



## **Minutes of the Athletics Otago (Inc) monthly Board meeting held at the Caledonian Ground, Logan Park Drive, Dunedin on Wednesday 22 February 2016**

**Present:** Megan Gibbons (Chair), Bruce Cowan (President), Graham Murphie, Stuart Melville, Kevin O'Sullivan, Carla Butchers

**Apologies:** Raylene Bates, Bryce Watt

### **Confirmation of Minutes**

*"Move that the minutes of the meeting held on 25<sup>th</sup> January 2017 to be a true and correct record of the meeting"*

S Melville/M Gibbons

### **Matters Arising**

Graham is working on the promotion proposal this will be presented to the Board once it has been completed.

### **Congratulations**

- A huge congratulations to Raylene Bates and Anna Grimaldi on being recognised in the New Year's Honours list; well-deserved recognition for their outstanding contribution to athletics.
- Welcome to Carla Butchers as the Administration Officer. Carla's official start date is Monday 13 March 2017.
- The Board would like to acknowledge the following performances from the New Zealand Combined Events Championships held on 18-19 February in Dunedin:
  - Felix McDonald 1<sup>st</sup> U20 Mens Decathlon
  - Cameron Miller 1<sup>st</sup> U18 Mens Decathlon
  - Stacey Gunn 3<sup>rd</sup> Snr Womens Hephthalon
  - Sarah Landsbury 1<sup>st</sup> U16 South Island Modified Hephthalon
  - Paul Davies 1<sup>st</sup> M50-54 Decathlon
  - Alison Newell 1<sup>st</sup> W55-59 Hephthalon
  - Claire Giles 1<sup>st</sup> W 60-64 Hephthalon

### **Otago Records**

- M14yr Javelin (700g) 51.80m Ethan Walker Taieri DOB 31.8.2002 – 14yrs 4mths Waitakere Stadium, Auckland 3.12.2016
- M15yrs Shot Put (5kg) 14.36m Hamish Mears Taieri DOB 9.4.2001 – 15yrs 8mths Caledonian Ground, Dunedin 17.12.2016
- M15yrs Shot Put (5kg) 14.51m Hamish Mears Taieri DOB 9.4.2001 – 15yrs 10mths Caledonian Ground, Dunedin 4.2.2017
- G14yrs Shot Put (3kg) 12.26m Zharna Beattie Taieri DOB 1.10.2002 – 14yrs 2mths Waitakere Stadium, Auckland 3.12.2016
- G14yrs Discus (1kg) 36.36m Zharna Beattie Taieri DOB 1.10.2002 – 14yrs 2mths Caledonian Ground, Dunedin 10.12.2016
- G14,15yrs Discus (1kg) 37.93m Zharna Beattie Taieri DOB 1.10.2002 – 14yrs 3mths Surrey Park, Invercargill 15.1.2017

- B13yr Octathlon 3872 points Cameron Moffitt HCYU DOB 8.4.2003 – 13yrs 9mths Caledonian Ground, Dunedin 28-29.1.2017 (700g,5kg,100mH 840mm)

#### Standards to be approved.

Due to the Men U18 now becoming a Decathlon from the Octathlon and the implement and hurdle weights and heights being different from when U18 used to do decathlons, standards need to be set for the following age grades. Implement weights and Hurdle heights and distance will be: Shot Put 5kg, Javelin 700g, Discus 1.5kg, Hurdles 110m 914mm

- Men 17yrs – 6200 points
- Men 16yrs – 6000 points
- Men 15yrs – 5800 points
- Men 14yrs – 5600 points

*“Move that the above records and standards be ratified”*

S Melville, B Cowan

#### **Accounts/Finance**

It was agreed we need to confirm the athletics fee as athletes will be asking what it is and it had been said this would be set by January.

