



## NZ Masters Athletics Board Meeting

**Minutes of the Board Zoom meeting held on Sunday 1 August 2021, commencing at 2pm.**

Present: Andrew Stark (AS) (President), Michael Wray (MW) (Vice-President), Ian Carter (IC), Claire Giles (CG) and Derek Shaw (DS) (Minute Secretary).

Apologies: None

### 1. Welcome:

The President welcomed everyone to the Zoom NZMA Board meeting.

### 2. Minutes of the previous Board meeting held on 30 May 2021.

*That the minutes of the Board Zoom meeting held on 30 May 2021 be confirmed as a true and correct record.*      A Stark / D Shaw      Carried

### 3. Matters Arising from Actions:

- AS reported that Anna Lynch (McNabb) has confirmed that she is willing to help with finances and entering them into Xero.
- MW reported that Brayden Grant is definitely interested in being co-opted onto the Board. He was intending to join the meeting but his coach had died suddenly and he was participating in a special track and field event being held in his honour over the weekend.
- MW is still chasing some people up to update the Masters Centres Secretary's contacts.
- No progress on email survey of members regarding future of *Vetline*.
- Zoom meeting with Masters Centres to be discussed later.
- Championship dates confirmed. North Islands in Auckland on just 27 & 28 November 2021. Saturday 13 November 2021 for NZMA 10000m Champs in conjunction with Agency Group 10000m.
- MW has had a look at Championship rosters – to be discussed later.
- Updated Constitution has been signed by CG, DS and AS and AS has filed it and is now the contact person.
- OMA AGM could be in January 2022. AS will keep in touch with Stewart Foster.
- July issue of *Vetline* behind schedule – should be at printers the following day.

### 4. President's Report:

AS reported that he had mostly been following up on actions from last meeting. He indicated that he was not considering Christchurch as possible host for 2023 OMA champs until the Covid situation settles down in Australia. He has had discussion with Phillipa Green

regarding changes to the programme for the NI Champs since it is over two days rather than usual three. There had also been some enquiries via the website that he has responded to.

#### 5. Treasurer's Report:

The financial statement as at end of May from Stewart Foster had been circulated to the Board. It is not likely to change much for the end of financial year and indicates a modest loss of \$1300 for the year. It was noted that the cancellation of the NI champs is likely to have reduced income from memberships and entry levies.

*That the financial report be received.*      A Stark / I Carter      Carried

#### 6. Athletics NZ Competition Regulation Changes:

DS indicated that the responses received during the 50 day consultation were generally supportive of the first three proposals which involved just using 5-year age groups for masters; the introduction of Over 65 3-person Centre teams competitions at both the NZ Cross Country and Road Championships; and the introduction of an official O70 teams grade at the NZ Road Relay Champs. The fourth proposal on some changes to some of the distances run by various age groups at the NZ Road Champs had received a wide range of views with no clear consensus.

The Rules Committee had recommended that the first three proposals proceed with some minor amendments, however with respect to distances at the NZ Road Champs in absence of any clear consensus they recommended that discussion on the future of the NZ Road Champs be referred to an appropriate forum.

The minor amendments included: for the Centre teams for the NZ Cross Country and Road Champs that there be no upper limit specified for each age group; that the O70 grade at the NZ Road Relay Champs be for a three year trial; that the O70 grade not count for Overall Club Championships during the trial period; and in terms of the masters age categories that the 5-year masters age groups be regarded as Age Group Championships and have a different medal to the age groups recognised by World Athletics, ie senior and junior grades, which would be termed National Championships.

The Board expressed its surprise with the two different championship categories and different medals and believed that they should be the same championships, eg NZ Championships, and have a common medal which would be more cost efficient and less confusing. The other minor amendments were supported.

#### 7. Constitutional matters / Strategic Plan and Handbook:

It was noted that the current Handbook was valid to 2022 and that the only possible changes were the addition of a 1 mile championships and the addition of a 1500m race walk to the programme for the NZMA T&F champs plus the NI and SI T&F champs, tentatively for the Saturday so that race walkers had three events over the 3 days. Notice of motions for these changes would be considered at the next Board meeting to go forward to the AGM.

