



Minutes of the NZMA Board Meeting held on Sunday 26 January 2025 via Teams commencing at 7.00pm.

1. Present:

Andrew Stark (AS) President, Brayden Grant (BG), Dale McMillan (DM), Hayden Robinson (HR), Carolyn Smith (CS) and Derek Shaw (DS) Secretary.

2. Welcome:

AS welcomed all Board members to the Teams meeting.

3. Minutes of Board meeting held on 1 December 2024:

That the minutes of the Board meeting held on 1 December 2024 be accepted as a true and correct record.

D Shaw / D McMillan

Carried

4. Matters Arising:

None

5. President's Report:

AS reported that he had been in regular contact with Murray Free, Chair of LOC for NZMA T&F Champs in Auckland, including over the schedule of events, colours for medal ribbons. He took part in an OMA on-line meeting (1st one they have had) since being re-established. One person opposed to NZMA supporting the Brisbane OMA Champs. OMA intending to have OMA T&F Champs every second year as opposed to the Oceania Athletics Masters Cup each year. OMA would like the 2027 champs to be hosted in NZ. **AS** and **HR** still to sort out **HR** taking over financial responsibilities.

6. Secretarial Report:

DS reported that the nominations for World Masters Athlete of the Year for Sally Gibbs and Peter Stevens had been submitted to OMA Secretary prior to the due date. Sally's nomination has been endorsed by the OMA Council.

HR reported that at the NZ Mile Champs at the Cooks Classic meet on Saturday 25 January 2025, he and many other masters were disappointed that the Master's Mile Championship race was not included in the main evening programme and felt it was a missed opportunity. He has contacted the local organisers and they are looking to include the master's race in the evening programme in future.

7. Finance Report:

AS to follow up with Judith Stewart as to how the finances of the NI Masters T&F Champs in Northland panned out when enquiring about the NZMA levy of \$15 / entry.

8. NZMA T&F Champs in Auckland 28-30 March 2025:

AS reported that these champs are control. His discussions with LOC Chair Murray Free have included the numbers and cost of the Saturday afternoon function and are

probably okay with the officials also attending. Murray and others have been encouraging Jacko Gill and others in their 30s to attend. Thirty-one entries so far.

AS indicated that he will check out accommodation for Board members and any partners attending. With hiring one vehicle and **CS**'s car we should be okay for moving Board members and associates between accommodation and Mt Smart stadium. Board members who haven't booked their travel were encouraged to do so asap and to try and get to Auckland by midday on the Thursday 27 March so that Board can have a face-to-face meeting during the afternoon.

9. NZMA AGM preparations and requirements:

AS and **DS** to work on notification procedures, Expressions of Interest / Nominations for the Board, call for remits, annual accounts, venue and other matters.

10. Hosts for 2025/26 championship events:

North Island Masters T&F Champs – Waikato Bay of Plenty Masters are apparently interested – this needs to be confirmed, and dates and venue confirmed.

South Island Masters T&F Champs – Tasman Masters turn to host them for the second year of the SI roster. Likely to be 23-25 January 2026. **DS** to book track & confirm dates.

Mile (track) – could be in Whangarei.

10,000m (track) – could be in Tauranga on 2 January 2026.

NZMA T&F Champs 2026 – host needed. May not be able to sort out dates until Athletics NZ sorts the date for their 2026 NZ T&F Champs.

11. NZMA Handbook update:

DS indicated that he has some suggestions/comments on the draft circulated by **HR** and will put these into tracked changes format and circulate to Board members.

12. Revision of NZMA constitution:

DS spoke to his pre-circulated discussion paper on the review of the structure of NZMA, which included features of the two options - Incorporated Society's and Charitable Trusts - for community organisations, such as NZMA.

In summary, he believed that there were two choices available:

1. Amend our current incorporated society constitution to ensure it complies with the new Incorporated Societies Act 2022 (required by 6 April 2026) and consider any other possible changes.
2. Establish a new charitable trust under the Charitable Trusts Act 1957 and transfer the current assets of NZMA to this trust.

Following discussion, the majority of the Board indicated they supported the option of moving to a Charitable Trust and recommending this option to the 2025 NZMA AGM. **DS** agreed to prepare a paper outlining the two options with reasons for the Board recommending the move to a Charitable Trust, and next steps if the proposed change is supported at the AGM.

That the Board recommend to the NZMA AGM on Friday 28 March 2025 that NZMA move to becoming a Charitable Trust under the Charitable Trusts Act 1957.

H Robinson / A Stark

Carried

13. Records update:

BG reported that the updating and processing of record applications was going smoothly. **AS** reported that following a discussion with Althea Mackie at SI champs that she accepts that she is not eligible for NZMA records given that she doesn't reside in NZ. **AS** and **DS** will sort out SI Masters T&F champs records broken over the weekend.

14. Athlete of the Year Awards:

DM reported that Ian & Heather Carter and herself have collated a list of over 1000 performances which meet the current criteria (354 woman & 661 men and half of them relate to sprints and distance events). These performances are being reduced down to long lists for each category from which the finalists will be selected in February with assistance from **DS**. She indicated that some athletes have been nominated but have not met the eligibility criteria as haven't competed at a masters event.

The Board felt that a further review of the criteria may help to streamline the process. It was agreed that all finalists be notified to try and ensure as many as possible attend the awards presentations.

15. Fourth World Veteran Games Trust:

AS indicated that there is still a need to get **HR** on to the 4th WVGT as NZMA Treasurer and to find one more person to be appointed to the Trust – suggestions welcomed. He indicated that the end of Trust' financial year is 31 August.

That NZMA apply to the Fourth World Veteran Games Trust for the annual production costs of producing Vetline of \$3000. B Grant / C Smith Carried

16. Generic medal ribbons for small NZMA champs:

AS suggested a generic black & white ribbon for medals issued at small NZMA championship events such as track mile and 10,000m. There was general support for this and **AS** agreed to obtain a quote for a viable number (400-500?) from a supplier. It was suggested that we could apply to 4th WVGT for the cost of generic ribbons.

17. Regional Masters Centre's contacts update:

DM has emailed existing Centre contacts for their updated office holders and contacts. These have been emailed back to **DS**, who will collate them so that an updated list can be put up on the NZMA website.

18. Vetline update:

DS reported that there was a large amount of material for the December issue which resulted to it being 50 pages and a little later than hoped. It is planned to have the next issue out following the NZMA T&F Champs at end of March.

19. Social media:

BG reported that after posts are put up on Facebook, they then go up on the website.

HR indicated that it has been difficult to find ways of getting a click rate for the opening of Vetline on the website.

Next meeting: Thursday 27 March 2025 in Auckland – time and venue to be confirmed.

Meeting closed at 9.00pm

Signed by President

Date: