Minutes of the 125th Annual General Meeting of Athletics New Zealand Incorporated.

Held at the Kingsgate Hotel, Hamilton at 8:45 am on Saturday 4 August 2012.

1. Roll Call and Welcome:

Alec McNab (President) opened the meeting acknowledging the Life Members and welcoming all to the 125th AGM. Mr. McNab noted how pleasing it was to see so many clubs gathered for the Conference and AGM and then handed the meeting over to Annette Purvis (Chair) to lead the meeting.

Attendees:
Member Representatives: David Crewe (Ariki Harriers), Lance Smith (Athletics Invercargill), Malcolm Taylor (Athletics Tauranga), Fred Holmes (Athletics Wanganui), Ian Babe (Athletics Whangarei), Paul Craddock (Auckland City Athletics), George Chambers (Cambridge Athletics & Harriers), Andrew Reese (Christchurch Anglican Harriers), Leon Blanchet (Christchurch Avon), Rodger Brickland (Eastern Athletic & Harriers), Robert Dabb (Fielding Moa), Craig Wilson (Frankton Athletic & Harrier), Tim Marshall (Gisborne Harriers), Mark Battley (Glen Eden Athletic & Harriers), Rolf Porter (Greerton Athletics), Bruce Fleming (Hamilton City Hawks), Sharee Jones (Hastings Athletics), Mark Roberts (Hastings Harriers), Jarrod Adams (Hill City Athletics), Barrie Jennings (Hinemoa), Jason Cressingham (Hawera Harriers), Anthony Curry (Howick Athletics Club), Audrey Williams (Kamo Athletics), Brian Stewart (Kapiti Running & Tri), Jim Blair (Kiwi Athletics), Lindsay Foster (Lake City), Mic Baker (Lynnendale Athletic & Harriers), Tracey Sims (Marlborough Athletics), Ian Finlayson (Napier Harriers), Leyton Tremain (New Brighton Olympic Athletics), Mike Riley (North Canterbury Athletics), Craig Hewitt (North Harbour Bays), Heather O’Hagan (Paeroa Athletics), Craig Brown (Papninu Toc H), Peter King (Port Hills), Hillary Stephens (Putaruru), Peter Wyatt (Roskill South), Walter Gill (Takapuna Athletic & Harriers), Mark Harris (Team Wairarapa), Inneke Cuming (Te Kuiti Athletics), Rod Syme (University of Canterbury), Howard Baker (Waitakere City Athletics), Louise McDonald (Wellington Harriers), Bruce McCallum (Wellington Scottish), Ian Sussex (Wesley Harriers), Fiona Smith (Winton).

Also in attendance: Arthur Eustace (Patron), Alec McNab (President), John McBrearty (Vice President), Annette Purvis (Chair), Dianne Craddock (Auckland City Athletics), Sasha Daniels (Auckland City Athletics), Bruce Clarke (Frankton Athletics & Harrier), Bruce Habgood (Greerton Athletics), Allan Potts (Hastings Athletics), Kerris Browne (Lake City), Lee Norris (North Harbour Bays), Pete Smallberger (North Harbour Bays), Joan Rawnsey (Paeroa Athletics), Nellie Engels (Putaruru), Andrea Williams (Team Wairarapa), Tracey Davey (Te Kuiti Athletics), Paul Longdill (Waitakere City Athletics), Ron Hanson (Waitakere City Athletics), Geoff Haigh (Wesley Harriers), Jackie Scherp (Winton), Margaret Holcroft (WBOP Children’s Committee), Alan McDonald (Sportsforce Athletics), Kelvin McDowell (Athletics Taranaki), Mike Weddell (NZ Masters Athletics), Ashely Taylor (Life Member), Douglas Taylor (Life Member), Alan Stevens (Life Member), Don Mackenzie (Life Member), John Smart (Life Member), Mhyre Oman (Past President), Graeme McCabe (Life Member), Barry Smith (Past President), Dennis Flitten, Tony Rogers, Graham O’Brien, Trevor Spittle (Deputy Chairman), Dave Norris (Board member), Alan McCauley (Board member), Malcolm Phillips (Board
Annette explained the voting process and advised the voting strength. The number of member clubs registered in time to be eligible to vote at the AGM were 165. The necessary quorum was therefore 42 clubs, being 25% of eligible members. There were 51 clubs who registered to attend with 45 clubs in attendance. The quorum was therefore met with an additional 33 proxies noted as follows.

