



NZ Masters Athletics

Minutes of the NZMA Board Meeting held on Sunday 26 May 2024 via Teams commencing at 7.30pm.

1. Present:

Andrew Stark (AS) President, Ian Carter (IC), Dale McMillan (DM), Hayden Robinson (HR), and Derek Shaw (DS) Minute Secretary.

2. Apologies:

Brayden Grant (BG) and Carolyn Smith (CS).

3. Welcome:

AS welcomed Board members to the Teams meeting and noted that unfortunately the timing didn't suit Brayden and Carolyn.

4. Minutes of Board meeting held on 24 March 2024

That the minutes of the Board meeting held on 24 March 2024 be accepted as a true and correct record.

I Carter / H Robinson

Carried

5. Matters arising:

Most matters were on the agenda. It was noted that **AS** has not yet managed to do a stocktake on medals remaining, particularly gold medals. **IC** has found another website with very similar age-graded percentages as used earlier.

6. President's Report:

AS summarised activities since the previous meeting:

- Organised ANZ Bank authorities, adding **BG** and **HR**.
- Setup online uniform shop, ordered new women's singlets and FOUR items (including the new hoodie) to members. Processed all orders to date.
- Attended an Athletics NZ Centre Leader's meeting – Rotorua, 4th May. Following on from that meeting, ANZ have announced a restructure of the organisation, which he distributed to Board members.
- Worked with HBG to setup NZMA Indoor Championships. Very few entries so far.
- On-going discussions with NZ Police / FENZ. Conducted a survey of their members to see what interest there is. All of their members will either join a club or NZMA.
- Discussion with Auckland Masters re: NZMA T&F Championship date of 28-30 March, when Mt Smart Stadium is available.
- Discussion with Judith Stewart re: NI Championships.
- Worked a bit on the website, updating various pages.
- Request from Murray Clarkson re: WBOP membership details. GameDay very challenging to get correct information out, so still a work in progress.
- About to start formatting May *Vetline*.

7. Secretary's Report:

- Website enquiries are re-directed to IC as well as AS.

- Other than an initial burst of spam, there has been only one enquiry about the WMA Champs, which **AS** actioned.
- Correspondence from OMA regarding the AGM on 5 June 2024 in Fiji, including an on-line link. The minutes from the OMA Council meeting held on 4 April 2024 were circulated to Board.

8. Treasurer's Report:

Xero updated. Produced Profit & Loss Statement and Balance Sheet for today's meeting. It was noted in P&L statement that the income figures for NZMA Awards Dinner and SI & NI Certificates probably needed to be swapped – **AS** to double check.

Payments to be made:

- Hostgator (Hosting = \$518.38 & Migration = \$293.48) = **\$811.86** - Paid by A W Stark – to be reimbursed.
- XMC NZMA Clothing = **\$1460.27**
- AWS Pub Ltd Postage for NZMA Clothing = **\$202.17 to be reimbursed**
- CMA membership = **\$20.00**
- Auckland Masters membership = **\$20.00**

That the five items above be approved for payment. H. Robinson / D Shaw Carried

Both Hayden and Brayden now have access to ANZ Direct and can authorise payments. Our bank account and XERO are linked, so reconciliation is straightforward. Need to upload some invoices to match with payments.

AS indicated that it took two weeks to sort out change of website host with John Campbell. Website is now back up. **AS** noted that we are still pretty flush with over \$86,000 in the bank. It was agreed to move \$10,000 into a term deposit with the most favourable terms. Bank signatories to do this. **AS** indicated that the new uniforms would probably break even and he was doing the distribution from his home office.

9. Continuation of matters from last Board meeting:

- Allocation of tasks and roles. The question was raised as to whether we stop keeping records for 30-34 age groups. Various pros and cons were indicated. Since two Board members were absent it was agreed to discuss this at full Board meeting. As **HR** is now NZMA treasurer he will also be involved in the 4th World Veteran Games Trust. **DM** to consider helping IC with collating results and percentages for the Annual Athlete of the Year Awards.
- Review of Awards Dinner. There was support for a low key awards function immediately following the end of the Saturday programme at a suitable venue within a 100m of Mt Smart. With the distances involved in Auckland and the traffic challenges it was felt that a separate evening function was not likely to be well supported. To be taken up the Auckland LOC with respect to possible venue and the facilities available. Further discussion on the format at the next Board meeting.
- Throws scheduling at NZMA champs. Need to check with the Auckland LOC as to whether there are any backup circles and/or cages, as at Nga Puna Wai (**AS**).

- NZMA forming an ANZ affiliated club. **IC** had circulated his expanded report on the idea of NZMA becoming an ANZ affiliated club. Following discussion there was support for providing this as another membership option for existing and potential new members. **DS** offered to modify the paper prior to the proposal being circulated for discussion with regional masters chairperson's / secretary's / representatives.
- At the previous Board meeting there had been discussion on whether Althea Mackie was eligible for NZ masters records. Since she is a member of North Harbour Bays Club and our rules are silent on whether masters athletes needed to be NZ residents or hold NZ citizenship the Board had approved her record. It was subsequently drawn to the attention of **AS** and **BG** that since we follow the same requirement as ANZ and they have a NZ residency clause and she is not a NZ resident, that we need to rescind the approval.

