craddock, Judy Revell, Rajal Middleton (Appointed), Dan Brady, Raewyn Rodger (Secretary to The Board)

Apologies: Paul Craddock, Chris Day, Sarah Fruean

The Board went into committee at 7.03 pm.
The Board came out of committee at 7.08pm

Grant Funding Application Motions:

The Board of Athletics Auckland Incorporated hereby resolves to apply for funding assistance to Trusts West Support Fund for Junior and Youth Participation (Salary and Running Costs) for Up to \$20,000.

Moved BH, Seconded DB, Carried

The Board of Athletics Auckland Incorporated hereby resolves to apply for funding assistance to Pub Charity Limited for Facility Repair and Equipment for Up to \$15,000.

Moved BH, Seconded DB, Carried

The Board of Athletics Auckland Incorporated hereby resolves to apply for funding to the Dragon Community Trust for Salary and Contractor Support and Facility Repair for Up to \$20,000.

Moved BH, Seconded DB, Carried

The Board of Athletics Auckland Incorporated hereby resolves to apply for funding to the Blue Sky Community Trust for Equipment for Up to \$15,000.

Moved BH, Seconded DB, Carried

The Board of Athletics Auckland Incorporated hereby resolves to apply for funding to the Community Organisation Grants Scheme Auckland City for Running Costs including Salaries and Contractor costs for Up to \$15,000.

Moved BH, Seconded DB, Carried

The Board of Athletics Auckland Incorporated hereby resolves to apply for funding to the Community Organisation Grants Scheme Manukau for Running Costs including Salaries and Contractor costs for Up to \$15,000.

Moved BH, Seconded DB, Carried

The Board of Athletics Auckland Incorporated hereby resolves to apply for funding to the Community Organisation Grants Scheme Rodney North Shore for Running Costs including Salaries and Contractor costs for Up to \$15,000.

Moved BH, Seconded DB, Carried

The Board of Athletics Auckland Incorporated hereby resolves to apply for funding to the Community Organisation Grants Scheme Waitakere for Running Costs including Salaries and Contractor costs for Up to \$15,000.

Moved BH, Seconded DB, Carried

The Board of Athletics Auckland Incorporated hereby resolves to apply for funding to the Maungakiekie-Tamaki Local Board for Site Costs for Up to \$10,000.

Moved BH, Seconded DB, Carried

The Board of Athletics Auckland Incorporated hereby resolves to apply for funding to NZ Community Trust for Salary and Contractor Support for Up to \$50,000.

Moved BH, Seconded DB, Carried

The Board of Athletics Auckland Incorporated hereby resolves to apply for funding to the Grassroots Trust for Salary and Contractor Support for Up to \$30,000.

Moved BH, Seconded DB, Carried

- DC asked the Board to remember that funding applications will need to be submitted again at the end of 2026 for the 2027 NZ T&F Championships. Also that Section Heads and AAI Chair meet to assess funding priorities onto a yearly Time Table a year ahead with some Trusts only allowing one application submission per year.
- BH advised that Grant Funder will be submitting all AAI Grant Applications including NZ T&F applications.

New Clubs:

- ANZ have forwarded through applications for two new clubs applying to affiliate with AAI and ANZ.
 1. Monday Underground Running Club
 2. Waiheke Athletics Club Inc.
- AAI Board approved both applications but will ask that photo of uniform be send through for filing.

Email from Athletics NZ regarding clubs who have yet to re-register: This will also apply to other banks.

As of March 2026, BNZ is taking proactive steps to temporarily block or freeze bank accounts belonging to **incorporated societies** (including community clubs, groups, and associations) that **have not yet reregistered** under the new Incorporated Societies Act 2022. Here is what you need to know regarding this action:

Why BNZ is Freezing Accounts

- **Legal Deadline:** All incorporated societies must re-register with the New Zealand Companies Office by **5 April 2026**.
- **Proactive Compliance:** Because many societies are run by volunteers who may be unaware of this, BNZ is applying a "temporary block" on accounts for societies that haven't responded to, to prompt action.
- **Impact:** From 6 April 2026, societies that have not reregistered will lose legal status and will be unable to access their funds.

What the Freeze Means

- **Immediate Restriction:** From 11 March 2026, affected accounts cannot be used to pay money out, including automatic payments or direct debits.
- **Deposits:** Deposits may still be possible.
- **Temporary Block Removal:** If a block is applied before 5 April, it can be removed immediately once the club makes contact with BNZ to address the registration, according to Rachel Woodhouse, BNZ Senior Partner.

Actions Needed for Club Officials

1. **Check Status:** Verify your club's registration status with the New Zealand Companies Office.
2. **Reregister:** If not done, complete the reregistration process immediately.
3. **Contact BNZ:** If your account has been blocked, call BNZ on 0800 275 269 or visit a branch to verify your status and update your records.
4. **Deregister if necessary:** If your club no longer functions, you should begin the process to close accounts to avoid having them frozen or closed involuntarily.

HR:

- 6 monthly staffs reviews are due. BH asked that a second Board Member attend these reviews with him. DB volunteered.
- BH and DB to carry out with staff in the near future.