2. Proxies:
The following proxies were advised:

- Counties Manukau Athletics
- Massey Athletic Club
- Te Atatu Athletics Club
- Geraldine Athletic Club
- South Canterbury Athletic Club
- Temuka Athletic Club
- Waimate Athletic Club
- Canterbury Tri Club
- Christ's College Athletics Club
- Phoenix Athletics Club
- Rover Harrier Club
- Auckland YMCA Marathon Club
- Owairaka Athletic Club
- Auckland University Athletic & Harrier Club
- Pakuranga Athletic Club
- Pukekohe Athletic & Harrier Club
- Calliope Athletics and Harrier Club
- Riverhead Athletics Club
- Torbay Athletics Club
- Warkworth Athletics Club
- Central Athletic Club
- Palmerston North Athletic and Harrier Club
- Te Awamutu Athletic Club
- Christchurch Methodist Harrier Club
- Sumner Running Club
- Timaru Harrier Club
- Rivertson Athletic Club
- St Paul's Harrier and Athletic Club
- Christchurch High School Old Boys United AC
- Athletics Taieri
- Caversham Harrier & Athletic Club
- Hatea Athletic & Harrier Club
- Hillsborough Athletic Club

- Howard Baker
- Howard Baker
- Howard Baker
- Leon Blanchet
- Leon Blanchet
- Leon Blanchet
- Leon Blanchet
- Craig Brown
- Craig Brown
- Craig Brown
- Paul Craddock
- Paul Craddock
- Anthony Curry
- Anthony Curry
- Anthony Curry
- Craig Hewett
- Craig Hewett
- Craig Hewett
- Craig Hewett
- Fred Holmes
- Fred Holmes
- Alan McDonald
- Andrew Reese
- Andrew Reese
- Andrew Reese
- Fiona Smith
- Fiona Smith
- Rod Syme
- Mike Weddell
- Mike Weddell
- Audrey Williams
- Peter Wyatt

3. Returning Officer:
The Chair advised that John Smart had been appointed as Returning Officer for the AGM.
4. **Appointment of Scrutineers:**
Douglas and Ashley Taylor were appointed as scrutineers to assist the Returning Officer.

5. **Apologies:**
The following apologies had been received:
- Peter Booker (Counties Manukau Athletics)
- Ian Boyd (Life Member)
- Don Chadderton
- Murray McKinnon (Takapuna Athletic & Harriers)
- Simon Oxner
- Paul Pavlovich (Morrinsville Athletics)
- Craig Purdy (Ombudsman)
- Peter Richards (Life Member)
- Ngatea Athletic Club
- St Paul's Athletic & Harrier Club

_Moved: Annette Purvis, Seconded: Allan Potts_  
CARRIED

6. **Valedictions:**
The meeting honoured the following by observing a moment’s silence.
- Paul Luckie
- Don Macfarquhar
- Harold Nelson MBE
- John Perry
- Roy Smith
- Fay Stigley
- Ted Hutchinson
- John Hinton

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 2011.

Errors in attendees in 2011: Craig Brown was not present as recorded, Daniel Reese was not present as recorded, Andrew Reese is Christchurch Anglican Club, not Avon.

_Moved: Annette Purvis, seconded: Rod Syme._  
CARRIED

8. **Matters Arising:**
There were no matters arising.

9. **Annual Report:**
The Chair, Annette Purvis, presented the 125th Annual Report for Athletics New Zealand and gave a brief overview of the highlights from the last 12 months reflecting that at 125 years old, we are one of the oldest sports in New Zealand and that our fine tradition of success is being carried on today through the likes of Nick Willis and Valerie Adams.

Annette noted that the sport has generally enjoyed strong and capable leadership over the years, which has brought a professionalism and capability to the sport. The contributions to IAAF level of Arthur Eustace, Jim Blair and Alan Stevens were highlighted.

Currently the sport is in the process of bedding down the new governance process under the new Constitution, now two years old the changes have been acknowledged by stakeholders and the calibre of applicants for this year’s Board vacancies was testament to how the sport is now perceived.

