



ATHLETICS WELLINGTON

P O Box 1734, Wellington

MINUTES OF THE 2025 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

*Held at Waiora Sports Hub [Olympic Clubrooms]
Wednesday 25 JUNE 2025 AT 7.00PM*

PRESENT

Richard Willis (President), Andrew Rook (Board Chairman), Claire George (Board), Abi Skelton (Board), Jacinda Swain (Board), Tony Rogers (General Manager), Todd Stevens (Life member, Treasurer – Scottish), Vaughan Oates (Equipment Lead - Mana), David Sim (Senior T&F Lead - Olympic), Bernice Dickie (Kiwi), Simon England (Life Member – Coaching Lead), Geoff Henry (Life Member), Peter Jack (Life Member), Mike Ritchie (Life Member), Finlay Abbot (Official), Bruce Atmore (Olympic), Tracey Baldwin (Official), John Barrance (WHAC), Graham Cook (Kiwi), Ross Hanning (Kiwi), Nathan Lewer (Mana), Rob McCrudden (Olympic), Zac Milne (Victoria University), Julie Richards (WHAC), Shaka Sola (Lower Hutt), Michael du Toit (Trentham United), Philip du Toit (Trentham United), Sarah du Toit (Trentham United)

APOLOGIES

Nick Hegan (Board), Venkat Reddy (Board), David Lonsdale (Life Member), Peter Maunder (Life Member), Sylvia Maunder (Life Member), Brian Seymour (Life Member), Alan Stevens (Life Member), Willy Szeto (Life Member), Marshall Clark (Scottish), Lynn Clark (Scottish), Rebekah Hood (Onslow), Kirsten Kilmister (Mana)

PROXIES

No proxies received.

WELCOME

Tony Rogers, Athletics Wellington General Manager, greeted attendees and introduced the President, Richard Willis and Board Chairman, Andrew Rook, with the President to Open and Chair the meeting.

The President opened the meeting and spoke of a few observations on the nature of athletics in Wellington. He noted non-affiliated clubs and events have proliferated making the operating environment harder for our member clubs. Economies of scale and the social side of our sport are key areas for future focus

MINUTES

The President advised that the Minutes of the 2024 AGM had been circulated prior to the AGM via email and had been posted online on the website.

Minutes Moved: Richard Willis

Seconded : Peter Jack

Motion carried.

MATTERS ARISING

None - No further discussion.

ANNUAL REPORT

Board Chair's Report

The Chair took the opportunity to acknowledge the passing of Life Member Peter Rendall, noting his significant contribution to our sport in Wellington over many decades and extending the Athletics Wellington community's thoughts to Peter's friends and whānau.

The Chair then took his report as read and drew attention to the following key points:

- A \$30k profit is shown, although \$10k is recorded as income and will be recognised as expenditure over the next few years as the purchased items are depreciated.
- This has been another year in which Athletics Wellington has much to be proud of – the Centre punches well above its weight in terms of participation and is increasingly called upon to share its approach and learnings in many areas with other centres.
- Incorporated Societies Act compliance work remains a focus for all.



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- The board is soon to be entering the public consultation phase for its 2026-28 Strategy review work and participation in that process is encouraged.

Finance Report

The Treasurer summarised the key points in his report and noted the 2025 position was a pleasant reversal of the 2024 position:

- A \$30k profit is shown, although \$10k is recorded as income and will be recognised as expenditure over the next few years as the purchased items are depreciated.
- Less has been spent on salaries this year due to the Community Engagement role being unfilled for part of the year.
- Successful grant applications have been received this year, and we remain grateful to those organisations as noted in the report.
- 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: Richard Willis

Voices agreed

Motion carried

Election of Officers

The Chair explained the following:

Constitution requires for four elected and three appointed members.

- Josh Dorman is resigning from the board (elected in 24).
- Kirsten Kilmister resigned in November 2024 on taking up an ANZ position (also elected'24).
- Two Board Member are serving their 2nd year of term after standing unopposed in 2024 (Andrew Rook and Abi Skelton).

Two Board Member positions are therefore to be elected at the 2025 AGM.

- Current Board members Nick Hegan and Jacinda Swain are standing for election.
- As no other nominations were received the President called for these to be declared elected unopposed.

Moved: Richard Willis

Voice agreed

Motion carried

Meeting Information:

Current appointed Board members are Claire George and Venkat Reddy. One position is vacant and will be filled following the board's strategy review process.

Awards and Acknowledgements

The Board received nominations and gave unanimous endorsement to award two Athletics Wellington Life Memberships to

- **Bernice Dickie** (Kiwi AC) citation made by Peter Jack (Life Member, Kiwi AC)
- **Vaughan Oates** (Mana AC), citation made by Nathan Lewer (Mana AC)

Both recipients were then presented their badges by the President

General Manager Address

The GM's report was taken as read with the following key points and observations made:

- High profile success at Olympics and World Indoor Championships have kept athletics in the news despite continued financial pressures felt across the whole country.
- Wellingtonians across the region have continued to shine both as athletes and coaches/volunteers.
- Highlights of the year included a new sponsorship arrangement (SAS Apparel); successful awards dinner in new location; strong funding applications allowing for equipment upgrades



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- Sincere thanks offered to all those across all levels of the sport who have contributed to a successful season.

General Business

Graham Cook asked whether a Special General Meeting would be required to adopt the new constitution which would be required as part of the Incorporated Societies Act.

The Chair confirmed that this would be the case, and that further details would be shared as soon as they were available, which was in part reliant on information coming from Athletics New Zealand.

The complexities of the structure of athletics in New Zealand were making this slower than anticipated.

Tracey Baldwin queried how new Board members were selected, and whether they needed to have familiarity with athletics.

The Chair clarified that prior to the most recent recruitment round, a thorough analysis of the Board's current and ideal skillset was undertaken. Board members were recruited to fill any gaps identified. Whilst an affinity with the sport is desirable, it is not essential given the Board is not involved in day-to-day operations and is able to draw on the expertise of the GM and Athletics Wellington's various committees. The most obvious current gap in the Board skillset is in the health & safety area and applications from anyone with expertise in this area would be welcomed.

Peter Jack asked if Wellington would host a Central League event this summer season.

GM replied that discussion on the schedule is ongoing.

Bruce Atmore raised the issue of support for Club development.

The Chair responded stating This is ANZ's remit via Kirsten Kilmister. Kirsten has been making visits to clubs and will be resuming once additional support has been secured to cover her workload while partially seconded to other projects (safeguarding & Incorporated Societies).

Planning for growth across the greater Wellington region via combined Club activity and the like will stem from Athletics Wellington strategic plan consultation process.

CLOSURE

The AGM was closed with a Karakia led by Shaka Sola.

The President thanked attendees and declared the meeting closed at approximately 8:15 pm.