

Present:

Andrew Stark (**AS**), Daniel Reese (**DR**), Victor Gamperle (**VG**), Paul Nicholls (**PN**), Ian Thomas (**IT**), Avril Davies (**AD**), Tim Jones (**TJ**)

Apologies: Haidee Stratford (**HS**), Diana Ismagilova (**DI**)

Barrer & Co Operational Funding Strategy Meeting (From 4:00 – 7:30)

It has been acknowledged that the funding environment has changed over the past year. The purpose of this second meeting with Barrer & Co was for them to present a Power Point presentation to Athletics Canterbury about an operational funding strategy that we can potentially implement over the next two to five years. This has been prepared to offset the challenges that all non-profit organisations are facing, with the intention that we can become more self sufficient going forward, and not reliant of the old funding methods of the past.

The presentation was supported with a 114 page document, that clearly outlined the funding options / activities that we can consider doing going forward.

Lengthy discussion / questions were asked by various Board members, as we processed the information that was presented.

PN left the meeting at 6:30. **VG** left the meeting at 7:30

This section of the meeting closed at 7:30 p.m.

Athletics Canterbury Board Meeting – Started at 7:35 p.m.

Given the time we have already been meeting, an abridged Board meeting was held.

Key points from this meeting.

1. Run Timaru - Lovelock Memorial Fun Run. **DR** advised that all relevant information has been provided by the organisers, therefore the event can be approved as a sanctioned event.
*Motion: 'that Athletics Canterbury sanctions the Lovelock Memorial Fun Run'. moved **DR 2nd AS***
Carried
2. **Working Group Reports:** It was noted that the Officials, Coaching & Athletes WG reports had not been sighted for a couple of months. **IT** advised that those on these groups have been concentrating on the business end of the track & field season and have therefore not been doing very much. **IT** to discuss with each group leader, how we can help overcome this issue at this time of the year. **AS** advised the during the process of getting interclub events organised, he noticed that there is a significant number of members who did not re-join their club in the 2020/21 & 2021/22 seasons. It is these groups we need to focus on and find out why, and then encourage them to come back to the sport.
3. The **GM** report was taken as read and required limited discussion.
4. **Funding Applications:** Following the Barrer & Co presentation, we identified several potential funders we could apply to for operational grants to cover the cost of equipment storage at Nga Puna Wai, priority booking at Nga Puna Wai, the cost of our equipment insurance and assistance towards the GM salary, plus other potential roles. To ensure an application would be successful, it was agreed that **IT** would contact several potential funders and have discussions about which of the above funding requirements they would be prepared to fund. The Board is mindful that traditionally some funders have been applied to, to cover the T2A relay costs, hence we are unable to pass a firm motion at this meeting until more information has been gathered. However, the following motion was created.

*Motion: 'Following on from discussions that **Ian Thomas (GM)** has had with various funders within the next week, Athletics Canterbury will submit an application for up to \$20,000 to cover one or more of the identified operational expenses listed above. The first and most important application is to assist with covering the General Manager's salary'.*

AS (from the Chair)

Carried

Once a funder has been identified, a personalised motion will be prepared and approved by the Board via e-mail.

5. **T2A Report:** An update was briefly discussed. A statement to stakeholders will be prepared and published once a decision about this year's event has been confirmed.
6. **Contribution to Officials going the National Track & Field Championships:** While not in the T & F budget, it was agreed to contribute as per previous years.

AS thanked everyone for their contribution to the sport, acknowledging that we are in a transition phase that is challenging as we work out the best way forward to fund the sport.

The meeting closed at 8:10 p.m.

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