



ATHLETICS WELLINGTON

P O Box 1734, Wellington

MINUTES OF THE 2024 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

*Held at Waiora Sports Hub [Olympic Clubrooms]
Tuesday 9 JULY 2024 AT 7.00PM*

WELCOME

Tony Rogers, Athletics Wellington General Manager, greeted attendees and introduced President, Bernice Dickie, and Board Chairman, Andrew Rook, with the latter chairing the meeting.

The AGM was opened with a Karakia led by Shaka Sola

PRESENT

Bernice Dickie (President), Andrew Rook (Board Chairman), Tony Rogers (General Manager), Todd Stevens (Life member, Treasurer – Scottish), Simon England (Life Member – Lower Hutt), Geoff Henry (Life member – WHAC), Peter Jack (Life member - Kiwi), Alan Stevens (Life member – Scottish), Eric Speakman (Board), Abi Skelton (Board), Finlay Abbot (Karori), Bruce Atmore (Olympic), John Barrance (WHAC), Graham Cook (Kiwi), Michelle Glogau (Scottish), Ross Hanning (Kiwi), Anne Hare (Scottish), Chris Hare (Scottish), Vickie Humphries (WHAC), Zac Milne (Victoria University), Vaughan Oates (Officials Co-Ordinator), Joshua Sharkey (Upper Hutt), Shaka Sola (Lower Hutt), Peter Stevens (Scottish), Michael du Toit (Trentham United), Philip du Toit (Trentham United), Sarah du Toit (Trentham United), Michelle Van Looy (Olympic)

APOLOGIES

Amanda Goldsmith (Life member - Olympic), David Lonsdale (Life member), Colin McLaughlin (Life member), Brian Seymour (Life Member - Paraparaumu), Willy Szeto (Life member -Karori), Theresa Bartlett (Wairarapa), Liz Bentley (Masters), Marshall Clark (Scottish), Andrew Ford (Scottish), Kirsten Kilmister (Board), Mike Ritchie (Equipment Lead), Eddie Soria (Officials Education Lead - Kiwi), Yarride Rosario (Track & Field Lead), Richard Willis (President - elect)

PROXIES

No proxies received.

MINUTES

The Chair & GM advised that the Minutes of the 2023 AGM had been circulated prior to the AGM via email and had been posted online.

Minutes Moved: Peter Jack

Seconded : Michael du Toit

Motion carried.

MATTERS ARISING

None - No further discussion.

ANNUAL REPORT

Board Chair's Report

The Chair took the report as read, drawing attention to the following key items:

- Acknowledging the significant contribution of out-going chair Andrew Wharton, a Board member since 2019; General Manager, Tony Rogers, and former Community Engagement Lead, Tamsin Harvey, and acknowledged outgoing Board members Eric Speakman and Josh Ledger.
- Another year of fantastic results at all levels of participation
- The need for our sport to continue to remain relevant in challenging environments including affordability in a cost-of-living crisis, and pressure in the volunteering sector on which the sport is heavily reliant



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- Strategic review to be undertaken by Victoria University School of Management aimed at ensuring the Board's structure and focus is fit for purpose for 2025 and beyond

Finance Report

The Treasurer summarized the following key points in his report

He noted that the \$30k loss related to following,

- Continued investment in the Community Engagement Lead role again this year
- The lack of profit share from hosting 2024 Nationals was extremely disappointing. In 2023 it was \$20k +) Whilst explained in part due to a reduction in commercial and Trust funding opportunities, subsequent ANZ decision-making and late communication of the final financial position are unacceptable. AW's views have been communicated to ANZ at all levels and our experience shared with other centres to enable them to bid with full knowledge of Wellington's 2024 experience

His appreciation for the support from GM, Board and Clubs throughout the year

The Annual Report & Financial Statements were accepted, with all other reports taken as read.

