Minutes of the 124th Annual General Meeting of Athletics New Zealand Incorporated.

Held at the Addington Events Centre, Twiggers St, Tower Junction, Christchurch at 8:45 am on Saturday 23 July 2011.

1. Roll Call and Welcome:

Jim Blair (President) opened the meeting with a welcome to all noting that this was the first Annual General Meeting under the new Constitution. Mr. Blair then handed the meeting over to Annette Purvis (Chairman) to lead the meeting.

Attendees:
Member Representatives: David Crewe (Ariki Harriers), Sylvia Maunder (Athletics Carterton), Eric Verstappen (Athletics Nelson), Mike Weddell (Athletics Taieri), Malcolm Taylor (Athletics Tauranga), Murray Clarkson (Athletics Tauranga), John Perry (Athletics Whangarei), Paul Craddock (Auckland City Athletics), Ron Cain (Caversham Harrier and Athletic), Andrew Reese (Christchurch Anglican Harrier), Mike Van der Colk (Christchurch Anglican Harrier), Lisa McCready (Energy City Harriers), David Southwick (Hamilton City Hawks), Allan Potts (Hastings Athletic), Andrea Williams (Hastings Harriers), Lance Smith (Invercargill Harrier and Athletic), Brian Stewart (Kapiti Running & Tri), Wayne Smith (Napier Harrier), Patrick Boland (New Brighton Athletic), Dave Thomas (New Brighton Athletic), Mike Riley (North Canterbury Athletic), Craig Hewett (North Harbour Bays Athletics), Buzz Jones (Papanui Toc H), Maria Kilden (Papanui Toc H), Craig Brown (Papanui Toc H), Sue Leadbetter Port Hills Athletic), Henry Tudor (St Paul's HAAC), Lilian Tudor (St Paul's HAAC), Lockie Campbell (Summer Running), Murray McKinnon (Takapuna Amateur Athletics & Harrier), Murray Green (Te Awamutu Athletic), Daniel Reese (University of Canterbury), Don Mackenzie (University of Canterbury), Paul Longdill (Waitakere City), Pauline Vercoe-Curtis (Waitakere City), Alan Stevens (Wellington Scottish Athletics), John McBrearty (Athletics Canterbury), Anita Sutherland (Athletics Canterbury), Andrew Finn (NZ Children's), Mike Weddell (NZ Masters), John Tylden (NZ Secondary Schools), Lois Grimmer (NZ Secondary Schools).
Also in attendance: Arthur Eustace (Patron), Jim Blair (President), Alec McNab (Vice President), Graeme McCabe (Life Member), Rod Syme (Life Member), John Smart (Life Member), Annette Purvis (Chairman), Trevor Spittle (Deputy Chairman), Dave Norris (Board member), Dave Harkness (Board member), Alan McCauley (Board member), Malcolm Phillips (incoming Board member), Scott Newman (Staff), Brett Addison (Staff), Scott Goodman (Staff), Tom Mayo (Staff), Will Stewart (Staff), Terry Lomax (Staff), Michelle Kiesanowski (Staff), Nadine Fromont (Staff), Julie Meyers (Observer), Don Chadderton (Observer), Leon Blanchet (Observer).

Annette explained the voting process and advised the voting strength, reading out the names of the clubs present and eligible for voting. It was noted that only one vote would be required, that being the election of 2 Board members.
2. Proxies: The following proxies were advised

Kaiwaka Athletic Club  John Perry
Kamo Athletic Club  John Perry
Pakuranga Athletic Club  Murray McKinnon
Lynn Dale AA & HC  Murray McKinnon
Manurewa AA & HC  Murray McKinnon
Technical AA & HC  Murray McKinnon
Wesley Athletic & Harrier Club  Paul Longdill
Riverhead Athletic Club  Paul Longdill
Eastern Athletics & Harrier Club  Paul Longdill
Racewalking Auckland  Paul Longdill
Glen Eden A & H Club  Paul Craddock
Papakura Athletic & Harrier Club  Paul Craddock
Auckland University  Paul Craddock
Counties Manukau Athletics Club  Paul Craddock
Hibiscus Coast Harriers & Triathlon Club  Craig Hewett
Hillsborough Junior Athletics Club  Craig Hewett
Calliope Athletic & Harrier Club  Craig Hewett
Roskill South Athletic Club  Craig Hewett
Leith Harrier & Athletic Club  Andrew Finn
Otago Athletic Club  Andrew Finn