MW noted that Athletics NZ had a Mile Championships at the Cooks Classic event in Whanganui earlier in the year and there was also a master's mile along with several community miles on the following day. Masters mile championships could be added to the Cooks Classic programme on the Saturday or held on the following day. There was some discussion on the level of support it would receive, particularly from South Island masters if they were always held in Whanganui. One suggestion was that the masters mile championships could alternate between Whanganui (Cooks Classic) and Timaru (Lovelock Classic). It was also suggested that members views could be sought at the same time as they are canvassed on the future of *Vetline*.

#### 8. Championships Updates:

AS had obtained a quote from Badges and Medals in Blenheim for NZMA championship medals and lanyards which was significantly cheaper than the supplier used for the previous bulk buy. MW reported that for last year's 10000m championships held in Wellington in conjunction with the Agency Group 10000m events he had organised a white ribbon with black printing, which he could be repeated for this year's 10000m championships.

It was agreed that for the NZMA T&F champs in Wellington next year that the NZMA Board would supply the medals and Wellington Masters would cover the cost of the ribbons.

ACTION: AS to order medals and ribbons for the NZMA T&F champs.

#### 9. International / Oceania Masters Association:

It was acknowledged that there was a need to promote the next Oceania Masters Throws Pentathlon Challenge. ACTION: AS to promote this throws pentathlon challenge.

The OMA AGM could be in January – hopefully S Foster can confirm this soon. The Board needs to consider putting forward some nominations at its next meeting. SF has indicated that he is interested in being nominated for position of Treasurer. ACTION: AS to check with SF re AGM date and ensure that nominations are on the agenda for the next Board meeting.

AS reported that he has had no contact yet with OMA with regards to bidding for the 2023 OMA Champs. He is keen to see how Australian states handle the current wave of community Covid outbreaks before any further considerations.

#### 10. Website / Vetline Database:

Getting all the Centre contact details up on the website is still a work in progress. AS indicated that he has prepared the database for *Vetline* distribution. He also indicated that he would be contacting the printers, Alpine Printers, and supplying the mailing list and getting the account sent directly to NZMA.

AS indicated that John Campbell had suggested that all articles be sent to him directly in an effort to try and speed up the production of *Vetline*. DS mentioned that there was a combination of factors that delayed the production of the July edition including the lateness of some articles, his own personal busyness, and that John's email for some strange reason

was not receiving emails with attachments such as the articles and photos he was sending through and also photos that other contributors were sending to him which took quite a while to resolve and involved multiple emailing attempts and a lot of chasing up. In the end the only way to get photos through was via We Transfer. ACTION: AS to follow up with John as to whether he wants to be responsible for editing articles and chasing contributors.

There was brief discussion about *Vetline* regarding the suggestion of continuing with a printed copy plus more frequent email newsletters that could be sent out in between editions of *Vetline* and perhaps have a focus on coming events.

#### 11. Championship rosters:

MW spoke to his email he had circulated in mid July with his revised draft of rosters for NZMA, North Island, and South Island T&F championships. He outlined the principles he had attempted to follow in preparing the draft rosters. These were:

1. give each centre equal access to hosting to spread centre funding and balance athlete travel;
2. set NZMA champs so they have a max two consecutive hosting in North Island;
3. rotate North Islands between centres, roughly using an order of north/south/middle of the island to balance athlete travel;
4. give Northland a couple of years to resolve venue issues;
5. try to continue NZMA hosting sequence from recent years, after adjusting for objective 2, so centres aren't hosting nationals too close/distance to a previous hosting (had to re-insert MWA, who were previously skipped, into an opportune place);
6. continue two year assignment of South Islands, although you will see this does create a CAN 2032 double-up - so perhaps swap 2029 & 2032 Souths?

It was agreed that the next step was to discuss the approach and rosters with Masters Centres at the upcoming Zoom meeting. A tentative date for this meeting was **Sunday 26 September 2021 at 2pm**. ACTIONS: AS to suggest the meeting with Masters Centres and MW to set up the ZOOM meeting.

Agenda items include: Championship rosters; *Vetline* and communications; and any items requested by any Centres. There was a suggestion that we consider inviting Hamish Meacheam from Athletics NZ.

#### 12. Next meeting:

It was suggested that we have a quick meeting following the meeting with Masters Centres on 26 September 2021.

Meeting closed at 3.30pm.