Annette stressed that to appoint directors, as well as recommend, was a necessary strength that the Board Appointments panel required to cement the quality of candidates and asked the attendees to give the appointments panel some teeth when considering the motions in front of them.
Annette acknowledged that the Board and National Office could do more yet to communicate and gave an undertaking that there would be a greater presence down to club level. In the financial area, Annette reinforced that we still have some way to go to be stable and confident of investing in our own future and that the organisation’s goal of 75% self-generated revenue was still some way off.

It was noted that our future success would be aligned to how well we create new products that meet the community need, with a target of 80000 individual “members”. International success is another key plank as performance success resonates with the community and a significant review of the performance programme would take place later in the year.

The Chair ended her report with thanks to all attendees for the contribution they make to growing and improving the sport.

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

There being no questions, it was moved “that the 2011-12 Annual Report be received”:

Moved Annette Purvis, Seconded: Andrew Reese  CARRIED

10. Statement of Financial Performance:
The Chair introduced CEO Scott Newman to speak to the financials. Scott highlighted a surplus of $31000 versus a budgeted $30000 explaining that this was good progress, with increasing equity to $277000, but this was still far from comfortable.

With turnover now at $4.2m, the rapid growth of the organisation over the last five years was noted. Total revenues have doubled in that time.

During the year, revenues increased in all major areas, with Get Set Go being a new contributor. Interest received remained high 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 up to 60% 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 and the outcome of the Flavell Bill currently before Parliament could have a wide-ranging impact if adopted.

The Transformation work will continue to force changes in the financial structure of the organisation and Scott noted that new Commercial & Marketing role would be a good test of the sport’s ability to generate new revenue streams over the next couple of years.

A break-even budget was forecast for the coming year and turnover is anticipated to reach $4.5m.

Thanks were offered to Craig Purdy and Rosie Graham.

With no questions from the floor, it was moved that the 2011-12 Statement of Financial Performance be adopted”:

Moved Annette Purvis, Andrew Reese, Seconded:  CARRIED

11. Election of Officers

Patron:
The Board nominated Arthur Eustace as Patron to Athletics New Zealand.  DECLARED

President
John McBrearty
Nominated by: Athletics Canterbury.  DECLARED

Vice President
Dave Norris
Nominated by: North Harbour Bays Club  DECLARED

Board Appointments Panel – Club Appointee
Two nominations had been received:

Graeme McCabe
Nominated by: Athletics Tauranga

Craig Hewitt
Nominated by Eastern Athletics & Harriers

Craig Hewitt was duly elected.  

DECLARED

National Technical Officials Committee
Fred Holmes
Nominated by: Athletics Manawatu Wanganui

DECLARED

Board Members
As the Chair was up for re-election, the President outlined the process for the appointment of Board members noting that three positions in total are to be filled. One member is now appointed via the Board Appointments Panel and two further members were to be elected by the members.

The following Board member was duly appointed by the Board Appointments Panel:

Annette Purvis

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

Cameron Taylor
Trevor Spittle

DECLARED

12. Awards
Alan Stevens, Convenor of the Awards Committee introduced the awards.

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

Dianne Craddock  Athletics Auckland
Sharee Jones  Hastings Athletic Club
Mark Roberts  Hastings Harrier Club United
Lindsay Foster  Lake City Athletic Club
Denise Cheese  Athletics Auckland
Sue Bearda  Athletics Auckland
Paul Trotman  Athletics Auckland
Ray Scott  Athletics Hawkes Bay Gisborne
Wayne Smith  Athletics Hawkes Bay Gisborne
Francie Bayler  Athletics Manawatu Wanganui
Robin Doyle  Athletics Manawatu Wanganui
Paul Duxfield  Athletics Manawatu Wanganui
Paul Godbaz  Athletics Manawatu Wanganui
Arthur Brooks  Athletics Taranaki
Karen Brooks  Athletics Taranaki
Peter Fox  Athletics Taranaki
Steve Gray  Athletics Taranaki
Fred Kumeroa  Athletics Taranaki
Judy Towers  Athletics Taranaki
Ken Kerewaro  Athletics Tauranga
Jack Lochhead  Athletics Tauranga
Lynette Lochhead  Athletics Tauranga
Rose Newdick  Athletics Tauranga
Fay Riley  Athletics Tauranga
Euan Ross  Athletics Tauranga
Pat Sale  Athletics Tauranga
Bev Smith  Athletics Tauranga
Karen Smith  Athletics Tauranga
Kerry Smith  Athletics Tauranga
Stu Smith  Athletics Tauranga
Rod Taylor  Athletics Tauranga
Frank Vosper  Athletics Tauranga
Anne Pringle  Athletics Wellington
Jo Anderson  Hastings Athletic Club
Merit: The following received Merit Awards