Moved: Vaughan Oates

Seconded: Finlay Abbott

Motion carried

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

The Chair explained the following:

President

- Bernice Dickie's 3-year tenure as President has reached an end and she will therefore retire from the role
- The Chair acknowledged the President's tenure and the President, in completing her final term shared some key early memories and observations from her time in the sport and in her current role.
- Bernice Dickie was presented with a certificate thanking her for her service and gratefully received insights during her term as President.
- Richard Willis has been nominated by Trentham United as President, and the Chair recommended with pleasure that he be duly elected unopposed

Board

- Joshua Ledger a board member since 2020, and re-elected '22 is retiring and Eric Speakman a board member since December 2019 & re-elected '23) is stepping down. Acknowledged with the Board's warm thanks to both for their hard work and contribution.
- One position is vacant due to Andrew Wharton's resignation in December 2023.
- No external nominations have been received, therefore, to meet requirements for four position to be elected current board members Andrew Rook, Joshua Dorman, Kirsten Kilmister, Abi Skelton are duly elected unopposed.
- It is proposed that the remaining three roles be appointed by the Board following the Victoria University Strategic Review

Moved: Finlay Abbott

Seconded: Peter Jack

Motion carried

AWARDS AND ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

The Board received nominations and gave unanimous endorsement for two Athletics Wellington Life members:

- Anne Hare (Scottish)
Anne was acknowledged for her services and achievements in a citation read by Peter Stevens
- Mike Ritchie (Equipment Lead)
Mike was acknowledged for his services and achievements in a citation read by Geoff Henry

The presentation of Life Member badges will be conducted at a future date.



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GENERAL MANAGER ADDRESS

Acknowledgements

The GM acknowledged those noted with an Obituary in the Annual Report and asked the meeting to observe moment of silence to acknowledge the passing of those members of the AW whānau.

The GM's report was taken as read with the following key points and observations made including reviewing the questions the GM posed at the end of last year's AGM, many of the issues raised were accurate

- The pressure on funding and participation from non-traditional/virtual clubs or one-off events continues to grow
- Assistance to schools in providing zone athletics becomes even more valuable
- The Olympics presents a key focal point for attracting new members
- Initiatives such as the Youth Development Squad and Changemakers Resettlement Forum programmes were timely and successful
- Huge thanks were made to all volunteers and to those who had recently stepped up, but special mention made of the LOC for Nationals as named in the report
- Eddie Soria has agreed to step into the official's co-ordination role and to continue his education role
- Super-persons are sought for lead roles in School Engagement, Coaching, Equipment and Competitions Secretary for the coming year to help deliver our programmes

GENERAL BUSINESS

Shaka Sola wished to note that increased GM involvement at children's meets would be welcomed. This point was noted, as was the intent that the Community Engagement Lead has a strong role to play in representing AW at these events.

Shaka also expressed his and the Solapower Throwing Academy's thanks for AW's donation to the javelin runway project which had seen significant use at the peak of the summer competitive season.

Peter Jack wondered if Wellington would host a Central League event this summer season. Discussion on the schedule is in train, and there was general acknowledgement that support needs to be reciprocal across the centre for league events.

Michelle Van Looy raised the need to avoid a clash between Wellington Champs and NZ Masters if possible in the upcoming season. The draft calendar is being reviewed currently and this was noted.

Bruce Atmore suggested that a session with ANZ to brainstorm how clubs can stay relevant and to share learnings would be valuable. The Chair advised that ANZ is recruiting for new roles including a National Development Manager - Central. This point will be raised with that person when they start (likely to be after the Olympics). Additionally, ANZ's CEO, Cam Mitchell, has arranged meetings with all the Centre Boards and is coming to Wellington early in September. This point can also be added to the agenda for discussion at that session and the GM can report back to clubs.

Geoff Henry proposed a public vote of thanks to Tracey Baldwin for her much appreciated support of officials at the stadium.

CLOSURE

The AGM was closed with a Karakia led by Shaka Sola

The President thanked attendees and declared the meeting closed at approximately 8:30 pm.