



NZ Masters Athletics

Minutes of the NZMA Board Meeting held on Monday 27 November 2023 via Teams commencing at 7.30pm.

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.

3. Minutes of Board meeting held on 26 August 2023

That the minutes of the Board meeting held on 26 August 2023 be accepted as a true and correct record. I Carter / D Shaw Carried

4. Matters arising:

None arising that are not on the agenda.

5. President's Report:

AS summarised activities since last the Board meeting:

- Completed the update of the revised ANZ / NZMA MOU and has now been signed by both organisations and is available on NZMA website.
- Now has formal access to masters athletes on ANZ database to promote NZMA events.
- Has finally obtained confirmation that the 4thWVGT is a 'legal' entity as a 'company' has been created with this name. Aim is to now transfer shares and bank accounts to the 'company' and to find additional trustees.
- Created a draft SI Championship programme and setup the SI Championships GameDay entry portal.
- Redoing the generic NZMA Championship programme. It is proving to be a challenge fitting in all the field events. Although this will not be a problem at Nga Puna Wai as we have circles available outside the main area. About to setup and open online entry portal for NZMA champs.
- Formatted October *Vetline*.
- Changed the layout and colours of the NZMA website.
- Setup GameDay to handle online registrations on NZMA website.
- Updated the NZMA AGM website page.
- Reduced capacity of NZMA dropbox to all others to access (back file created with 'old stuff' in it).

6. Secretary's Report: Correspondence, Inwards and Outwards

- Update from Oceania Masters Athletics.
- Ian Carter – on idea of NZMA becoming a club.
- Noni Callander – expressed strong support from Otago masters and personally for continuation of *Vetline*.
- Dealt with a few enquiries about masters and clubs.

7. Treasurer's Report:

AS indicated that he has:

- Initiated process of setting up Brayden G and Hayden R as authorisers on ANZ Direct bank account. **AS** to ensure completion of this process.
- Downloaded transactions from August to November and distributed to Board. Twenty seven have joined NZMA on-line via GameDay.
- Noted need to transfer funds to Centres for masters centre fees and entries.

8. NZMA AGM Preparation:

- **AS** has updated the website page. Elms Hotel in Papanui is book for NZMA Awards Dinner. Board members are encouraged to stay there and to book their own travel.
- AGM to on Friday 16 February 2024 commencing 12 noon or 1pm. Start time and venue to be confirmed. Board meeting on Thursday 15 February 2024 with start time and venue to be confirmed (could be at Nga Puni Wai as a big screen is available for those who need to join in on-line).
- **BG** has received an offer for somebody to take video and photographs. Offer gratefully received and **BG** to follow up.
- Need to send out call for Board nominations, any remits, nominations for awards - Athlete of the Year, Colours, Service and Merit Awards. **AS** agreed to check on time frames and action.
- All current Board agreed to continue. Board members to follow up any other possible people to nominate.
- **IC** making good progress on candidates for Athlete of Year Awards. Has struck a few issues over whether age-grade results are based on actual age or 5-year age groups. The Board discussed whether current high performance athletes in masters age groups, such as 30 and 35 year olds, who have not shown any interest in NZMA events should be eligible for Athlete of the Year and Colours Award. It was agreed to review the criteria before next year's awards process. Any Board members interested in helping **IC** with refining the candidates and winners to contact him.

9. MoU with Athletics NZ:

- **AS** reported that update MoU signed by both organisations and on NZMA website.
- **IC** lead a discussion on the idea of NZMA becoming a 'club' of ANZ to try and make it easier, cheaper and more appealing for masters athletes to take part in ANZ events particularly those organised by regional ANZ centres. He understood that Auckland Masters Athletics members are now able to take part in Auckland Athletics events

through pretending that they are a club. He suggested that there could be 3 levels to a membership fee to cover NZMA, Regional ANZ Centre fee to enable participation at regional meets, and ANZ fee for those wishing to compete at ANZ events. Following discussion **AS** indicated that he would talk to ANZ's Hamish Meecham and **IC** indicated that he would send some further thoughts to Board members for discussion.

10. North Island, South Island and NZMA T&F championships:

- **BG / HR** indicated the Mark Harris had 105 entries for the NI Champs in Palmerston this coming weekend 1-3 December 2023.
- **AS** reported that were 6 entries so far for the SI Champs in the relatively short time that the entry portal has been up on NZMA website.
- **DS** indicated that preparations are well underway for the SI champs in Nelson 19-21 January 2024.
- **AS** indicated that the 4WVGT grants of \$1000 will be available to the organising centres once a budget is received.
- **AS** indicated that he is working with Athletics Canterbury to organise the NZMA champs. Currently applying for funding assistance. Elms Hotel have agreed to be a sponsor and will be using them for the Awards Dinner and accommodation for out of town officials and Board members.

11. Constitutional Matters / Strategic Plan / Handbook:

- **AS** circulated latest update on need to make changes to our rules by 2026 to comply with legislation changes. **AS** reported that Stewart Foster offered to supply a copy of the revised rules for his club that he is working on.
- **DS** remembered after the meeting closed that ANZ and Sport NZ are working on a template for affiliated organisations that will hopefully assist with this process.
- Possible update of Handbook deferred until we have further information on review of our constitution.

12. Oceania Masters Athletics Update:

- **AS** advised that Oceania Athletics Association have agreed to create an OAA Masters Commission. More details to come.
- **AS** reported that next OMA Championships are planned for Fiji in June 2024, which he sees as a positive move. NZMA can promote these champs when we have further details.

13. Website / Vetline:

- Gathering of material, editing and writing material completed by DS and AS continued the new formatting style for the October 2023 issue of Vetline, which is on the website. **AS** sent out three printed copies.

- **CS** offered to help promote masters and Vetline to masters aged athletes, including those in the ANZ database, and to also include a request for interesting stories on masters.
- It was agreed that next issue of Vetline would be late January 2024 after SI Champs and then following issue would be in April 2024 to wrap up summer season including NZMA champs and Australian Masters Champs. **DS** to notify contributors.

14. Records:

- **AS** indicated that all Combined Events points have been re-calculated using 2023 age factors.
- **BG** reported that he has been steadily processing record applications for the current season, including assisting with Sally Gibbs's World W60 10,000m track record at the NZMA 10,000 track championships in Wellington on 18 November 2023.

15. Fourth World Veteran Games Trust:

- **AS** reported that he appears to be making progress (see President's Report).
- It was suggested that we request the Trust pays the annual donations towards the costs of hosting the NI, SI & NZMA championships (\$5000) directly to NZMA, then we pay the respective Centres.

That the Fourth World Veteran Games Trust is requested to pay the annual donations towards the costs of hosting the North Island, South Island and NZMA T&F Championships direct to NZ Masters Athletics and that NZMA disburses the \$1000 to the respective host Centres following the receipt of a Budget for the championships. H Robinson / I Carter Carried

- It was indicated that the Board needs to assist with finding additional trustees for the 4WVGT to help enable it to continue.

16. General Business:

- Dropbox capacity issues. AS asked whether any Board members were aware of any free cloud based storage available for non-profit organisations, such as Google Drive, OneDrive, as an alternative to Dropbox.

Date of next Board meeting – Thursday 15 February 2024 with venue and time to be confirmed.

Meeting closed at 9.10pm.