



Minutes of the NZMA Board Meeting held on Sunday 1 December 2024 via Teams commencing at 8.00pm.

1. Present:

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

2. Welcome:

AS welcomed all Board members to the Teams meeting.

3. Minutes of Board meeting held on 6 October 2024:

That the minutes of the Board meeting held on 6 October 2024 be accepted as a true and correct record. D Shaw / D McMillan Carried

4. Matters Arising:

AS reminded follow Board members of the challenge of fitting our NZMA T&F Champs in with the busy schedule of Athletics NZ events.

5. President's Report:

AS reported that the newly formed Australian-based OMA Council were keen, in addition to Stewart Foster, to have a second NZ person on the Council and have co-opted him. The Board is currently dominated by Australian masters. The Board is planning the OMA Champs in Brisbane 6-10 September 2025. As the resurrected OMA is recognized by WMA, OMA records will be recognised at this events, unlike the Oceania Athletics Masters Cup event which is in Nuku'alofa, Tonga 29 October -1 November 2025. He reported that Australian Masters are keen to align with Asian Masters because of more meaningful competition. OMA Council is keen to have their 2027 OMA Champs in New Zealand - Waikato Bay of Plenty Masters could be interested in hosting them.

6. Secretary's Report:

DS reported that following Board email discussions and agreement he had put forward nominations to OMA President of the Board's two nominations (1 female and 1 male) for Sally Gibbs and Peter Stevens for WMA Best Athletes of the Year.

7. Financial Report:

AS to show **HR** how new Gameday works one evening within the next week. **AS** and **DS** recently completed a stock take of uniforms – a top up of some items maybe needed soon.

8. NZMA, North Island and South Island T&F Champs – updates:

DM and **CS** attended and reported a good turnout of 122 athletes at the North Island Masters Champs in Whangarei over the weekend 30 November to 1 December, especially given it is not an easy place to get to. **DM** indicated there were some small

fields of women in the track events such as the sprints and middle distance events but good numbers in the field events. She commented that during the wet weather on the Sunday, it may have been better to split the large throwing groups into smaller groups that followed each other and reduced the sitting around and waiting. This would also enable some of those in the non-throwing groups to assist the officials if needed. **CS** indicated that her athletes enjoyed it and many of them were new to track running, included members of the Hatea club. There were some big groups of throwers which were split. The chief officials including Murray Free, Murray Clarkson and Mark Harris all did a good job. Next NI champs likely to be in Tauranga.

With respect to the South Island Masters Champs in Christchurch 24-26 January 2025, **AS** will be creating the schedule in next few days in Athletics Net. It will be combined with some local events to make efficient use of officials.

AS working on the schedule for the NZMA T&F champs so he can assist the Auckland LOC. There is a challenge with respect to having three groups of both men and women for the number of throwing circles. Hoping there will be enough medals. Will be using either Gameday or Meet Manager.

9. NZMA Handbook:

HR has circulated first revised draft to **BG** and **AS** and is now on One Drive. It will be sent to everybody and Board members are urged to have a read of it and provide feedback.

10. Record Application Form update:

Two new forms now under Records – one for track events and one for field events. In Auckland, records are emailed to Auckland record keeper and **BG**. It was agreed to accept records applications from Canterbury throwers who meet midweek under experienced officials Ann and Rick Davison. Age-graded % calculators – 2 links from WMA website to NZMA website but one is broken and needed of repairing.

11. Vetline:

DS reported that lots of copy has been received and more is due for what looks like a large December issue. Board members had received some feedback on the long length of Vetline issues and the small print size. There was discussion on how many read each issue and whether there was any way to monitor the number of 'clicks' on Vetline magazine. **HR** offered to take a look at this. It was suggested that perhaps a pdf version could be attached to an email to masters database when each edition is put up on the website.

12. NZMA 10000m Track Championships:

It has been suggested that these champs could be moved to Inglewood from Wellington for the 2026. **CS** to follow up with the new person Keegan McCauley.

13. Revision of NZMA Constitution:

DS offered to prepare a discussion paper on the pros and cons of continuing as an Incorporated Society versus moving to a Charitable Trust to meet the new requirements and circulate to Board members and then take a recommendation to the NZMA AGM.

14. Preparation for the AGM:

It was agreed to have a face-to-face Board meeting on Thursday 27 March 2025 during the afternoon. Board members should book flights to Auckland to ensure they arrive by midday on Thursday 27 March 2025. It was agreed to try and find accommodation in suburbs reasonably close to Mt Smart Stadium such as Greenlane, Penrose, One Tree Hill, Onehunga and to hire a minivan for transporting Board members.

AS reported that the Police and Fire Service will be joining in the NZMA T&F Champs.

15. NZMA One Mile Champs:

It was agreed that would be one for the track and one for the road with usual 5-year age groups. The 2025 track mile champs would be held in conjunction with the Cooks Classic meet in Whanganui on 25 January 2025.

Next meeting: Sunday 26 January 2025 - evening with the start time to be confirmed.

Meeting closed at 9.45pm.

Signed by President

Date: