

WBOPSSAA AGM Agenda 12.30pm Thursday November 21st 2024

Venue: Online

1. Welcome/ Apologies

Steve Rees-Jones welcomed those present: Ange Russek, Sarah Watson, Darlene Karena, Cindy Berridge, Brad Smith, John Tylden and Murray Green. Apologies from Jennifer Taylor and Christine Browne received and accepted

2. Minutes of last year's AGM & matters arising

These were moved to be a true and correct record. Steve/John **carried**. There were no matters arising.

3. Correspondence

Nil

4. Chairperson's report

During the past 12 months, the Waikato-Bay of Plenty region had solid participation rates at our events, with many of our region's athletes performing at a high standard.

The local Athletics season continues to use the format of four zones (Bay of Plenty, Central, Thames Valley and King Country) followed by the WBOPSS Championships and this format seems to attract a reasonably steady number of participants from across the region. The North Island Secondary Schools had 130 athletes enter from our region, demonstrating that the event was still appealing to our athletes, despite being in Palmerston North for the second year in a row. We look forward to hosting the event in Hamilton in 2025.

During the 2024 Cross-Country season, three zone events and the Waikato-Bay of Plenty Championships were held, with the following participation numbers:

Bay of Plenty Zones - 153 (-9 from 2023)

Central, King Country, Northwest and South Waikato Zones – 118 (+6 from 2023)

Thames Valley Zones - 115 (-11 from 2023)

WBOPSS Championships – 257 (+18 from 2023)

This shows that participation numbers remained relatively static for the local winter season in 2024.

86 of our athletes travelled to Christchurch to compete at the NZSSAA Cross-Country Championships. Those athletes achieved 5 x individual medals, 4 x 3-person team medals, 5 x 6-person team medals and 4 x medals in the Inter-regional relay. Our athletes perform very well at National level, though it is noted that all individual school team medals were achieved by our top two schools only. This highlights a key opportunity for our region – having more schools with strong athletics programmes would greatly boost our levels of participation.

A small number of athletes also travelled to Auckland in September 2024 to compete in the inaugural New Zealand Schools Road Relay Festival.

Moving forward into 2025, a major focus will be the North Island Secondary Schools Track and Field Championships in Hamilton. It is hoped that our schools will encourage their athletes to support the

event both as athletes and as volunteers. Local hosting of such an event should also be seen as a great opportunity to engage more athletes in our sport.

Finally, I need to thank everyone who has assisted over the last 12 months. There are many volunteers who have given their time and assistance at our events, and we are extremely grateful for the help that has been received and without which our events could not take place.

Moved that the Chairpersons report be received. Steve/Ange **carried**. There were no matters arising.

5. Treasurer's report

Waikato Bay of Plenty Secondary Schools Athletic Assn - Financial Statement of Accounts
For the year ended 31 August 2024

Year	31st August 2021	31st August 2022	31st August 2023	31st August 2024
Account Balance	4,272.20	11,906.00	15,934.72	10,112.04

	2023 - 2024				
	Income	Expenditure			
Track and Field Championships - Tauranga		2399.45			
NI Championships		2140	<i>Includes '23 entry fee</i>		
NZSSAA CC relay champs		296			
Zones Athletic Champs		2251.63			
Officials costs		2060			
Certificates		631.64			
Singlets		2930.96	Income of 2150 previous financial year.	Income	6,994
Other	6994			Minus Expenditure	12,709.68
TOTAL		12,709.68		LOSS	5,715.68

NOTES: Actual loss for financial year of \$2,830.68 (when singlets and NI entry fee accounted for).

Moved that the financial report be received. Brad/Steve **carried**

Matters arising. John commented on the very good compliance with the payment of entry fees across the region with only two schools still to pay (both payments expected soon).

6. Election of Officers

Chairperson: Stephen Rees Jones, Cambridge High School

Secretary: Angela Russek, St Peter's School

Treasurer: Bradley Smith, Tauranga Boy's College

These Executive Officers were elected unanimously.

