



Minutes of the NZMA Board Meeting held on Thursday 27 March 2025 at Royal Park Lodge, Auckland commencing at 2.00pm.

1. Present:

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

2. Apologies:

Carolyn Smith (CS)

3. Welcome:

AS welcomed all Board members present to the meeting.

4. Minutes of Board meeting held on Sunday 26 January 2025:

That the minutes of the Board meeting held on 26 January 2025 be accepted as a true and correct record. D Shaw / B Grant Carried

5. Matters Arising:

- 2025 NZMA T&F Champs. **AS** reported that there were 282 entries which was an increase of 60 over recent years. He had been in regular contact with LOC Chair Murray Free and everything was falling into place and there were still tickets available for the Awards function after Saturday's events. He urged Board members to assist with officiating at the field events as there may be a shortage of helpers.
- NZMA AGM notifications. **DS** indicated that after discussions with **AS**, a notice had gone out on 6 March 2025 to Masters Centres / Contacts and Life Members notifying that the AGM will now be held online on Sunday **22 June 2025** beginning at 2pm. This notification included an explanation as to the reasons for the change. It also included notification deadlines for Centre Secretaries re:
 - (a) Any remits and / or points of discussion for the agenda by **27 April 2025**;
 - (b) Any nominations for the NZMA Board by **25 May 2025**;
 - (c) Notification of delegates and any other members who wish to attend by **7 June 2025**.

There was also guidance from the Board on the range of skills, expertise and experience needed on the Board.

6. Working closer with Athletics NZ:

One of the key challenges that has been facing the Board over recent years has been the scheduling of the NZMA T&F champs in the increasingly busy schedule of major T&F meets plus the ability of masters centre's to host the champs, especially when it comes to having enough experienced field officials. The Board supports the concept advocated by World Athletics of 'One Family' from children's through to youth, senior to master's athletics. It also noted that children's athletics came

under Athletics NZ several years ago and that organisation of the NI and SI Colgate Games now involves a MoU between Athletics NZ and the host children's centre. The Board believes this approach should be investigated and possibly utilized for the NZMA T&F Champs. **AS** to undertake discussions with ANZ with a view to moving to this approach within the next two years.

The Board felt that the NI and SI Masters T&F Champs can continue to be organized by regional master's centres, either as a stand-alone event or in conjunction with meets undertaken by ANZ Regional Centre's. The latter option has worked well in Centre's such as Otago, Canterbury and Tasman in recent years and enabled better utilisation of regional / local officials.

7. Athlete of the Year Awards:

The long list of finalists had been compiled by Ian and Heather Carter along with **DM**. **DS** then joined **IC** and **DM** in compiling a short list of 4-6 finalists for each category and the panel then independently made their choice of winners for each of the sixteen categories. Collation of the results revealed that there was unanimous agreement on all the winners. **HR** and **BG** agreed to prepare a presentation of the finalists and winners of each category with some highlights of the winner's achievements for the Awards Function late Saturday afternoon.

8. NZMA Handbook update:

The Board worked through the various suggestions and comments made by **HR**, **BG** and **DS** on the review of the NZMA Handbook. **HR** agreed to prepare a clean copy for circulation to all Board members to check before it is posted on the NZMA website.

9. Records:

BG reported that he has continued to update records and has 6 more to update and expects more from 2025 NZMA T&F Champs.

10. Vetline:

DS has notified Vetline contributors that the deadline for copy for the next issue is 9 April to enable reports and results to be included on the NZMA T&F Champs. Murray Free has advised that there will be three photographers providing coverage of the champs that will be available to use in Vetline. **AS** suggested that we undertake a survey of those on the NZMA database with regards to their use and thoughts on Vetline.

11. Board members:

There was agreement that securing a treasurer was the top priority for the Board.

Next meeting: TBC

Meeting closed at 5.30pm