Graham O’Brien

Graeme McCabe introduced the first recipient as Graham O’Brien and outlined Graham’s involvement from his days as a young athlete with the Otahuhu Athletics Club, through to his coaching and administration responsibilities with Auckland and Counties, to his more recent involvement as Athletics NZ Convenor of Selectors for Track & Field. Graham gratefully received his Merit Pin acknowledging the support of the many people that have made him look good. In particular he acknowledged his wife Yvonne, the guidance of Allan and Sylvia Potts, the competitive feats of Lesley Vainikolo and Andrea Miller, and the recent support of Ken Simpson, Don Garland and Tony Rogers.

Alan Tucker

Rod Syme introduced Alan Tucker’s Merit Award acknowledging the 35+ years that Alan has given to the sport. His involvement began as a student at Christchurch Boys High and then at University of Canterbury. His job as a mechanical engineer saw him drawn to the equipment side of the sport where his service as a technical manager has seen him fulfil roles at the IPC World Championships, Oceania level and at national level.

Alan has served on the Canterbury Centre since 1992 and more recently has been instrumental in the reconstitution of athletics following the Christchurch earthquake.

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

Life Member: The following received Life Memberships:

Leon Blanchet

John McBrearty spoke of Leon’s involvement in the sport which started as a competitive athlete, that has led to a 50+ years of service as an official and administrator. Leon is a Life Member of his Club and Athletics Canterbury and earlier this year was honoured in the Queen’s Awards with an ONZM. He remains Chair of the Athletics NZ Technical Officials Committee, served on the Board of Athletics NZ, has been an Executive member of the NZ Secondary Schools Athletics Association, was an official at the 1990 Commonwealth Games, headed the officials at the IPC Championships in Christchurch, has attended numerous Athletics Australia Championships and has been to every NZ Track & Field Championships since 1982.

In speaking to the award, Leon recalled his days as a young man in the sport and reflected on his time as a serviceman and his attempts at Cross Country running. He acknowledged the support of Ashley Taylor and Rod Syme in motivating and enabling him to achieve what he has. Leon spoke of his dedication to producing the regular Officials Column, but noted that after so long, he was running out of ideas and it was perhaps time for someone else to take over this task. Leon thanked his family and all attendees for the honour of Life Membership.

Murray McKinnon

Dave Norris spoke to Murray McKinnon’s nomination noting more than 50 years of service to the sport. Murray has served across the spectrum of roles from Chairman of his Club through
to twice President of Athletics NZ. Murray served on the Board of Athletics NZ twice and has given long service to Athletics Auckland, having been Centre President and Treasurer. He has been an official for more than 40 years and officiated at the 1990 Commonwealth Games. Murray has been integral in the preservation of Mt Smart and has served for a number of years as the records convenor for Athletics NZ and as contracted Communications Advisor to Athletics NZ.

*Murray was unable to be present at the AGM as he was currently in London at the Olympic Games.*

13. Motions

The following remits were considered by the meeting.

The first 17 remits related to the inaugural Board and the transition clauses required from the change from the shift from the old Constitution in 2010. All motions were proposed by the Board.

1 Existing Rule 38 (Inaugural Board Members)

THAT Rule 38 be deleted in its entirety.

It was explained that existing Rule 38 is superfluous to the Constitution as it relates to the composition and transition of the Inaugural Board following the 2010 AGM. As the matters dealt with under Existing Rule 38 have now been completed, this Rule could be deleted in its entirety and all consequential references throughout the Constitution could be removed for the avoidance of doubt. References to clauses 39 and 40 and could be referred to as clauses 38 and 39 respectively. This explanation applied to motions 1 to 17.

2 Consequential change to 6.1 (Membership) paragraphs a. b. c. and d.

THAT the reference to “Rule 39” be deleted from each of the paragraphs and replaced by “Rule 38”.