Steve moved that the following be appointed

Delegate to AWBOP Steve

Events Coordinator John

Selectors (2-3) Ange, John, Sonia Waddell
 Managers T/F: (5-7) Ange, Pam Jones, Michael Pugh, Sonia Waddell, Annmarie McDonald
 XC Relays: Brad, Ange
 Delegates to NISSAA AGM Steve, Ange

7. Ratification of records

200m	Junior Girls	Taylor Murdock	Hillcrest	25.20
Javelin	Junior Girls	Addison Tuhakaraina	Matamata	32.93m
Shot	Junior Girls	Te Koha Kete-Kawhena	Te Puke	12.67m
Triple Jump	Junior Girls	Casey Day	Western Heights	11.07m
300m	Junior Boys	Connor Wood	Te Aroha	37.77
High Jump	Junior Boys	Ezaiah Solomon	Hamilton Boys	1.75m =
High Jump	Junior Boys	Jackson Hepi	John Paul	1.75m =

Moved that the records be ratified. Steve/Sarah **carried**

8. Programme 2025 season

Approval of dates and venues for Athletics and Cross Country 2025

ATHLETICS

➤ Tuesday 11 March	Central Zone	Porritt Stadium, Hamilton
➤ Wednesday 12 March	Bay of Plenty Zone	Tauranga Domain
➤ Thursday 13 March	King C, Nthwest & Sth Waikato Zone	Te Awamutu Domain
➤ Tuesday, 18 March	Thames Valley Zone	Paeroa Domain
➤ Tuesday 25 March	WBOPSS	Porritt Stadium, Hamilton
➤ Sat 5 Sun 6 April	NISS	Porritt Stadium, Hamilton

CROSS COUNTRY

➤ 14 th May	Bay of Plenty Championships	Waipuna Park, Tauranga
➤ 28 th May	Central Zone, SW, NW, KC	Tauhara Park, Hamilton
➤ 28 th May	Thames Valley Zone	South Farm, Mangatarata
➤ 4th June	WBOPSS	South Farm, Mangatarata
➤ Sat 14/Sun 15	NZSSXC and XC Relay	Whangarei

Moved the WBOPSS dates and venues be approved in principle noting they were still subject to endorsement by the BOP Management Group and WSSS. Steve/Sarah **carried**.

It was understood that Executive would work to achieve a solution should endorsement be withheld.

9. Remits

Following a change adopted by the North Island Secondary Schools, it is proposed that we adopt the same change of grade definition. The remit is to change the date when age grades are determined from January 1 (including those actually born on the day being in the younger age group) to December 31 in that year, e.g. Under 14 (Junior) athletes would now be Under 15 on December 31. The age groups for 2025 Zones and WBOPSS events would be:

Junior:	Under 15 on 31 December (i.e. born 2011 or 2012)
Intermediate:	Under 17 on 31 December (i.e. born 2009 or 2010)
Senior:	Under 20 on 31 December (i.e. born 2006 to 2008)
Junior Para Athletes:	Under 17 on 31 December (i.e. born 2009 to 2012)
Senior Para Athletes:	Under 20 on 31 December (i.e. born 2006 to 2008)
*ORS funded athletes:	Under 22 on 31 December (i.e. born 2004 or 2005)

Moved that this change be adopted John/Brad **carried**

10. General Business

Discussion of motion to dissolve NISS Association and have NZSSAA become responsible for NI and SI Secondary Schools Championships. This matter was left for further thought and discussion prior to the NISSAA AGM

Request for association to fund a new trophy for Senior Girls 1500m at WBIOPSS Champs, so there is equity across the genders. Moved that this be actioned Steve/Brad **carried**

Moved that the entry fees for Zone and WBOPSS championships be increased as follows: Thames Valley and King Country, Northwest and South Waikato athletics zones \$4 per athlete, Central and BOP athletics zones \$5, WBOPSSAA regional championships \$5 John/Brad **carried**

Meeting Closed at 1.20pm.