3. Returning Officer: The Chair advised that John Smart had been appointed as Returning Officer for the AGM.

4. Appointment of Scrutineers: Dave Harkness and Rod Syme were appointed as scrutineers to assist the Returning Officer.


Moved: Annette Purvis, Seconded: Alan Stevens

6. Valedictions: The meeting honoured the following by observing a moment's silence.

Paul Dryden
Clem Green
Ted Guy
Dick Harris
Richard Harvey
Ian Priest
Sue Rodgers
Kimball Thompson
Brian Taylor
Grant Wheeler
Geoff Hopper
Don Jowett
Vanessa Green
Harold Nelson

The President noted the very recent passing of Don Jowett and gave a brief overview of Don’s significant contribution.

Brief discussion also confirmed that the valedictions from year to year should include all those who have passed away between AGMs and not necessarily align with the financial year being reported.
7. Minutes of Previous AGM: Subject to the following notes the minutes were confirmed as a true and correct account of the meeting held 23 July 2010.

Note 1: John Smart noted that in the Election of Officers, the President and Vice President positions were “declared elected” by him, not “moved”.

Note 2: John Perry noted that the statement attributed to him appeared not to make a great to sense, but similarly noted that this may in fact have been the case!

Moved: Annette Purvis, seconded: Allan Potts. CARRIED

8. Matters Arising: John Perry spoke of the Transformation Project, noting the need to ensure that the wishes of the members are not lost as the organisation moves to a more streamlined “business” approach. John spoke of “fine words and intentions”, but reminded the meeting that outcomes needed to be measureable and tangible and that generally sport does not fit too well into a business model. John tabled an email from a member from Northland who questioned the age-old concern and need for the national association to portray tangible value right down to grass-roots level.

9. Minutes of Previous SGM: Subject to the following correction the minutes were confirmed as a true and correct account of the meeting held 13 November 2010.

Correction: Alan Stevens asked that the Club name for Wellington Scottish Athletics be corrected to read as such.

10. Annual Report: Chairman – Annette Purvis

The Chairman presented the 124th Annual Report for Athletics New Zealand and gave a brief explanation to the new approach in publications, having moved to a full Annual Report published electronically, a printed summary Annual Report and the publication of the 2010 Almanac which provides a full collection of the year’s results and representative team performances.

Annette explained that during the year, the sport had taken a good leap forward with a new Constitution now in place, a successful SGM held in Auckland and the introduction of the Board Appointments Panel. A new events strategy was being formulated and the launch of both the Aurora Series and the Get Set Go programmes were positive moves forward.

It was noted the new member management system was not yet in place but the need to get this right was noted and it was explained that a formal RFI and RFP process was currently underway.

Annette noted the work undertaken by the Board in creating a refreshed Strategic Plan, a process which included the development of the following Values:

We are:

- **Integrity driven**
  - We act with honesty and transparency. We have the courage to make decisions in the best interests of athletics.

- **Responsive**
  - We are contemporary. We engage, listen and identify changing needs. We accept challenges and try new things.

- **Connected**
  - We reach all corners of the community. We build friendships and belonging; are inclusive, cohesive and diverse. We acknowledge our heritage.

- **Achievement focused**
  - We create the opportunity – at all levels. We provide an environment for satisfaction and enjoyment, whether through shared experience, meeting a challenge or success on the world stage.

Annette acknowledged the work undertaken by former High Performance Director Kevin Ankrom noting in particular how his advocacy and work led to the pathway structure now in
place, creating the opportunity for more of our athletes to be supported in maximising their
talent.
Annette thanked the countless volunteers, officials and administrators, as well as SPARC and
other key partners, Board members and all staff.
Annette acknowledged the commitment and contribution of Dave Harkness who was standing
down from the Board.

The Chairman then opened the meeting to questions from the floor.

There were no questions from the floor, but Alec McNab noted that the omission of the
reports of the Associates from the new Annual Report was detrimental to portraying the unity
of the sport.

Moved “that the 2010-11 Annual Report be received”: Annette Purvis, Seconded: Andrew
Reese

CARRIED


Scott Newman highlighted a surplus of $60000 versus a budgeted $42000 explaining that this
was good progress, with increasing equity to $245000, but this was still far from comfortable.

With turnover now at $3.4m, the rapid growth of the organisation over the last five years was
noted.

During the year, revenues increased in all major areas, except Competitions, where entry
receipts for the Lion Foundation Rotorua Marathon were down in a non-medal year, in
comparison to last year. Interest received remained above budget thanks to the continuation
of SPARC’s Performance funding effectively being received 1 year in advance. It was
however noted that SPARCs investment was now 59% of total revenues which in itself brings
risk.