3 Consequential change to 7.1 (Individual Members)

THAT Rule 7.1 be amended by deleting reference to the words “Rule 39.1c” and replacing it with the words “Rule 38.1c”.

4 Consequential change to 7.3 (Duration of Membership)

THAT Rule 7.2 be amended by deleting reference to the words “Rule 39” and replacing it with the words “Rule 38”.

5 Consequential change to 9.1 (Member Clubs)

THAT Rule 9.1 be amended by deleting reference to the words “Rule 39.1a” and replacing it with the words “Rule 38.1a”.

6 Consequential change to 9.2 (Duration of Membership)

THAT Rule 9.2 be amended by deleting reference to the words “Rule 39” and replacing it with the words “Rule 38”.

7 Consequential change to 10.1 (Membership as an Associate Member)

THAT Rule 10.1 be amended by deleting reference to the words “Rule 39.1b” and replacing it with the words “Rule 38.1b”.

8 Consequential change to 10.3 (Duration of Membership)

THAT Rule 10.3 be amended by deleting reference to the words “Rule 39” and replacing it with the words “Rule 38”.

9 Consequential change to 17.1 (Board Composition)
THAT Rule 17.1 be amended by deleting the words “for the Inaugural Board (Rule 38)”. 

10 Consequential change to 18.2 (Club Appointee)
THAT Rule 18.2 be amended by deleting the words “Rule 39” and replacing it with the words “Rule 38”.

11 Consequential change to 18.7 (Responsibilities)
THAT Rule 18.7 be amended by deleting the words “subject to Rule 38 (Inaugural Board)”. 

12 Consequential change to 19.1 (Appointment & Election of Board Members)
THAT Rule 19.1 be amended by deleting the words “Subject to Rule 38 (Inaugural Board)” and replacing it with the words “In relation to the appointment and election of Board Members.”.

13 Consequential change to 40.1 (Definitions & Interpretation)
THAT Rules 40.1 and 40.2 be amended by replacing the Rule references “40.1” and “40.2” so it refers to Rules “39.1” and “39.2” respectively.

14 Consequential change to 40.1 (Definitions & Interpretation)
THAT Rule 40.1 be amended by deleting the words “or a person described in Rule 38.1a” which appears in the following definitions:
“Appointed Board Member”;
“Elected Board Member”.

15 Consequential change to 40.1 (Definitions & Interpretation)
THAT Rule 40.1 be amended by deleting the words “or Rule 38 (Inaugural Board)” which appears in the definition of “Board Member.”;

16 Consequential change to 40.1 (Definitions & Interpretation)
THAT Rule 40.1 be amended by deleting the definition of “Inaugural Board”.

17 Consequential change to 40.1 (Definitions & Interpretation)
THAT Rule 40.1 be amended by deleting the definition of “Inaugural Board Member”.

It was moved that Remits 1-17 be voted upon as a block.
Moved Annette Purvis, seconded Leon Blanchet. CARRIED

The motion was subsequently put that Remits 1-17 be adopted.
Moved Annette Purvis, seconded Leon Blanchet.

The motion was then opened for discussion and Rod Syme moved an editorial amendment to Motion 10. The current Motion would retain reference to Rule 39 (38), which was not required. It was moved that the words “Subject to Rule 39 (Transition),” be deleted and that the Rule begin with “The process….”.
Moved Rod Syme, seconded Craig Brown. CARRIED

With the amendment approved it was again put that Remits 1-17 be adopted. CARRIED

Remits 18 and 19 related to the Board Term and were recommended by the Board.

18 17.5 (Term of Office)
THAT Rule 17.5 be amended by deleting the Rule in full and replacing it with the following wording:

“The term of office for all Board Members shall be three (3) years, commencing at the conclusion of the General Meeting at which their appointment or election is made or becomes effective and expiring at the conclusion of the third AGM after the commencement of their term. This Rule is subject to Rule 17.4 (IAAF Council Member), Rule 17.9 (Casual Vacancies), Rule 17.10 (Removal of Board Members) and Rule 17.8 (Schedule of Rotation). A person may be elected or appointed for further terms of office as a Board Member, without limitation.”

