

Minutes of the 43rd Annual General Meeting of New Zealand Masters Athletics Incorporated held in the The Saxton Field Sports Pavilion. Saxton Field, Main Road Stoke, Nelson commencing at 12.12.hours.

Present: Mr A W Stark (President)) presided over a meeting of 26 members including Centre Delegates.

The chair opened the meeting by welcoming those present.

There being the required number of centres represented the meeting was able to proceed.

In attendance. Mr Jim Blair (MNZM) and Mr Rob McGregor (Life Members), Mr David Lobb (Vice President OMA)

Apologies: Apologies were sustained from Mrs Loloma Foster (WBOP) and Mr A Galbraith QC (Legal Advisor)

The apologies were sustained. I Calder/J Blair Carried

#### Centre Delegates and Life Members

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| Life members         | Mr J Blair, MNZM and Mr Rob McGregor |
| Northland            | Mesdames M Crooke and V Babe         |
| Auckland             | Mr C Thompson and Mr A Dougall       |
| Waikato              | Ms F Riley and Mr M Clarkson         |
| Hawkes Bay/ Gisborne | Mr D O'Leary                         |
| Taranaki             | Ms L Mackay and Mrs K Gillum-Green   |
| Manawatu/Wanganui    | Mr B Grant                           |
| Wellington           | Mr and Mrs M Wray                    |
| Tasman               | Mr I Carter and Mr D Shaw            |
| Canterbury           | Mr J Campbell                        |
| Otago                | Mr R Homan and Ms A Callender        |
| Southland            | Mr M Flaus                           |

Minutes of the 42nd Annual General. The minutes of the 42nd Annual General Meeting held in the Otago Athletics Officials' Room, Caledonian Ground, Logan Park on Friday 26<sup>th</sup> February 2016, having been circulated, was taken as read.

Chair Carried

The minutes of the meeting were then confirmed.

Chair Carried

Minutes of the Special General Meeting. The minutes of the Special General Meeting held at the Ellerslie Race Course on 6<sup>th</sup> August 2016 were confirmed.

M Wray/ D Shaw Carried

Matters arising from those minutes. Nil.

#### Reports.

President's report. The President's report dealt in the main with matters pertaining to the Memorandum Of Understanding (MOU) between Athletics New Zealand (ANZ) and New Zealand Masters Athletics (NZMA) and membership statistics. Whereas NZMA only membership was down there had been a marked improvement in attendance of ANZ members at NZMA competitions. The Vetline is under further review and possibly will become a fixed number of pages however this is dependent on obtaining advertising material.

The report was received Chair Carried

Secretary's/ Treasurer's report. The major activity for the reporting period had been the processing of entries for Perth and Korea. Records continue to be broken and there appears to be a change in culture with some applications being for 0.01s. During the track season there would be an average of two or three applications per week. All records are approved by the Board before publication on the website so there is some delay before they are published. Few applications are now received through the athletes centre and this has resulted in documentation having to be returned to obtain the necessary certifications.

With the WMG in Auckland in April Centres should be aware that the competition is not WMA sanctioned and participants compete as individuals without any National affiliation. WMG as part of their philosophy do not have records. Drug testing is not undertaken as in WMA world events. Banned athletes are able to compete. Record applications for NZMA records will therefore not be accepted.

The report produced much discussion and the question was asked if "Club Nights" were eligible competition for records to be accepted. What as a "Club Night" needed further definition as in some instances there were "Inter Club Competitions" run with graded officials and generally conducted as part of an ANZ centre meeting? (These were generally Saturday meets)

The Board undertook to look into the matter further.

The report was received

S Foster/ I Carter

Carried

The financial report, having been reviewed was presented to the meeting. The report to the members was for the year ended 31 August 2016. The treasurer warned that since the accounts had been produced the situation had somewhat changed due to the effects of the MOU and the results will not be as good next year. The website upgrade had been completed out of the surplus funds for 2015/16.

The report was received and the annual accounts be lodged with the Registrar of Incorporated Societies

S Foster/ J Blair

Carried

Centre Reports. The Centres presented their written and in some cases verbal reports to the meeting. (Notes below from written reports only)

Auckland. Currently 35 members. Members have the rare opportunity to compete in three international events.

Waikato Bay of Plenty. Tauranga City Council has changed policy and now charge for use of the domain. Track is in poor condition and due for upgrade. Winter series of get-to-gathers has been successful.

Taranaki. North Island masters later this year.

Hawkes Bay /Gisborne Good relationships ANZ. Coleena Blair trophy event a success.