Looking ahead it was noted that the support of Gaming Charities continues to tighten and this
was a constantly changing environment. The Transformation work will continue to force
changes in the financial structure of the organisation and Scott noted that new investment
was required to enact new initiatives. The new initiatives, namely the Aurora Series and the
Get Set Go programme were being treated distinctly in the finances to enable concentrated
assessment of progress.

A budgeted surplus of $30000 was forecast for the coming year and turnover is anticipated to
reach $4m.

Thanks were offered to Craig Purdy and Rosie Graham.

The CEO then opened the meeting to questions from the floor.

John Perry asked what would be a “comfortable” level of retained earnings.

Scott advised that an exact figure was difficult to provide, but one year’s operation appeared a
sensible target. Scott stated that some benchmarking had been done across sports, but that
the many and varied revenue levels and nature of those revenues, made comparison across
sports too challenging to be of significant use.

There were no further questions from the floor.

Moved that the 2010-11 Statement of Financial Performance be adopted”: Alan McCauley,
Seconded: Dave Harkness

CARRIED
12. Election of Officers

Patron:

The Board nominated Arthur Eustace as Patron to Athletics New Zealand. DECLARED
Arthur thanked the meeting and acknowledged the great strides being made in the sport. He spoke briefly of the recent visit to New Zealand of Lamine Diack, the President of the IAAF, and noted the very high regard for which New Zealand is held within the IAAF.

President

Alec McNab

Nominated by: Athletics Manawatu Wanganui and Athletics Wanganui.

DECLARED

Alec thanked the meeting, speaking of his 39 years with the sport in New Zealand and the interesting and exciting time ahead as the transformation work progresses.

Vice President

John McBrearty

Nominated by: Athletics Canterbury

DECLARED

Board Appointments Panel – Club Appointee

Graeme McCabe

Nominated by: Athletics Tauranga

DECLARED

National Technical Officials Committee

John Phillips

Nominated by: Athletics Auckland

DECLARED

Board

The Chairman outlined the new process for the appointment of Board members noting that four positions in total are to be filled. Two members are now appointed via the Board Appointments Panel and two further members are to be elected by the Clubs. There were nineteen applications received for the four positions. The following Board members were duly appointed by the Board Appointments Panel.:  

Alan McCauley
Malcolm Phillips

All other applicants were eligible for election. Following the voting process, the following Board members were duly elected:

Patrick Meffan
Steve Hollings

13. Awards

Alan Stevens, Convenor of the Awards Committee spoke in regards to the importance of recognising members of our sport who have made a valuable contribution.

Long Service: The following received awards in recognition of their long service to the sport:
Merit: The following received Merit Awards

George Caddie Waikato Bay of Plenty

Graeme McCabe spoke of George’s contribution to the sport, which began in 1953 when he joined the Victoria University Harrier Club. George’s officiating began in 1973 at Te Aroha and he remains as Centre Officials Coordinator for Waikato Bay of Plenty a position he has held since 1995.

George has officiated at various NZ Championships as Field Events Chief, as referee (both Track & Field) and as a Technical Delegate for a number of Championship events.

George was unable to be present at the AGM and will be awarded his Merit Pin at another suitable occasion.

John McTaggart Athletics Canterbury

John McBrearty introduced John’s Merit Award acknowledging the 35+ years John has contributed to the sport. John is a Life Member of the Kaiapoi Athletic Club and the Canterbury Children’s Athletics Association. He is currently a member of the NZ Secondary Schools Athletics Association and is deputy Chairman of the Athletics Canterbury Track & Field Committee.

John is recognised as “Mr. Secondary Schools Athletics” in Canterbury and stepped up to become Meeting Manager for the NZ Secondary Schools Championships when they were held in Timaru in 2009.

John is recognised for his exceptional knowledge of the sports rules and is similarly recognised for his innovative solutions to equipment challenges.

John gratefully received his Merit Pin acknowledging the support of the many people that make the sport happen.

14. Date for 2012 AGM

The decision as to the date and location of next year’s meeting would be held over until feedback was received on the Conference and AGM format, combined with the Cross Country Championships as trialled this year.

15. Closure/Acknowledgments

Annette Purvis thanked all member clubs for their attendance and participation and acknowledged again the contribution of Dave Harkness as he steps off the Board.

Meeting Closed: 9.55 am