



# **ATHLETICS WELLINGTON**

P O Box 1734, Wellington

## **MINUTES OF THE 2023 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

**Held at Waiora Sports Hub [Olympic Clubrooms]**

**Wednesday 5 JULY 2023 AT 7.00PM**

### **WELCOME**

Tony Rogers (Athletics Wellington General Manager) greeted everyone and outlined the procedures for the meeting introduced President Bernice Dickie to Chair the meeting alongside Board Chairman Andrew Wharton.

### **PRESENT**

Bernice Dickie (President), Andrew Wharton (Board Chairman), Tony Rogers (General Manager), Tamsin Harvey (AW Community Engagement Lead), Todd Stevens (Life member, Treasurer – Scottish), Geoff Henry (Life member – WHAC), Mark Harris (Life Member - Wairarapa T&F), Peter Jack (Life member - Kiwi), Alan Stevens (Life member – Scottish), Finlay Abbot (Karori), John Barrance (WHAC), Marshall Clark (Scottish), Graham Cook (Kiwi), Peter Denman (Olympic), Michael du Toit (Trentham United), Philip du Toit (Trentham United), Amanda Goldsmith (Olympic), Lance Goodman (Paraparaumu), Ross Hanning (Kiwi), Kirsten Kilmister (Board), Jeremy Langford (Onslow), Josh Ledger (Board), Rob McCrudden (Olympic), Zac Milne (Victoria University), Julie Richards (WHAC), Andrew Rook (Olympic), Mike Ritchie (Equipment Lead), Brian Seymour (Paraparaumu), Joshua Sharkey (Upper Hutt), Eric Speakman (Board), Abi Skelton (Board) Eddie Soria (Kiwi),

### **APOLOGIES**

Louise Evans (Immediate Past President), David Lonsdale (Life member), Colin MacLachlan (Life Member), Peter and Sylvia Maunder (Life members), Vaughan Oates (Officials Coordinator), Willy Szeto (Life Member & Junior Committee Chairman), Michelle van Looy [Olympic], Lynsey Young (Scottish)

Apologies moved by P Jack, Seconded A Stevens

**Motion carried.**

### **PROXIES**

No proxies received.

### **MINUTES**

The Chair advised the meeting that the Minutes of the 2022 AGM had been circulated prior to the AGM via Email and copy on hand via Data projector PowerPoint.

Minutes moved by P Jack, Seconded R Hanning

**Motion carried.**

### **MATTERS ARISING**

None - No further discussion.

### **ANNUAL REPORT**

#### **Board Chair's Report**

Andrew Wharton took the report as read.

The Chair drew attention to several items in his report.

- The major events staged by Centre in last twelve months and seeing performances of our athletes here and abroad.
- The current financial position of AW.
- Work of General Manager Tony Rogers and engaging Tamsin Harvey in new role



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- Board current and previous members

## **Finance Report**

T Stevens spoke to the report noting a current cash position and the shortfall arising from the commitment to take on another employee in the Community Engagement Lead position.

Membership was largely following 2022-23 year. Event budget was up on previous year due to less intrusion from Covid and money from major events Like RTB and Marathon and staging more events locally post Covid.

Todd Stevens (Treasurer) explained the wash up of major events like Colgates in 2022 and T&F Nationals in 2023 are a reflection of timings within the financial year in response to a question. Likewise, to a question to showing separate financials for the four departments (Board, Junio, Track & Field, Senior Track & Field, and Road and Cross Committees) as previously he explained the financial structure of AW is “One” account and the Board wishes to consolidate to show as they actually are. GM Tony stated the purpose is to acknowledge and ensure the sport is recognized and represented as ONE sport, as an organization as the account layout was a hangover from pre-Board days.

T Stevens acknowledged GM T Rogers his engagement and support with the finances and discussion during the year .

A further question from the meeting by M Harris was what plans were there to fill the deficit without moving heavily into reserves. The response was that this is an ongoing area of work with objectives being to grow revenue through membership, events and new partners to alleviate cost centres where possible.

The Treasurer moved that the Annual report be accepted.

Seconded Mark Harris

**Motion carried.**

All other reports were taken as read.

The annual report was accepted.

## **ELECTION OF OFFICERS**

Prior to the Elections the General Manager outlined the positions and composition of Board members. Elections will be held for:

**President** - Bernice Dickie [Kiwi] was duly reelected unopposed for her third year of her term.

**Board** - Board Chairman Andrew Wharton announced the board have made the appointment of Andrew Rook [Olympic] to the board as an appointed member.

**Three Elected Board Member** positions were filled by incumbents Andrew Wharton [Scottish], Josh Dorman [Independent] and Eric Speakman [Independent] being duly re-elected unopposed.

**No election required.**

## **AWARDS AND ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS**



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There was nomination and acceptance by the board of Two Life membership to Athletics Wellington.

Life Memberships announced were **Brian Seymour** [Paraparaumu Track & Field] and **Amanda Goldsmith** [Olympic]

Peter Denman Olympic recited the contribution of Amanda Goldsmith [Olympic] and Geoff Henry recited the contribution of Brian Seymour [Paraparaumu Track & Field]. Both recipients were presented their Life Membership pins by President Bernice Dickie.

## **General Manager Address**

### **Acknowledgements**

T Rogers acknowledged the passing of those noted in the Annual report with a brief on their support to the Athletics family and opened the floor for recognition of any others who had passed.

T Rogers also publicly thank all the key leads and members who had contributed heavily over the last year and the growing impact of the role of Community Engagement Lead.

T Rogers then provided an update on what Athletics Wellington's major achievement were over the past year especially in the significant event space highlighting that *'events are the key to inspiring so many of our athletics community to feel part of a fraternity and it is the ideal platform to continue grow our capacity and purpose'*.

Mention was made of some the key focusses going forward by the operations team and then a few critical questions on the future were posed for AW members for consideration by the GM

## **CLOSURE**

The President thanked those attending and declared the meeting closed at 8.23 pm.