



NZ Masters Athletics

Minutes of the NZMA Board Meeting held on Sunday 30 April 2023 via Teams commencing at 7pm.

1. Present:

Andrew Stark (AS) President, Ian Carter (IC), Brayden Grant (BG), Hayden Robinson (HR), Carolyn Smith (CS) and Derek Shaw (DS) Minute Secretary.

2. Welcome:

AS welcomed everybody to the Teams meeting including the new Board members Hayden Robinson and Carolyn Smith to their first Board meeting following their election at the AGM in December 2022.

3. Minutes of Board meeting held on 13 November 2022

That the minutes of the Board meeting held on 13 November 2022 be accepted as a true and correct record.

A Stark / I Carter

Carried

4. Matters arising:

- No correspondence from Mike O'Leary. **AS** had spoken to Dennis O'Leary and it would appear he is no longer on the HBG committee and we may not see him back on the NZMA Board.
- **AS** has spoken to Athletics NZ staff re: NZMA championships event timing. The challenge of setting dates is that it relies on ANZ knowing when key events in Australia are occurring, so they avoid a clash. Finding a venue is also a challenge.
- **BG** still chasing up Manawatu – Whanganui Masters re hosting next NI Masters T&F champs.

5. President's Report:

AS indicated that since the AGM it has been relatively quiet regarding his involvement in NZMA matters.

- Has sent an email to Hamish Meacheam / Jason Cameron re: working closer together and identifying a venue, and time for NZMA 2023-2024 track & field championships. Nothing confirmed yet. Has indicated that if no venue is forthcoming, he will investigate hosting it at Nga Puna Wai.
- Used XCM Clothing to replicate the NZMA singlets, t-shirts & crop-tops. Promoted and sold items to members going to World Masters X/C Championships in Australia in February and WMA Indoor Championships in Turin in March.
- Updated all Combined Events scoring using Meet Manager (now updated with 2023 age factors).
- Spoken to John Clarke (President, Australian Masters Athletics (AMA)) who has raised concerns about the direction OMA are going. Interested in working together. John indicated that 900 at the last AMA T&F Championships which creates challenges to organise.
- Oceania Masters Athletics (OMA) has a Special GM in conjunction with Oceania Athletics Association (OAA) Congress meeting in Fiji in May 2023. It is proposed that OMA be a

commission (subcommittee) of OAA. There are concerns amongst NZ based delegates regarding this proposal and future directions. Seems unlikely that NZMA will get funding to attend. The next OMA champs are to be held in Saipan in northern Micronesia in conjunction with a regional OAA meet. No consultation with NZMA over this choice. Concern that the difficulty and cost of getting to Saipan will mean it is poorly attended by masters from Australia, NZ and other parts of Oceania region. One suggestion that has been made is have the OMA champs in the Gold Coast in conjunction with the South Pacific Masters Games that are held there every two years.

- He indicated that there was a need for succession planning for the 4th World Veteran Games Trust, with a need for new members, particularly as three positions on the trust (NZMA & CMA President, NZMA Treasurer are currently himself) and also Murray Clarkson's term has ended.
- He also indicated that the three NZMA Board roles of President, Secretary and Treasurer that he is currently undertaking needs to change.
- Updated accounts info in Xero. He reported that Anna Lynch is expecting her third baby, so is unlikely to do any than she has in the recent past. He is hopeful she can still assist in preparing the final accounts as per last year.

6. Secretary's Report - Correspondence, Inward /Outwards

- OMA correspondence about SGM to be held in Fiji in May – Proposed that OMA becomes a commission under Oceania Athletics
- John Campbell – Indicating that he is no longer in a position to format Vetline.
- John Campbell – requesting a transfer to USA (done)
- Noni Callander re: Team Manager expenses for Indoor Championships
- A few enquires via website often about how to join masters.
- Phone call with Jim Blair re: OMA issues
- E-mail from John Clark (AMA President) re: OMA. Plan to talk next week.

7. Treasurer's Report:

AS had circulated a financial statement for the eight months ending 30 April 2023 which detailed an income of \$28,714.38 and operating expenses of \$21,696.91 resulting in a surplus of \$7,104.98.