Manawatu/Whanganui. Hosted North Island Championships. Palmerston North track needs replacement.

Wellington. 40 year anniversary. Membership similar. 30 direct/338 ANZ.

Tasman. New facilities. Weekly bulletins.

Otago. Membership static, OMA championships January 2017.

Southland. Membership static

#### Election of Officers.

The following nominations for the year 2017/2018 were received

#### **Board of Directors.**

##### **Officers**

President Mr Andrew Stark Nominated by Wellington, Tasman and Auckland

Vice President Mr Chris Thompson Nominated by Auckland and Wellington

Secretary /Treasurer Mr Stewart Foster MBE (Mil) Wellington and Waikato Bay of Plenty

##### **Directors**

Mr John Campbell

Nominated by Auckland and Wellington

Mr Ian Carter

Nominated by Tasman (CV Attached)

Mr Murray Clarkson

Nominated by Wellington and Waikato- Bay of Plenty

Mrs Karen Gillum-Green

Nominated by Wellington

Mr Derek Shaw

Nominated by Tasman and Wellington

Mr Michael Wray

Nominated by Tasman and Wellington.

##### **Patron**

Mr James Blair MNZM

Nominated by Wellington

There being more nominations than vacancies for the five directors a ballot was necessary.

Messrs I Morrison and D Lobb appointed scrutineers. An election was held and:

The following officers were elected for the ensuing year.

Patron. Mr Jim Blair MNZM

President. Mr Andrew Stark

Vice President. Mr Chris Thompson

Secretary/Treasurer. Mr Stewart Foster MBE (MIL)

##### Directors

Mr John Campbell

Mr Ian Carter

Mrs Karen Gillum-Green

Mr Derek Shaw

Mr Michael Wray

The following ex Officio Officers were appointed:

Legal Adviser  
Reviewer

Mr Alan Galbraith QC  
Mr Rob McGregor ACA

Moved Fay Riley. Seconded Karen Gillum Green "That the Voting Papers be destroyed.

Carried

Remit. A remit from Waikato Bay of Plenty was presented by Mr M Clarkson. The remit questioned why in the MOU with ANZ the availability for NZMA only members to compete in non-stadia events no longer applied. Previously NZMA only members were to compete in ANZ events. The remit requested that the status quo prior to the MOU be reinstated. The chair responded that the number of NZMA athletes who had taken the opportunity to compete under the old provisions was only seven in total. There were already restrictions on which events the NZMA membership could attend. The MOU was more to the embracing of club athletes into stadia events. During discussion several points were put forward. Centres becoming Clubs within their own rights was one way forward. A review of the current NZMA membership (including ANZ) showed the majority of members competed during the track season. NZMA had become more of an event organising body.

A request from the floor that the motion be put was accepted and the result was 6 for and 16 against.

The remit was lost.

Constitution Review. Copies of the proposed changes had been circulated to Centres for discussion. At the time of this meeting no feed-back had been received. The Board members had provided some minor amendments, mainly to word changes.

The Chair moved. "That the Constitution changes, as circulated to the membership. be adopted and the Secretary inform the Incorporated Societies Office accordingly."

The motion was put and carried with no dissensions.

Handbook Review. The 2017 review had been completed and now available on the website. The query continued concerning the position of the hands during the weight throw. The same rules applied as with the hammer.

2) The position of the hands during the weight throws.

. Mr I Morrison, who had referred to the rules, informed the implement can be taken into the circle with one hand and only held with two hands once the throw has commenced.

Venue for 2018. Trigg Arena, Kensington, Whangarei 2/4 MARCH 2018.

4<sup>th</sup> World Veteran Games Trust. The Secretary due the attention of the meeting that as Mr I Carter was now a Board Member he was no longer eligible to continue on the Trust.

As an interim measure Mr Rob McGregor to be a Trustee.

The Secretary moved such and was seconded by the Chair.

Carried

Subscriptions. The Board recommended to the meeting that the Subscriptions for the coming year remain unchanged.

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| NZMA Competitive member               | \$60 including Vetline |
| NZMA Social member                    | \$45 including Vetline |
| ANZ Competitive member                | \$0.00                 |
| Vetline subscription (to ANZ members) | \$25                   |

Where to from here. 1) Continual review of Financial costs relating particularly to Vetline and the operation of the Board

2) Development of Strategic Plan

There being no further business the Chair closed the meeting, thanking the participants at 14.10hours.

Confirmed this            day of            2018

Chairman