



**Minutes of the meeting of the Athletics Otago (Inc) Board meeting
held in the Athletics Otago Club Room at the Caledonian
on Wednesday 24 May 2017 at 7.30pm**

Present: Megan Gibbons (Chair), Bruce Cowan (President), Stuart Melville, Kevin O'Sullivan, Bryce Watt, Carla Butchers (Administration Officer)

Apologies: Graham Murphie, Raylene Bates

Confirmation of Minutes:

"Moved that the minutes of the meeting held on 26 April 2017 to be a true and accurate record of the meeting."

B Watt/B Cowan

Carried

Matters Arising:

- Both letters of support we have sent have been successful (Football South with Logan Park Turf Project and Athletics New Zealand regarding changing the date of the Commonwealth Games Trials so they no longer clash with the Oceania Masters).
- Athlete of the Year Function – do we do an evaluation? This was covered in the Planning Meeting. It was agreed to go ahead with what was suggested at the Planning Meeting and put a Review Panel together quickly so it is completed by October. This panel will require representatives from across the sport plus Marion. Everyone agreed while the night went well we can do a lot better to celebrate/acknowledge the season.
 - There was a nice feel to the evening and we need to build on it.

Correspondence

- 5 May: Letter from the Board sent to Clubs regarding the ADO role.
- 8 May: AGM Notice/Motion/Nominations sent to Clubs and Life members.
- 8 May: Email from Nicki Paterson (OSSSA) wanting to set a date for the Secondary School Champs next year.
- 10 May: Email from the DCC regarding Logan Park Stakeholders Update, namely the Football South Proposal.
- 11 May: Email from Nicki Paterson (OSSA) regarding the future of the Otago/Southland Athletics Meeting.
- 12 May: Email to Clubs regarding the Kids Cross Country Series.
- 15 May: Letter to Football South in support of the Logan Park Turf Project.
- 17 May: Email from the DCC advising approval granted for the Logan Park Turf Project.
- 19 May: Email to Nicki Paterson re Secondary School Champs next year – advising still waiting on Calendar of Events from ANZ before we can make a decision.
- 19 May: Email to Nicki Paterson re Otago/Southland Athletics meeting advising ultimately it is up to the schools, however happy not to go ahead with it, also outlining particular areas which need to be addressed either way. Nicky advised they have a meeting on 8 June in Balclutha to discuss the future of this event.

- Gives more status to Otago Champs. It is a busy time of year. Could space it to include athletes who aren't club members.
- There are two disadvantages to not having the Otago/Southland meet – it will restrict the numbers from each region which could in turn reduce the level of performances at the South Island meet.

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

B Cowan/K O’Sullivan Carried

Congratulations

Congratulations to Raylene Bates (Coach of the Year) and Anna Grimaldi (Junior Sportswoman of the Year) at the Otago Sports Awards on Friday 19 May 2017. Also, congratulations to Brent Ward (Coach of the Year) and Holly Robinson (Sportswoman of the Year) for being nominated in their respective categories.

Finance:

Stuart reported Brent has managed to turn a prospected substantial loss into a good result and produced a more than satisfactory report. The Auditors report on front with no breaches. Brent has done a spectacular job again. This will be presented at the AGM and should be approved.

“Moved the expenditure of \$11,125.61 be approved”.

S Melville/B Watt Carried

General Business:

Football South

- We supported their proposal for the installation of two artificial turf on Logan Park. This proposal has been accepted by the Dunedin City Council.

Planning Meeting

- The Planning Meeting was held on Wednesday 10 May with representatives from all of the sub committees. The evening went well with some very good feedback. Need to put some plans around what we are going to do moving forward.
- Need to have one or two events which we can invest our time and energy in.
- One of the biggest issues identified was around communication.
- Main points to focus on at this stage:
 - Awards sub committee.
 - Communication Plan.
 - Calendar for the year – potentially a google calendar colour coded, which provides access for numerous people.
 - Board member ex officio on each sub committee (first meeting of new Board to sort places).

Action: Carla to send notes from Planning Meeting to all attendees.

Action: Carla to put together an Awards review group (refer Matters Arising).

Annual General Meeting

- Everything looks to be on track.
- There have been two Board members nominated so this will not need to go to a vote.
- The Board agreed to continue with the same Auditor, Patron, Lawyer.

Action: Carla to email Clubs with number of voting delegates.

Action: Carla to contact Brandwell Moller re Life Member badge

General

There was general discussion around how we could be better planned, run events differently to attract interest and introduce new events to the calendar.

- Southland/Otago/Canty could work together to hold coaching courses. These could be held in conjunction with the Combined Events Champs (November 2017). During this time a calendar for the following season could be put together to reduce clashes with other Centres.
- Canterbury are going to be up and running next year with a major track and field event and we do not have any major events. We will need to be proactive in trying to secure major events in the future.
- Handicap race: have people spaced out to see who comes across the finish line first.
- Money for who goes over the finish line on a certain lap to make it interesting (like the keirin in cycling).
- Otago Records Club – Steve Davie set up when an Otago Record was broken individuals/businesses paid \$ per record broken.
- Stuart Melville asked for permission to discuss some of his ideas with Bryce Watt and his Run Otago Proposal. This permission was granted.
- Kevin O’Sullivan mentioned the Knox v Selwyn competition which was held recently. There were a few who had their track shoes with them but don’t compete here. Could we put something together for next year for the Colleges or Uni Tournaments? NZ Universities?
- 2001-2013 there was the Inter College Athletics Meet which Bruce helped organise.

Meeting Closed: 9.30pm

NEXT MEETING: 7.30pm Wednesday 21 June 2017