Total in the bank accounts is \$70,135.85.

Payments made:

- \$14,920 to Wellington Masters for entries etc for NZMA Championships
- \$2345 NZMA AGM / Championship expenses (AS, DS & BG)
- \$1000 to Mark Harris for hosting NI Championships
- \$1000 to CMA for hosting SI Championships
- \$750 to John Campbell for January Vetline
- \$4876 XCM Clothing for NZMA uniform stock
- Still to transfer \$3025.91 to CMA re: SI entry fees
- Still to pay Noni Callander – NZMA Team Manager's expenses (\$200).

Motion: That Noni Callander be reimbursed for her expenses as Manager of NZ Team at WMA Indoor champs of \$200.

A Stark / C Smith

Carried

AS indicated that there was a need for additional signatories to the ANZ accounts as still using Stewart Foster to authorise payments.

Motion: 'That Hayden Robinson and Braydon Grant be added as signatories to the ANZ Bank Direct online accounts and that Micheal Wray be removed'. D Shaw / I Carter Carried

AS suggested that as part of the process of working closer with Athletics NZ, we need to work on how we budget for NZMA expenses, travel, medals and Vetline. Currently masters who register directly with NZMA is decreasing each year. The majority of income is generated from club & NZMA masters who enter our three championships events. Our reserves current about \$70k, plus we have access to 4thWVGT fund to whom we can apply for grants. At this point, we have time to work out exactly how we full ourselves going forward, in consultation with Athletics NZ. It was noted that we did not apply to the 4thWVGT last financial year.

Following a discussion about the possibility of a part time paid person(s) to undertake various duties it was decided to apply to the 4WVGT this year.

That NZMA apply to the 4th World Veteran Games Trust for a \$5000 grant for operational, promotion and marketing expenses. B Grant / H Robinson Carried

That NZMA apply to the 4th World Veteran Games Trust for \$1500 as a contribution towards the costs of the NZMA President attending the SGM of OMA in Nadi, Fiji on 17 May 2023.

D Shaw / C Smith

Carried

8. MoU Update:

The discussion on the main issues and reasons for updating the MoU with Athletics NZ focused on a stepped process towards better integration of NZMA within ANZ. The initial focus to be:

- Getting NZMA and Island Champs integrated into the ANZ competition events calendar;
- A one-stop membership registration process for masters athlete;
- Increased promotion of masters athletes and the NZMA events within ANZ communication channels.

AS indicated that he would continue his discussions with ANZ staff over dates and venues for NZMA and Island champs.

Other suggestions were to seek an advisory board for masters at the ANZ governance level, have NZMA rep(s) on the ANZ Board and suggest an unattached ANZ membership category i.e. direct to ANZ and not via a club.

It was agreed that we needed to come up with a plan and put it to ANZ. HR and BG agreed to draft up what we would like to see and when we would ask for them to be in place, and circulate it to Board members.

9. Roles of NZMA Board members:

AS initiated a discussion on spreading the workload and what roles Board members are interested in utilising their talents and experiences.

- **CS** offered to work on communications, including the NZ Cross Country Champs.
- HR offered to look at improving the website and was happy to draft job descriptions for part time positions.
- **BG** was happy to continue with social media and records.

- **DS** happy to continue as meeting minute secretary and gathering and editing material for Vetline.
- **AS** to look at secretary duties, such as AGM notification deadlines and procedures, process for verifying overseas entries, with a view to looking at splitting them up.
- **AS** suggested that we move NZMA registration to Gameboy (used by ANZ) for next financial year beginning 1 September 2023.
- Need somebody to take over the lead role on the Athlete of the Year process.

10. Other matters:

There is a need to look at adding the 1500m Race Walk to the NZMA bylaws and include in the handbook.

Date of next meeting to be confirmed.

Meeting closed at 8.56pm.

Signed: _____

Andrew Stark – NZMA President

Date: _____

Signed: _____

Derek Shaw – NZMA Secretary

Date: _____