

NZ Masters Athletes Board Meeting



Minutes of the Board Zoom meeting needs on Sunday 13 November 2022, commencing at 12 noon.

Present: Andrew Stark (AS) (President), Michael Wray (MW) (Vice-President), Ian Carter (IC), Brayden Grant (BG) and Derek Shaw (Minute Secretary).

Apologies: Anna Lynch, Michael O'Leary

1. Welcome:

The President welcomed everyone to the Board meeting

2. Minutes of NZMA Board Zoom meeting on Sunday 7 August 2022

*That the minutes of the Board Zoom meeting held on 7 August 2022 be confirmed
as a true and correct record.* I Carter / B Grant carried

3. Matters Arising:

AS indicated that the OMA Throws Pentathlon Challenge didn't happen as there was not a lot of interest.

Other matters arising are on the agenda.

4. President's Report:

AS spoke to the bullet points in the pre-circulated agenda which involved recent discussions, information and thoughts on the way ahead.

- * He had had further discussions with Athletics NZ staff including Pete Pfitzinger, Hamish Meacham and Jason Cameron regarding working closer together and potential changes to the 2016 MoU.
- * Athletics NZ's new database / entry software was on-line in September but there had been lots of teething issues. Currently no NZMA only members can join online as not yet set up in the system. Hopefully this will be in place soon.
- * World Cross Country Champs in Bathurst, Australia. Information available online and entries now open, using Keith Lively system for masters.
- * **AS** indicated that he believed we needed to align with Athletics NZ as soon as possible, because the challenge for a small Board has become overwhelming. Other Board members agreed that masters should be integrated into Athletics NZ and noted that this would reflect the desire of World Athletics for a 'one family' approach to administration of athletics both globally and nationally. Various suggestions were made on how this could occur, including Athletics NZ taking over the NZMA T& F Champs and having an MoU with the host centre outlining organising roles, costs and profit sharing. Having a Master's Advisory Committee/Group with a modest budget to cover for example production of *Vetline*, one face to face Board meeting and AGM per year. Could also consider creation of a master's club within ANZ, as a place for non-club memberships to register. There was discussion on undertaking a survey of our masters database

prior to the AGM to ascertain the views of masters on working closer together and being integrated into Athletics NZ.

- * *That a survey be undertaken of masters on our database to seek views on integration of masters into Athletics NZ and closer cooperation between NZMA and ANZ.*

I Carter / D Shaw

carried

* **AS** offered to draft some questions for the survey and also encouraged others to think about possible questions and issues. He would circulate the draft survey to Board. It was felt that having an idea of what sort of annual budget would be needed and options for funding this, such as a small fee on all masters members of ANZ, would be useful in moving forward.

5. Secretary's Report:

AS reported that he had several enquiries via the website with most about how to join NZ Masters.

6. Treasurer's Report:

AS indicated that Noni Callander had been paid the Team Managers expenses from WMA Champs in Tampere, Finland. He reported that Anna Lynch has prepared the NZMA accounts for the 2021-22 financial year. These showed a loss of \$6784 which is largely due to a reduction in income due to no NZMA Champs and the purchase of medals for NZMA champs. He indicated that we need to look at ongoing operating costs and how these can be funded. These accounts have yet to be reviewed.

7. NZMA Champs update and Athlete of the Year Awards:

MW reported that Liz Bentley is now heading up the LOC. By the standard entry deadline there were 198 entries and were expecting 5-10 more by the late entry deadline of 18 November, which would exceed the target of 200 pitched in the funding assistance application. Entries being entered in to Meet Manager by Peter Baillie. **AS** undertook to talk to Peter about avoiding heats with seeding A and B races and medals based on overall times (in line with the remit from Auckland Masters). He will discuss possibility of combining events to cover those with low numbers and withdrawals and the reallocation of lanes for sprints.