That the NZ record approved at the Board meeting on 24 March 2024 for Althea Mackie be rescinded. B Grant / I Carter carried

- Paid administration role. This subject had been raised last year and a draft job description had been prepared by **HR** and **BG**. **AS** felt that there was not a lot left to pay for if those with specialist skills especially around masters championships were paid. He had indicated at the last meeting that there are specialist tasks that he and others undertake for NZMA that are beyond what could be reasonably expected to be general governance roles or tasks, such as setting up entry portals on our website, processing entries into Meet Manager, processing results, creating and printing programmes, race numbers and certificates. It was noted that Mark Harris charges for similar work organising and running T&F meets.

The rest of the Board acknowledged and appreciated the difference and were very comfortable that he be paid for such non-governance work he undertakes for NZMA, along similar lines for such work that he does for Athletics Canterbury. The Board also felt that the work of producing Vetline was also worthy of being paid for, especially given that John Campbell had previously been paid for his work on the magazine.

That the Board approach the 4th World Veteran Games Trust for \$750 per issue to cover Vetline production cost. H Robinson / Ian Carter Carried

If successful the intention is that it be split 50:50 between the editorial and layout duties – currently undertaken by **DS** and **AS** respectively.

10. Oceania Masters Athletics update:

Noni Calander has agreed to be NZMA delegate at OMA AGM. Zoom link will be available for others. **AS** had provided a NZMA report, i.e. President's report from NZMA AGM. Fifty-seven NZ masters have entered the OMA T&F Champs in Suva. **AS** to check whether there is somebody to approach as a manager for the NZ team.

11. Fourth World Veteran Games Trust update:

The Trust had held a meeting on 18 April 2024, with **AS**, Stewart Foster and Rob McGregor present. Minutes and accounts had been circulated to Board members. The trust had achieved a surplus of \$8235 for the past year and funds held were \$165,419.

Lodging a copy of all documentation in a dropbox was agreed to, with **AS** to establish this. Regional masters centres hosting championship to be reminded to make application for financial assistance prior to the Island or NZ Champs. **HR** as the NZMA Treasurer was added as a trustee. **AS** undertook to ask around for additional people to strengthen the Trust.

12. NZMA Indoor Championships update:

Hawkes Bay Gisborne masters are hosting and promoting these champs. Thirteen entries so far. HBG are keen to host the indoor champs annually.

13. NZMA T&F Champs update:

The date of these champs has been confirmed as **28-30 March 2025** at Mt Smart Stadium. **AS** has been discussing various details with the Auckland LOC, including holding an awards function on Saturday afternoon following the last event at an appropriate venue close to the track.

14. NI and SI Masters Champs:

Discussions with Judith Stewart regarding NI Champs in Whangarei 29-30 November and 1 December 2023. Canterbury masters to get organisation underway soon for the SI Masters Champs in Christchurch on 24-26 January 2025.

15. Constitutional Matters:

AS had requested a copy of a new complying constitution template from Athletics NZ. **IC** had recently checked the Sport NZ website but had not seen any reference to such a template.

IC suggested that our AGM could be a teams meeting open to all members and could be at a different time to the NZMA champs, which would help reduce the workload for the LOC and Board. He would also like to see some form of electronic voting being available to all interested eligible members, instead of the present system of voting by Centre delegates. He indicated that this would clearly require all ANZ masters to be contacted. It was felt that this would be good item to discuss with the Regional Masters Chairpersons / Secretary's.

16. Records:

DS raised the issue that given Athletics NZ's recent addition of separate NZ Championship events for 5km and 10km road championships, along with a 1 mile road championship that we need to consider adding new categories to NZMA records. The inaugural 1 mile and 5k road championships had taken place in Rotorua over the first weekend in May. He understood that masters 5-year age groups were not recognised at the 1 mile road champs as this had been overlooked when the new bylaws had been

drafted, however in the interim it should be possible to work out records for 5-year age groups.

That new 5km, 10km and 1 mile Road Championship records be recognised and that National records for these distances be recognised for non-championship events on certified courses. I Carter / D Shaw carried

[Subsequent to the meeting DS noticed that NZMA championship records are maintained for the marathon but not the half marathon and 20km road walk.]

17. Dropbox:

Given difficulties with some Board members have been experiencing with Dropbox, **AS** had been investigating a Microsoft Sharepoint option.

18. NZ Police / NZ Fire Service attending NZMA Champs:

Since there are quite a number of masters athletes currently in the NZ Police and NZ Fire Service including several who regularly attend NZMA and / or Island T&F Champs, it was agreed that we should encourage them to join the local masters centre if they wished to take part in Masters T&F championships.

Next meeting 7.30pm 28 July 2024.

Meeting closed at 9.45pm.

Signed by President

Date