- The Cross Country Committee were unanimously opposed to the proposed levy increase although did not give reasons as to why.
- It was agreed if the Board get the reasoning behind the Cross Country Committee opposing the levy increase and then explain Athletic Otago’s financial situation an agreement could be come to.
- It is important to understand where the finances are at and make an informed decision.
- The Finance Committee also had some reservations which were outlined in an email from Brent.
- Brent also agreed for The Board to ring him during the meeting.
- Athletics is a reasonably cheap sport however there was some concern regarding cost of the social walkers levy and what they get for this compared to competitive athletes.
- It was agreed the Board will need to make the decision, that small increases are important and financially there is a need to increase the levy in order to promote the sport.
- Brent sent through the updated forecast.

*Action: Bruce to circulate the updated forecast for discussion over the next couple of days so a levy can be set.*

Following this meeting it was voted via email to set the fees:

*Athletics Otago Fees for the 2017/2018 be set at \$30 for competitive members and \$10 for non-competitive members. Megan Gibbons/Stuart Melville CARRIED*

Clubs will be notified so that they can set their fees and get registrations ready for April 1 start of registration year.

#### **Online Registrations**

- After an in depth discussion it was agreed it was a good option to use online registrations as the positives outweigh the negatives. It was acknowledged the first couple of weeks could be a struggle as people get used to it (however this is the registration process for Nationals and Otago Champs).
- If registration is not completed online a late fee will be charged.

- It was agreed if this process streamlines everything then it is a good thing as it all seems fairly labour intensive at the moment.
- Good option removing the gate passes as this is also labour intensive.

#### Positives

- Can rank/seed athletes and have sheets completed before the competition.
- Less labour intensive as removes need for gate passes (and staff).
- Wellington/Auckland are using this system at the moment.

#### Negatives

- Could be a struggle/education for athletes therefore the first couple of weeks could be difficult. Also need to take into account those who do not have an email address or access to the internet.

#### **Gaming Funding**

- Allan Nichols has said NZCT have lost some sites in Dunedin so this funding is potentially at risk in the future.
- Bendigo have picked up one of the good sites from NZCT but they cannot promise anything for more than a couple of years.
- Lion Foundation do not want to be relied upon for new positions however if there are some identifiable costs and quotes can be obtained these can be put forward in a grant application. It is the time and effort of getting these quotes that is a hurdle.
- It is important we promote events to do this we could approach different funding organisations for money to run specific events.

#### **Lease**

- Still with the DCC.
- Clubs need to write and say they endorse Athletics Otago use of the space at the Caledonian Ground.

#### **General Business**

##### Annual General Meeting

- Nominations for Life Members and Merit Awards need to be received by 1 March 2017.
- If changes are to be made to the Constitution these need to be done 30 days prior to the AGM.
- Board members – 2 lowest elected delegates retire but are able to put themselves up for re-election (G Murphie/S Melville).
- The AGM will be held on the last Monday in May (29 May 2017).

##### Secondary School Meeting

- Kevin O'Sullivan met with Nikki Paterson to get her perspective. She believes young people sometimes feel "out there" and exposed with individual sports as opposed to team games. A Discussion paper has been drafted but not ready for submission to the Board at this stage.

#### Members

Getting new and keeping current members at critical times is crucial. A couple of options discussed were:

- Road runners – Megan and Graham to meet with Les Mills Road Runners to discuss how we include them in Athletics Otago events
- Children – run with their school (friends) plus have an Athletics Otago levy to keep them involved.
- University – set them up with a buddy from Hill City.
- Social – no social grade.

### Trail Running

- The Cross Country Committee have requested the Board to formally endorse 3 Peaks to be the Otago Trail Running Championships 2017.

*“Move that Athletics Otago recommend 3 Peaks be the host of the Otago Trail Running Champs for 2017”.*

B Cowan/G Murphie

### General

- It was good to see photos and report on athletics in the ODT from John McGlashan College’s athletics day. With Stadium to Surf giving us one article per week in the paper there is no reason why we cannot continue with a weekly story, even if we have to write the story ourselves or at least let the ODT know when there are events on so they can cover them.

The Board went into Committee

*A discussion around the ADO role was held.*

The Board came out of Committee

Meeting Closed: 9.11pm

Next Meeting: Wednesday 29 March 2017