

Minutes of the 42nd Annual General Meeting of New Zealand Masters Athletics Incorporated held in the Otago Athletics Officials' Room, Caledonian Ground, Logan Park on Friday 26<sup>th</sup> February 2016 commencing at 12-05 hours.

Present: Mr A W Stark (President)) presided over a meeting of 29 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 (Life Member) and Mr D Lobb (Vice President OMA)

Apologies: Apologies were sustained from. Mr Rob Mc Gregor (Life member), Mr. and Mrs. M Wray (Flight delayed) 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

Life members	Mr J Blair
Northland	Messrs. I Calder and C McLeod
Auckland	Mr C Thompson and Mr A Dougall
Waikato	Ms F Riley and Mr M Clarkson
Hawkes Bay/ Gisborne	Proxy held by A Dougall
Taranaki	Ms L Mackay and Mr D Phillips
Manawatu/Wanganui	Mr M Shepherd
Wellington	Mr and Mrs M Wray (Late)
Tasman	Mr I Carter and Mr D Shaw
Canterbury	Mr K Prendergast and Mrs P Reid
Otago	Mrs C Giles and Mrs N Callander
Southland	Mr M Flaus

Minutes of the 41<sup>st</sup> Annual General. The minutes of the 41<sup>st</sup> Annual General Meeting held at in the Tauranga Sports Club. Tauranga Domain on Friday 27<sup>th</sup> February 2015. having been circulated, were taken as read.

J Blair/L Mackay

Carried

The minutes of the meeting were then confirmed.

S Foster/ M Clarkson

Carried

Matters arising from those minutes. Nil.

Notice of Matters to be discussed but not on agenda. Delegates from Otago requested that the following items be added to the agenda.

- 1) Communications with the Centres and the Board
- 2) The two hand requirement when throwing the weight.

#### Board 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. .The number of members who had not continued membership over the period 2011 to 2015 totalled 635.

The report was received

Chair

Carried

Secretary's/ Treasurer's report. The report highlighted the assistance given by Centres keeping the member's data base up to date as it was used for the verification of membership and age for International events. A total of 144 entry details were verified in 2015 which included Lyon and Rarotonga. Finances are in good shape but the effect of the MOU has not been fully costed into the budget for 2016.The surplus for 2015 to be used as part for the upgrading of the web site.

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

S Foster/ C Thompson

Carried

Subscriptions. The Board's recommendation that the subscriptions remain unchanged and current subscribers to 'Vetline' continue to receive a copy

Chair

Carried

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

Auckland. Continuing to build up a sound base of graded Officials. Financially sound. Working to use WMG 2017 as a basis to gain members.

Waikato Bay of Plenty. A drop in numbers. Continuing with the 'Have a go Days' and annual trophy day. Competition with Auckland is proving very successful

Taranaki. No Change in composition of the committee. New T Shirts. Taranaki Masters Games held in Hawera due to the Inglewood track being unsuitable and due for replacement.

Tasman. Continuing to assist with events at the Saxton Oval. Small increase in membership. Planning for 2017 NZMA nationals under way.

Otago. With the ANZ championships on the weekend of the 4-6 March there has been a pooling of Officials to cover both championships. An increase in membership may be partly due to the Championships. Liz Wilson, after selection, ran in the IAAF world Championships in Beijing. 6 athletes plus one official competed or attended Rarotonga for OMA stadia championships

Southland. Running Times Newsletter has now exceeded 600 copies. Representation in Rarotonga and Lyon with mixed success.

#### Election of Officers.

There being more nominations than vacancies for the five directors a ballot was necessary. Messrs .M Weddell and D Lobb appointed scrutineers.

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

#### Directors

Mr John Campbell  
Mr Murray Clarkson  
Mrs Karen Gillum-Green  
Mr Derek Shaw  
Mr Michael Wray

#### Legal Adviser

Mr Alan Galbraith QC

#### Reviewer

Mr Rob McGregor ACA

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

Carried

Retirement of Mr M Weddell. A change in work circumstances saw Mr M Weddell not standing for re-election. Mr Weddell has served on the Board after being elected in 1997 and the Chair thanked him for his untiring work whilst as a Board Member and President.

Moved Ms Fay Riley. Seconded Mrs Karen Gillum Green "That the Voting Papers be destroyed. \_

Carried

#### Notified items for discussion. 1) Communications with the Centres and the Board.

Concern was expressed about the communication channel between the Board and the centres and in many instances where responses were required there had been no reply or action. The Website will become the main communication base with access also to Facebook. The Board is currently assessing the various options available to obtain the best result and also enable others to use the facility. Currently the system used is not necessarily user friendly. It is intended that the contract for the updating will be let by the end of March 2016.

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

Currently the moment the athlete enters the circle the handle must be gripped with both hands even though the rotation had not commenced. The same rule applies to the hammer. Mr Blair informed the meeting that he had been in communication with the a member of the WMA stadia committee to have the rule changed to allow the implement to be taken into the circle with one hand and only held with two hands once the throw has commenced. In the meantime rule 221.3 applies

General Business. The Chair introduced matters pertaining to the proposed MOU with ANZ. Originally various terminologies have been used in communications and the proposal is now a sharing of membership information. The impact of the MOU is mainly financial and has an effect on the Vetline publication as ANZ do not wish to be involved in this production. The current proposal is that on registration all NZMA members will enter the ANZ data base and will become members of ANZ with various selected options to be made. e.g. subscribe to Vetline The athletes will register in the following categories. Competitive Masters Member/ Social/Volunteer member and Life member (who shall be listed as a volunteer.) The major concern expressed through a range of speakers was the loss of the Vetline and that they would be paying more than currently. Many were prepared to pay a little extra to keep the magazine free to all members. Other suggestions were that the Vetline becomes a free publication if a digital copy was supplied, however it was pointed out that not all members are computer literate. K Prendergast pointed out that the Board had been elected to make a decision and to get on with it. There had been no indication of any centre being radically against the proposal.

Moved K Prendergast/M Weddell 'That the rank and file members of this association agree with the creation of a membership sharing MOU with ANZ.'

Where to from here. 1) The Chair to visit centres prior to a Special General Meeting to be called in August and prior to the next Board meeting on the 9 July 2016. This would be at the request of the centre as would be very costly exercise.

- 2) The constitution be reviewed
- 3) The final wording of the MOU to be determined
- 4) Financial costs relating particularly to Vetline and the operation of the Board.

There being no further business the Chair closed the meeting, thanking the participants at 14.20hours.

Confirmed this                      day of    2017

Chairman