

NZ Masters Athletes Board Meeting



Minutes of the Board Zoom meeting needs on Sunday 7 August 2022, commencing at 2pm.

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

Apologies: Anna Lynch

1. Welcome:

The President welcomed everyone to the Board meeting, including Michael O'Leary who had agreed to sit in with a view to being co-opted on to the Board and/or nominated for the Board at the next AGM.

2. Minutes of NZMA Board Zoom meeting on 9 May 2022 & Special Zoom AGM on 20 May 2022

That the minutes of the Board Zoom meeting held on 9 May 2022 be confirmed as a true and correct record. I Carter / B Grant carried

The minutes of the Special Zoom AGM held on 20 May 2022 were noted as being accurate but can't be confirmed as a true and correct record until the next AGM.

3. Matters Arising:

IC went through the survey results and the summary is in Dropbox. Other matters arising are on the agenda.

4. President's Report:

AS indicated that since the special zoom AGM that it has been a relatively quiet time for his involvement in NZMA.

- * Noni Callander did a sterling job as Team Manager at the WMA T&F Champs in Tampere, Finland, including supplying results and comments for the report in *Vetline*.
- * Prepared the NZMA way forward document sent to Athletic NZ prior to speaking at ANZ Board zoom meeting on 8 July. Supplied an abridged version for his column in *Vetline*. He reported that the meeting went well and the Board fully supported the concept of working together with the next steps to be modifying the 2016 Memorandum of Understanding (MoU). Has had discussions with ANZ CE Pete Pfitzinger regarding potential changes.
- * Has had discussions with Murray Clarkson over his concerns regarding the Zoom AGM.
- * Has had correspondence with Phillipa Green of Auckland Masters who had advised that she is struggling to get support for the Auckland Masters Committee especially to help with organising the NZMA Indoor Champs which left no choice but to cancel the event. He updated the website advising that it was cancelled. AS commented that most ANZ centres are also struggling and that maybe some masters centres need to fall over for things to improve.

- * Received a request from Arno van der Westhuizen regarding offering NZMA uniform for NZ athletes going to Pan Pacific Masters Games on Gold Coast 3-14 November 2022. Agreement that we could look at 'generic' gear and AS will look at promoting a collared shirt with advance orders.
- * Athletics NZ are updating their database system. Two webinars on how to use it are coming up - AS interested in attending and noted that there is nothing on how to organise a meet. MW indicated that it could be a challenge for NZMA champs as aiming to open entries 3 months out ie in September - hopefully can use current system in meantime. ANZ database person (James Ollerenshaw) offering to use us as a case study. We may need to start collecting new membership data which may help with cleaning up our database. MW indicated that ANZ are considering various membership options such as separate winter and summer memberships and short term memberships. The challenge is to find a system that will result in the least loss of income.

5. Secretarial Report:

AS indicated that correspondence has been received from:

- * Tony Rogers (Athletics Wellington CE) re hosting NZMA Champs in Wellington in December and what they require from NZMA and Wellington Masters.
- * Stewart Foster indicating that changes to Incorporated Society requirement may require changes to how we elect Board members. AS has asked to be kept informed.
- * Hazel McDonnell (OMA Secretary) re hosting of OMA Champs in NZ in 2023. AS has indicated that no NZ masters centre has indicated interest in hosting them. OMA had a zoom meeting early August and he will follow up with Joan Merrilees regarding an update. They maybe considering holding OMA champs in conjunction with OAA champs in Fiji in June 2023.
- * Jayne Hardy regarding whether the Oceania Throws Pentathlon Challenge is going ahead. AS proposing to make it free but if athletes want a certificate then they will need to order and pay for it on a user pays basis.
- * Wilma Perkins on the WMA Congress in Tampere, Finland, which he has put in NZMA dropbox.
- * Two NZ athletes attending the WMA 100km champs - Mel Aitken (Wellington) and Dawn Tuffery (Hamilton). AS has approved them as NZ citizens. There is a question of whether they need a uniform. MW indicated that some stock needs to be replenished and that he needs to obtain supplier contacts from Karen Gillum-Green.

6. Treasurer's Report: (AS)

Payments have been made for:

- * Website hosting \$85.00
- * John Campbell \$750 - July *Vetline* layout.
- * AWS Publications Ltd \$319 .80 - Printing of hard copies of *Vetline* and postage

Current account balance is \$3956.85 and term deposits total \$65.5k.

Set up of Xero is underway. There is a need to have additional people able to authorise on-line payments.

