



Wellington Scottish Athletics

Annual General Meeting

Minutes

Monday 28th March 2023 at 7pm

Venue: Anderson Park Pavilion, Wellington Botanic Gardens

Present: Michael Wray, Sharon Wray, John Palmer, Maryanne Palmer, Ken Howell, Scott Ryland, Emma Sturfels, Lucy Fauth, Simon Keller, Alice Sowry, Glen Wallis, Emily Solsberg, Andy Ford, Emma Bassett, Lindsay Young, Marshall Clark, Andrew Wharton, James Turner, Chris Howard, Karl Jackson, Nicolas Vessiot, Paul Barwick, Bert Prendergast, Jasmine Smith, Stephen Clarke, Jamie Vessiot, Lindsay Barwick, Ben Bielski, Nicholas Bagnall, Don Stevens, Alasdair Saunders, Michele Allison, Floor Kaars, Grant McLean, Bob Stephens.

Present via Zoom: Isabel Bridgeman, Malcolm Kerr, Stephen Day, Hayden Smith, Todd Stevens, Marianne Elliott, Nick Horspool, Fiona Hayvice, Malcolm Hodge, Alistair Richardson, Kristian Day.

Apologies: David Lonsdale, Alan Stevens, Fiona MacMaster.

Minutes of Last AGM: Read and accepted – Moved Marshall C, Seconded Sharon W

Matters arising: – no matters were listed as arising.

President's report:

Michael thanked the MC for another great year and made special thanks to the committee members standing down; Marshall for his service as Treasurer (7 years) and committee members Glen Wallis (~15years and also past president), Scott Ryland (8 years) and Sharon Wray (7 years). Lucy and Ben are also stepping down as they are travelling over seas in a few months.

After 6 years as president Michael is also stepping down and outlined the club's achievements in that time. Being most proud of the almost 100% record of winning NZRR, missing out only once in a countback tiebreaker, and the growth in membership especially on the women's side of the club.

Thanks go to Iain Shaw for being the programme manager and welcome to Hinano Andrews who is stepping into the role.

It was also great to see the Agency Group 10,000m serve at the ANZ 10,000m champs and the NZMA 10,000m champs.

The club still has the same two main challenges as last year. This being the clubrooms and the clash in demand between the Saturday morning training sessions and the afternoon club room pack runs.

A subcommittee working group was formed led by Simon Keller to review the club rooms and their current state. It is hoped that the various reports being undertaken will be completed soon and a recommendation can be made to the new committee.

And while there are two distinct groups, morning v afternoon training on a Saturday, it is felt that the club is large enough to make this work provided there are events which bring the two groups together such as NZRR and Taupo National XC.

Mention was made of the Peter Tearle Bequest which has been kept separate from the main club funds and has been made available for grant applications to be made by club members.

The Waterfront 5km series started late this season due to a late retirement from the race director Daryl Bloomfield. Hayden Smith has done an amazing job getting it up and running under new event management company. A review of the event will be undertaken at the end of the season.

As always, a big thanks go to everyone who volunteers and adds to the clubs success.

This is evidenced in the continued growth in the club membership numbers. The club now also has its highest ever adult female membership. Although the W15-19 age group remains a problem. The RtB promotion proved successful again with 117 sign-ups, of which 24 are new members and 93 existing, taking advantage of the \$20 discount.

The MC has decided to keep the 2023 subscriptions unchanged with the added news that ANZ have introduced a 12month rolling subscription, due in large part to the lobbying from Scottish.

And the club recognised the passing of long-time member Murray Gowans who greatly contributed to Scottish through various roles.

The report was moved by Sharon w and seconded by Nicholas B

A number of questions were taken from the floor. ES asked about a family membership – this will be considered by the new MC. JT asked about the intentions of the J Team. The J Team is simply a fun games based session for kids below 14. It is not the clubs intention to make it a run training group. A question was asked about the threat the new Parkrun may pose to the Waterfront 5km series. It is hoped that the two will work well together as while there is an overlap in audiences in some respects they are also different.

Financial Report:

Presented by Marshall. With thanks to Todd S for assistance with reporting, GST and guidance.

This year the club had additional funds recorded due to the PT Bequest. If these funds are deducted then the club has run a deficit of \$19,965. This was mostly as a result of lost event income from the Waterfront 5km, and the cost of underwriting the Agency 10,000m.

The club still remains in a very strong position with \$253k cash assets of our \$331k equity.

Report was moved by Marshall C, seconded by Maryanne Palmer

Election of Officers:

Patron – Alan Stevens

President – Lindsay Young (incoming)

Treasurer – Floor Kaars (incoming)

Management Committee – Malcolm Kerr, Hayden Smith, Alice Sowry, Simon Keller, Emily Solsberg (new), Nicolas Vessiot (new), Karl Jackson (new)

Stepping down – Michael Wray (still involved with club net and adviser if required plus J Team)

Sharon Wray (still managing J Team with MW)

Scott Ryland

Glen Wallis

Marshall Clark (will be available for any hand over issues to Floors if required)

All in favour – all

Against – nil

General Business:

Marshall has been working on a new constitution which will include a vice president role and formalise the secretary role.

Simon K thanked those that were leaving and made special thanks to Michael for his service as President. A poem was penned for the occasion which can be found on the website

Meeting closed 8:06pm