

Minutes of the meeting of the Cross Country Committee of Athletics Otago held in the Athletics Otago Club Room at the Caledonian on Monday 13 February 2017 at 7.30pm

Present: Greg Johnston – Chair (Leith), Alan Funnell (Leith), Kevin Murphy (Hill City Uni), Andrew Glennie (Caversham), Jonah Smith (Caversham).

Welcome: To Jonah Smith (Caversham) new committee member

Apologies: Nil

Absent: Dave Crew (Ariki), Peter Bromley (Ariki)

Minutes:

“Moved that the minutes of 12 December 2016 meeting be taken as read.”

K Murphy/A Funnell Carried

Matters Arising:

- Women’s Otago Marathon Trophy (Findlay Trophy) has been engraved and sent to Mel Aitken prior to Christmas.
- Greg still to collect old trophy book from Beverly Findlay.

Confirmation of Previous Minutes:

“Moved that the minutes of the 12 December 2016 meeting are a true and correct record of the meeting.”

A Funnell/K Murphy Carried

Correspondence

Inwards & Outwards

- Emails from Daniel Reese Canterbury Cross Country & Road Committee. Second email attached their approved winter programme. He also stated they would be happy to include any of our winter events as long as they did not clash with theirs. Invitation for Otago Clubs to take part in the Akaroa Relay on September 16. Committee **Members to take invitation back to Clubs.**
- Various emails for Port Chalmers to Dunedin Road Race.
- Various emails for Stadium to Surf.
- Minutes of Board Meeting 25 January 2017.
- Email from Board Chair about appointment of new Administration Officer Carla Butchers who starts on 13 March.
- Email from Leith Harrier and Athletic Club applying to host the inaugural **Athletics Otago Trail Running Championships** incorporating it in the Three Peaks Race being held on Sunday 9 April 2017. The Three Peaks race is being held for the 34th time in 2017 over the original course over Flagstaff, Swampy and Mt Cargill summits. It has long been considered the ‘pinnacle’ of trail running in coastal Otago and while other events have come and gone this event has continued due to a dedicated group of people who continue to organise the event and also local competitors and sponsors.
- Email from Chris Baillie asking about ANZ Sanctioned event. Greg to contact Chris.

K Murphy/A Glennie Carried

“Moved that the inwards correspondence be received and the outwards endorsed.”

A Funnell/K Murphy Carried

General Business:

Review of:

- **Port Chalmers to Dunedin Road Race** – All went well on the day. Event would be better held in morning. We had two slow walkers who finished 45 minutes after the last runner. Not fair on marshals and extra cost for traffic management and First Aid. Next year no walkers and a time limit to finish the race. Prize giving went well with good attendance. Results took slightly longer

to complete due to the complexities of open and registered runners with sealed handicap. Allow an another half hour for this next time.

General/ Up and coming events

- **Stadium to Surf fun Run** – 12 March 2017. Every thing tracking along nicely. Plenty of advertising with ODT as a partner. Good registrations to date. Prizes for school teams. Annelies has sent out marshal instructions to clubs. Requiring six marshals per club. Committee members to follow this up with Clubs. For Risk Management Plan Annelies requires names of marshals.
- **Otago Peninsula Challenge** – 30 April 2017. Greg has had a telephone conversation with Steve Moodie from the Otago Peninsula Lions. Lions are struggling for members however are keen to hold the event but only for the run and walk. No mountain biking. **It was agreed we would be keen to support/ partner this event however not this year due to organizing time constraints with the planned event date two months away.**
- **Lovelock Relays** – 6 May 2017. Kevin Murphy to talk to club also check with Survey Team that the course will fit in the University Oval.

General

- **Draft Winter Programme** – No comment from Clubs. **Agreed to the programme.**
 - A Funnel/K Murphy Carried
- Proposed Athletics Otago levy increase. Committee was unanimously against this.

NEXT MEETING: Monday 13 March 7.30pm

Meeting Closure: 8.31pm