That Brayden Grant be added to those able to authorise on-line payments.

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That Noni Callander be reimbursed for \$400 of expenses incurred as NZ Team Manager at the WMA Champs in Finland.

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7. NZMA Track & Field Champs - Wellington 2-4 December 2022:

MW provided an update on preparations:

- * Waiting on entry form
 - * Provisional programme is okay
 - * Needs confirmation of officials
 - * Accommodation at West Plaza arranged but still needs to be booked
 - * Board meeting on Thursday at West Plaza beginning around midday
 - * AGM lunch time on Friday
 - * Wellington Masters have booked track venue directly with okay from Athletics Wellington
 - * Key officials needed such as Peter Baille for operating Meet Manager.
- * Follow ups: MW to contact Tony Rogers and AS to contact James Ollerenshaw at ANZ re using old entry system.
- * As no North Island Masters Centre has offered to host the NI Masters T&F Champs, it was suggested that NI masters be encouraged to participate in the SI Masters T&F Champs in Chch 20-22 January 2023. BG suggested asking if ANZ could assist with hosting the NI Champs and perhaps get Mark Harris to run the event.

8. Possible amendments to MoU with Athletics NZ:

In response to a question from AS as to what and how we would like ANZ to assist NZMA the following suggestions were made:

- * More publicity for masters events and athletes - it was acknowledge that we may need to supply information to achieve this.
- * Provide links to NZMA website - it was acknowledged that we need people to prepare material and put it on our website, which could include regional masters people.
- * Some events for masters at the 'Classics' meets eg 1 track and 1 field event, mile at Whanganui - ANZ Events person Jason Cameron is open to this.
- * Possible combination of NZMA T&F Champs with ANZ Combined Events Champs - looks like the best option for combining ANZ and NZMA champs but acknowledged that timetabling it could be a challenge.
- * Possible merging of regional ANZ centres with regional masters centre - acknowledged that regional ANZ centres have their own legal entity and are affiliated with ANZ and thus such mergers can only be encouraged.
- * One membership portal for all athletes - ANZ best placed for this. NZMA may need to become a 'centre' or a 'club'.
- * Access to ANZ database with some way of sorting the 30+ athletes so that they can be made aware of masters events. Plus someway of having a regional 'charge' for such things as uniforms.
- * Need for discussion on how income for champs is divided up between ANZ and NZMA.

AS indicated that he needs to get back to Pete Pfitzinger and that consideration needs to be given to possible changes that will need to be presented to our AGM in December.

9. Fourth World Veteran Games Trust:

AS indicated that there is a need for new trustees for this trust to ensure succession. Board members were urged to supply names of any potentially interested candidates. DS to follow up with Ian Morrison who had expressed interest previously.

10. NZMA Records:

MW indicated that he had updated some records recently. BG offered to assist with checking and updating records. MW will show him the process.

11. Athlete of the Year Awards:

MW indicated that all the votes are in and just need to be tallied up, which IC will undertake. Stewart Foster has ordered the awards from the supplier. They will be awarded at the dinner in December 2022. The four finalists in each category will be posted on the NZMA website and/or emailed to encourage them to attend the dinner.

12. Championship Events:

DS reported that the well organised NZ Cross Country Champs in Taupo on 30 July had gone well on the undulating, mud-free course. A total of 128 masters athletes took part in 35+ age groups with 39 women and 89 men. He thought that the new 3-person M65+ age group competition had resulted in a significant increase in the number of participants in the M65+ age groups with 4 teams contesting the inaugural Centre team competition. Tasman won from Auckland, Waikato Bay of Plenty and Wellington, which seemed fitting given that the proposal for a 3-person M65+ team competition originated from Athletics Nelson in the Tasman Centre.

13. Athletics NZ Competition Regulations:

DS reported that Athletics NZ had after their 50 day consultation period approved in March a couple of changes to their competition regulations. These provide for the addition of an annual 50km championship to the existing 100km championship for men and women and the provision of 5-year age grades for masters men and women in the annual combined events championships.

14. General Business:

* BG has been posting items on NZMA Facebook page. Other Board members and others are encouraged to feed him information that he can post.

* DS reported that Paul Hewitson (Wellington Harriers & Athletic Club) had expressed interest in being involved in the Board. He will be invited to attend the Board meeting in Wellington on 1 December 2022 and/or to put in a nomination for the Board.

15. Next meeting:

In Wellington on **Thursday 1 December 2022**. Time and venue to be confirmed.

Meeting closed at 4.20pm.