Fifty dinner tickets sold so far - hoping for a few once the finalists for the Athlete of Year Awards are announced and publicised soon. The short list of finalists have been sorted by himself and **IC**. Emblems in Hamilton to be contacted for the plaques. Four colours to be presented. **MW** indicated that there should be enough medals and ribbons available in Wellington but if necessary **AS** will organise additional medals. **AS** thought he could again hand out medals after events as he had done in Inglewood.

8. WMA Best Athlete of the Year Nominations:

Nominations for this close on 15 December 2022. Jacqueline Wilson's W75 world record of 2:25.37 (previous record of 2:30.06 set in 2018) in the 20 km road walk at the WMA champs in Tampere, Finland was discussed and it was resolved to put this achievement forward for consideration. **AS** undertook to follow up this.

That NZMA nominate Jacqueline Wilson for the WMA Best Athlete of the Year.

M Wray / D Shaw

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9. Constitutional matters:

Remits for the AGM have been received from Egmont Athletics (B grade for walkers 65 and over), Auckland Masters (no heats in sprints at NZMA champs, if more than 8 entries in an age group then it would be a 'timed final') and Waikato Bay of Plenty Masters (change to constitution to revert to election of Chairman, Secretary and Treasurer annually at AGM). It was acknowledged that we need to keep a watching brief on the potential changes to the Incorporated Societies legislation.

10. OMA Updates:

AS reported that OMA Secretary has advised that OMA will be holding a SGM following the OAA Council and Congress meeting in Fiji in May 2023. The purpose of the meeting is to discuss the possibility of the OMA Council becoming a sub-committee of OAA. Final date and agenda to be confirmed shortly. It is possible it may also be a Zoom meeting.

He has also received notification that the OMA Champs for 2023 will be held in Saipan, Northern Marianna Islands in Micronesia on 22-26 June 2023, which has been posted on NZMA website. Board members expressed concern about the costs and difficulties of getting to the venue not only for NZ masters, but also from Australia and other Pacific Island and suspected that interest in participating will be limited. It had been hoped the Champs would be held closer to home, all all-weather tracks in the regions are not up to standard, based on a report prepared by OAA. **AS** indicated that he would check what his counterpart in Australian Masters about the decision and discuss other options such as promoting each other national champs and perhaps even a trans-Tasman masters event. AMA have a Board meeting on 6th December. **AS** to follow up post meeting. Depending on the outcome, consideration may be given to writing a letter to OMA expressing NZMA's concerns about the selection of Saipan as a venue.

11. Vetline / Website / Records:

DS reported that October *Vetline* was running late but all material was now with John Campbell and expected layout to be completed over the weekend and then it would be posted on the NZMA website.

MW has been processing a number of record updates and also showing BG how to undertake this. New postings on website re WMA Cross Country champs in Bathurst, which now has the addition of a two person teams competition (1 male and 1 female) and 2023 OMA champs in Micronesia 22-26 June 2023.

12. Fourth World Veteran Games Trust:

AS reported that a grant of \$1500 had been approved for Waikato Bay of Plenty Masters for some equipment. He noted that Murray Clarkson had completed his term and was due to step down. **DS** to follow up on interest shown by Ian Morrison on being on the Trust. **AS** to follow up with Stewart Foster over how the trust is set up and the investments. The importance of succession planning was highlighted.

13. NZMA Board meeting and AGM preparation:

The planned NZMA Board meeting on Thursday 1 December 2022 at 1200 noon will also be available via Microsoft Teams.

No nominations had been received for new members of the Board. **MW** had earlier signaled his intention to retire from the Board at the AGM. Current Board members **AS**, **IC** (if required), **BG** and

DS have indicated that they are intending to continue for another year, while **AS** will check with Michael O'Leary and Anna Lynch. As indicated earlier in the meeting three remits had been received for discussion at the AGM, financial accounts were available, and it was intended to present the results from the survey of members. **AS** to post all available information on the NZMA AGM website page and e-mail link to all members.

There being no further business the meeting was closed at 2.00pm.