The remit was recommended by the Athletics NZ Board to increase consistency of Board personnel and to recognise that for new Board members there is a period of time to fully understand the role and the organisation. It was believed that with the longer term, Board members would have the ability to contribute more effectively over a longer term and that board education and development work could be better realised. This explanation applied to motions 18 and 19.

19 Consequential change to 17.8 (Schedule of Rotation)

THAT Rule 17.8 be amended by deleting the Rule in full and replacing it with the following wording:

“\At the conclusion of each AGM, one (1) Elected Board Member and one (1) Appointed Board Member shall vacate their office but shall be eligible for re-appointment or re-election. This is with the exception of each third AGM (commencing at the conclusion of the 2015 AGM), where two (2) Elected Board Members and one (1) Appointed Board Member shall vacate their office but shall be eligible for re-appointment or re-election. Prior to each AGM, the Board shall determine a schedule of rotation to facilitate this requirement and advise the CEO (who in turn shall advise the Members) of the schedule of rotation and the vacancies arising in Board Member positions. The term of office of any Board Member (other than the IAAF Council Members) may be reduced by agreement by the Board, or failing agreement, by vote by the Board, in order to facilitate this requirement. This Rule is subject to Rule 17.7 (Cessation of Office), Rule 17.9 (Casual Vacancies) and Rule 17.10 (Removal of Board Members).”

It was recommended to allow the Schedule of Rotation to work appropriately with the proposed three year term of office.

It was moved that Motions 18 and 19 be taken together. Moved Annette Purvis, seconded Craig Brown. CARRIED

The motions were opened for discussion and Rod Syme moved an amendment to Motion 19, Rule 17.8 noting that can only ever be one IAAF Council member from New Zealand and hence the wording should read “The term of office of any Board Member (other than any IAAF Council Member) may be reduced by agreement...”

The amendment was moved by Rod Syme, seconded Fred Holmes. CARRIED

With the amendment approved it was put that Remits 18-19 be adopted. CARRIED

Remits 20 to 24 related to further tidy ups in regard to the transition period and were recommended by the Board.

20 39. (Transition)

THAT Rule 39 be amended by deleting Rules 39.3, 39.4, 39.5 and 39.6. Accordingly, the remaining Rule references “39.1”, “39.2”, “39.7”, “39.8” and “39.9” are replaced by Rules “38.1”, “38.2”, “38.3”, “38.4” and “38.5” respectively.

It was explained that many transitional provisions related to the 2010 and 2011 AGMs. In addition, the transition period expired on 31 March 2012, however some transitional provisions were still required and these have been retained to this point. This explanation applied to motions 20 to 24.

21 Consequential change to 6.2 (Status of Members)
THAT Rule 6.2 be amended by deleting the words “during the Transition Period or” and inserting the words “or Rule 38.1” between the words “Rule 6.3” and “applies”.

22 Consequential change to 20.2 (Powers of the Board)
THAT Rule 20.2(s) be amended by deleting the words “Subject to Rule 39.6” and replacing it with the words “Rule 38.6”.

23 Consequential change to 40.1 (Definitions & Interpretation)
THAT Rule 40.1 be amended by deleting the words “or Rule 39 Transition” which appears in the following definitions:

“Patron”;
“President”; 
“Vice-President”

24 Consequential change to 40.1 (Definitions & Interpretation)
THAT Rule 40.1 be amended by deleting the definition of “Transition Period”.

It was moved that Remits 20-24 be voted upon as a block.  
Moved Annette Purvis, seconded Craig Brown.  CARRIED

The motion was subsequently put that Remits 20-24 be adopted.  
Moved Annette Purvis, seconded Leon Blanchet.

The motion was then opened for discussion and Rod Syme moved an editorial amendment to Motion 22. The current Motion would retain reference to Rule 39.6 (38.6), which was not required. It was moved that the words “Subject to Rule 39.6 (Transition - Selectors),” be deleted and that the Rule begin with “Employ, engage or otherwise…”.  
Moved Rod Syme, seconded Leon Blanchet  CARRIED

With the amendment approved it was again put that Remits 20-24 be adopted.  CARRIED

25 Athletics NZ Board Eligibility
It was recommended by the Board THAT Rule 17.6 (c) be amended by deleting the words “under 16 years” and replacing with “under 18 years”. This change is to ensure full compliance with the “minors” law. In addition this would align with the regulation work being undertaken in terms of who can attend Athletics NZ AGM without a guardian) currently under preparation, agree.  
Moved Annette Purvis, seconded Graeme McCabe.