NZ T&F Championships:

- BH made a formal acknowledgement to thank the Auckland Team Managers: Judy Revell/Chris Day/Ally Fletcher for providing a great athlete experience for the Auckland Team athletes and managing 265 athletes over the four days of the Championships.
- He also thanked the many Officials who worked over the four days of the Championships.
- Athletes and parents commented that the Auckland Team atmosphere was superb and very welcoming.
- JR advised that snacks were well received by both athletes and families and she thanked JM for organising the sponsorship of water from NZ Drinks Ltd. The Auckland Mascot also went down well, especially with the U16 Grade. She felt that with the size of the team it would be beneficial to have one more person on the Managers Team. The Auckland Team also shared their BBQ with the Oceania teams situated beside them.
- The Auckland Banners showed really well but there is a need for all Centres to have the ability to have a Gazebo.
- DB was unable to be at the championships on Saturday Night but said the live coverage was fantastic with the venue looking packed. The live results were also great.
- The atmosphere on the Saturday Night was a great spectacle for athletics.
- RM made the comment that the daily entrance price on top of parking proved too much for a lot of family and extended family and outside of Saturday night the numbers of spectators were sparse.
- BH asked that all comments be passed on to him so he can report back as part of the LOC to ANZ.

Sponsorship Committee:

AAI Sponsorship committee CD/RM/BH attended a meeting on 26/2/26 with an outside source to discuss sponsorship moving forward to help generate funding. RM reported that it was a very positive meeting with source having an affinity with athletics and Athletics Auckland.

- Main points were to set down Our Story and what sets us apart as an organisation. What do we deliver – Officials/Equipment/Competition, and to make use of the many photos taken at events.
- Use any upcoming bans on Social Media to push athletics as an alternative to getting kids out having a go.
- Source would be happy to look over and give guidance on any commercial applications put together.

Marketing:

As part of the 2025/26 budget the Board approved \$5,000 for the 2026 Winter season. The Winter marketing campaign targeted to start in the next couple of weeks via social media and run for a period of 6 weeks to the lead-in of the XCR season.

Winter Campaign Concept

CAMPAIGN CONCEPT: "FIND YOUR PACE"

A campaign that reframes cross-country as an invitation — not a test.

It shifts the story from *performance* to *personal discovery*, from *competition* to *belonging*, from *fast* to *free*.

It positions cross-country as a space where everyone can move, explore, and feel part of something bigger.

PRIMARY TAGLINE

"Find Your Pace."

It's inclusive, warm, and movement-driven.

It gives emotional permission.

It dismantles intimidation.

It speaks to beginners, returners, and seasoned runners alike.

- RM thought the Pictures shown need to be more informative and rather than showing dates needs to show the wording Cross Country & Road. BH to update.

Monthly Financials: 1/02/26 – 28/02/26 Financial Statements passed.

Moved JH, Seconded MM, Carried

- DC advised she had spent approx \$1,000 on Officials Breakfasts and \$1,000 on Officials Goodie Bags approved at previous Board Meeting.

Coaching Report:

- Chair has asked that a record of Clubs visited and initiatives be recorded for future planning.

Section Reports:

- Children's March Minutes not to hand.
- T&F February 2026 Minutes Tabled. Did not hold March Meeting
- XCR February 2026 Minutes Tabled. March Meeting not yet held.

Confirmation of Previous Minutes:

- The minutes of 12/02/26 were accepted.

Moved MM, Seconded JR, Carried

General Business:

- DB asked are events eg: Go Series reviewed from year to year to gauge interest and improvements. He realises that this has taken place of a lot of the traditional Ribbon Days that clubs find hard to manage and be responsible for running. BH will put together figures around this season's Go Series and present at next Board meeting.
- DB also asked how we use the upcoming Commonwealth Games to capture more interest in athletics. BH advised we need to do a Social Media push similar to that done around the last Olympic Games.
- DC asked the Board to consider (as an alternative to Ribbon Days) if clubs could use their club nights to invite all clubs to a night of competition at their club which would leave weekends free. This could become something like a carnival atmosphere with clubs having their own banners.

- JR is working her way to the end of the summer season with Auckland College Sport days 17th and 19th March at Mt Smart, NISS Champs 28/29 March at Papakura and then to Brisbane with the NZ SS Touring Team.
- JH thought the weekend online coverage of the Championships was great with good flow-on affects.
- MM thanked the LOC and Officials for the work put in to providing the NZ T&F Championships.
- MM also advised of past athletes who had passed away over the previous month. Nathan Healey and David Savidan from cycle accidents and Lynndale athlete Tiare Lund.
- RM reiterated that athletics is having its moment with world performances and that we need to make the most of this to tell our stories. She advised that CD is getting feedback from Auckland Team Athletes from the NZ T&F Championships via Team Reach.
- She also complimented DC on the Goodie Bags for Officials.
- BH asked the Board to think about pushing the AAI AGM out to the 27/9/26 to coincide with a Club Engagement event, something like ANZ do. JH commented that AGM's have become very much about Governance and ticking those boxes. BH thought including into a Club Engagement event may pull in more numbers.

Next Meeting:

Thursday 9 April 2026 at 7pm In Person.

Meeting Closed 8.18 pm