



AAI BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

Thursday 9 October 2025 7.00pm, AAI Office

Present: Rodger Brickland (President), Bryce Hall (Chairman), Murray McKinnon (Patron), Chris Day, Dianne Craddock, Judy Revell, Rajal Middleton (Co-Opted),

Apologies: Dan Brady, Jim Hogg (Treasurer), Paul Craddock, Sarah Fruen

Board Went Straight into Committee at 7.05 pm

Board Came out of Committee at 7.12 pm

HR: Part Time Short Term Club Support Officer:

- BH and MM conducted interviews with 2 very able applicants.
- Sarah Fruen has been appointed on a contract basis commencing 29/9/25 until Mid-December.
- Planning meetings will take place each Monday with Sarah, Board Chair and ANZ. Initial targets will be to establish dialogue and meetings with opportunities for prospective new clubs.
- There is also the need to work with struggling clubs to ensure they have the resources to run their club nights and work through succession planning between old and new committees.

Board Went Into Committee at 7.21pm

Board Came out of Committee at 7.30pm

Athletics NZ Track & Field Championships:

Updates from LOC

- P. Craddock named on the Programme Committee
- B. Hall Observer on the Programme Committee

Athletics Auckland Incorporated Board Motion to apply for funding to The Lion Foundation for assistance with Accommodation expenses for Athletics appointed Officials to officiate at the 2026 Athletics NZ Track & Field Championships hosted by Athletics Auckland to be held at Trust Stadium, Waitakere from 4/3/2026 to 7/3/26.

The total amount requested is \$33,520.00 (Thirty Three Thousand Five Hundred and Twenty Dollars.)

Moved Bryce Hall, Seconded Judy Revell, Carried

Athletics for All – Find Your Community:

Social Media Marketing Campaign:

- Bryce Hall gave an update on Campaign after 5 weeks and advised that membership is up by approximately 400 from the same time last year.
- Comments from Board: Can we utilise the positive World Athletics Championships results to good effect. Ask our high performing athletes if they would promo our sport through videos to encourage younger athletes on how they began their Athletic Careers.

Youth Advisory:

No Update

ANZ Updates.

- BH gave an update from Centre Leaders Meeting held Thursday 2/10/2025.
- ANZ CEO welcomed Courtney Ireland as the new ANZ Chair, and Andrew Stark as the new ANZ President.
- He also acknowledged the success of NZ athletes at the World Championships in Tokyo, World Trail and Mountain Championships in Spain, and Para World Championships in India.
- Update from regions around New Zealand, with BH highlighting the initiative from Otago of focusing on improving comms with subcommittee Chairs and bringing in Club Presidents and Treasurers to meet with the Board.
- Ahei App (including information relating to Run Jump Throw and Get Set Go) Roll out update: Launched at the Connections Conference with 54 clubs signed up nationwide, and 20% of primary schools.

Mt Smart Updates.

- MM reported on upgrades mentioned in September Minutes. MM thanked Mt Smart for the updated Sound System, working well.
- Old sandbags now removed from #2 Arena
- Broken Seats in #2 Arena Stand replaced.
- Asked that pot holes in Athletes Car Park be filled in.
- Continuing Mt Smart Key upgrade. New Keys will now be implemented throughout the buildings following on from external gates.

Board Went into Committee at 8.10pm

Board Came out of Committee at 8.20 pm

Monthly Financials: 1/08/25 – 30/09/25 Financial Statements passed.

Moved CD, Seconded MM, Carried

Section Reports:

- Children's October Minutes – Not to hand. BH advised Representative from "Deaf and Hard of Hearing" attended Delegates Meeting to talk through making athletics more inclusive for these athletes. They will start holding workshops next year.
- T&F October Minutes – Meeting to be held 13/10/25
- XCR September Minutes – Tabled. DC advised that Senior XC Prize Giving final event on XCR Calendar to be held Sunday 19/10/25 at Pakuranga Club Rooms. Committee now looking towards marketing for the 2026 Season. GPS Tracker has now been bought for Trailer.

Confirmation of Previous Minutes:

- The minutes of 11/09/25 were accepted.

Moved CD, Seconded MM, Carried

General Business:

- Christmas Dinner Arrangements. Tentatively looking at Thursday 27/11/25. Venue TBC. RR to check with Lillyworld.
- MM acknowledged results from athletes competing at the World Athletics Championships.
- Letter received from Technical Harriers & AC Club advising their intention to wind up the club on March 31 2026.

- CD asked that rules and regulations procedures for the Children's Section be shared with all clubs and centres to show clarity moving forward.

Next Meeting:

Thursday 13 November at 7pm in the AAI office.

Meeting Closed 9.05 pm