The remit was opened for discussion and John Smart further described the need for the change.

The Motion was put to the meeting.  CARRIED

26 Contents and Rule numbering
It was proposed by the Board THAT the contents page and all rule numbering in the Constitution be updated as a result of the amendments made at this meeting so that the numbering throughout the Constitution is consecutive and consistent and any references to rule numbers within the Constitution are updated accordingly. This was required to ensure any updates required as a result of amendments to the Constitution can be completed.

Moved Annette Purvis, seconded Fred Holmes.

There was no discussion on the motion.
The Motion was put to the meeting.  

27 Effective Date  
It was proposed by the Board THAT the alterations made to the Constitution at this meeting shall be effective from the date the alterations are registered with the Registrar of Incorporated Societies.  
This change was required to confirm the effective date of the changes.  

Moved Annette Purvis, seconded Craig Brown.  
There was no discussion on the motion.  
The Motion was put to the meeting.  

28 Board Composition  
It was proposed by the Lynndale Club that Clause 17.1 should be amended to read as follows:  

Board Composition: Except for the inaugural Board (Rule 38) or where a Casual Vacancy arises, the Board shall comprise of:  

a. Seven (7) people elected at a General Meeting in accordance with Rule 19 (appointment and Election of Board Members); and  
b. Ex officio any IAAF Council Member.  
This change would mean that all Board members were elected by the members at the Annual General Meeting, removing appointed members from the process.  
The Motion was seconded by Craig Hewitt and opened for discussion.  
Sasha Daniels (Auckland City) spoke in favour of the motion explaining that he believed it provided for greater transparency and heightening of good governance.  
Bruce McCallum (Scottish) spoke against the motion stating that the current model was better aligned with good governance practice and explained that the model needed to be tested properly (it was only 2 years old) before any relevant assessment of its operation could be judged.  
Mic Baker (Lynndale) was offered the right of reply, but declined.  
The Motion was put to the meeting.  

29 Term of Office  
It was proposed by the Lynndale Club that Clause 17.5 should be amended to read as follows:  

Term of Office: The Term of Office for all Board Members shall be two (2) years, commencing at the conclusion of the General Meeting at which their appointment or election is made or becomes effective, and expiring at the conclusion of the second AGM after the commencement of their term. This Rule is subject to Rule 38 (Casual Vacancies), Rule 17.10 (Removal of Board members), and the schedule of rotation under Rule 17.8. [A person may be elected for further terms of office as a Board Member limited to a total of four (4) terms of two (2) years each, being eight (8) years in total.]  
The Motion was seconded by Craig Hewitt and opened for discussion.  
As the meeting had already approved an extension of Board term from 2 years to 3 years, Mic Baker moved an amendment to the Motion as follows:  

[A person may be elected for further terms of office as a Board Member limited to a total of three (3) terms of three (3) years each, being nine (9) years in total.]  
The amendment was seconded by Craig Hewitt.  
The amended Motion was then opened for discussion.
Sasha Daniels spoke in favour of the motion explaining that he believed it allowed a good check and balance for the members.

Bruce McCallum spoke against the motion.

Mic Baker (Lynndale) was offered the right of reply, but declined.

The Motion was put to the meeting. LOST

14. Retiring Board Members
Annette Purvis acknowledged the contribution of Dave Norris who was stepping down from the Board but would continue as Vice President. Roger Carruthers' contribution as Board advisor was also acknowledged.

14. Date for 2013 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 and a decision made on the co-location of the Conference with the 2013 Cross Country Championships.

15. Closure/Acknowledgments
Annette Purvis called on Alec McNab as retiring President to present the incoming President John McBrearty with his President's badge. John then presented Alec with his Past President badge.

Allan Potts noted that he had spoken to Murray McKinnon who passed on his thanks to the meeting for his award of Life Membership.

Alec reiterated that it been a privilege to be President and referred the meeting to his report for further commentary. Alec offered thanks to all and wished them well for the year ahead.

Annette Purvis thanked all member clubs for their attendance and participation.

Meeting Closed: 10.45am