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MINUTES OF THE 2024
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Held using Zoom Video Conference at 7:30pm on Wednesday 10th April 2024

1. **Welcome**

   The Chairperson welcomed everyone to the meeting and introduced herself to the meeting.

2. **Roll Call**

Club Voting Delegates

North West	Lisa Meads
Auckland	Neill McGowan
Counties Manukau	Anthony McGivern
Waikato	Ric Sherlock
Bay of Plenty	Erin Swanson
Taupo	*Apologies*
Hawkes Bay	James Watson
Taranaki	Thomas Higgins
Red Kiwis	Greg Sawyer
Wairarapa	Apologies
Hutt Valley	Simon Rea
Wellington	Lachlan McKenzie
Nelson	Michael Croxford
Marlborough	Mondo Kopua
Peninsula and Plains	Jenni Adams
Dunedin	Myles Theyer
Southland	Andrea Patterson

ONZ

Council Chairperson	Sarah O'Sullivan (Wellington)
Council	Magnus Bengtsson (Wellington)
Council	Guy Cory-Wright (Auckland)
Council	Jenni Adams (PAPO) – also club delegate
Council	Marquita Gelderman (North West)
General Manager	Christo Peters
Marketing/Coms Co-ord	Joolz Moore (PAPO)

Other Attendees:

North West	Rob Garden
Auckland	Martin Crosby
Hawkes Bay	Jane Haires
Peninsula and Plains	Alister Metherell
Sport New Zealand	Craig McFarlane

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3. Apologies and Recording of Proxies

Peter Swanson (OBOP)
Lachlan Haugh (Taupo)
Gail Edwards (Wairarapa)
No proxies
Apologies accepted by meeting - Approved/Seconded *Erin Swanson/Marquita Gelderman*

**Joanna & Alistair Stewart were unable to connect to the meeting and asked that their apologies please be minuted.*

4. Declaration of additional items of General Business

8. Sharing of Annual Awards presented at New Zealand Championships
9. Sharing of Life Membership Award presented at New Zealand Championships
10. Announcement of new club to join ONZ

5. Confirmation of Minutes of 2023 Annual General Meeting

Accepted by meeting - Approved/Seconded –Neill McGowen/Guy Cory-Wright

6. Matters arising from the Minutes

None

7. Presentation and adoption of Annual Report and Statement of Accounts

7.1 Annual Report

The Chairperson informed the meeting that the report summary and financials would be specifically spoken to but that she and the General Manager would happily answer any questions about any other area of the report. The Chair then briefly covered the highlights of the year before handing over to the General Manager to provide additional details and to present the annual financial reports.

Highlights for the year included an increase of 10,000 additional individual event participants due largely to the return of schools orienteering competitions to Auckland and a 50% increase in events run in the South Island. ONZ invested in a range of club-focused including a Coaches in Residence Programme that brought three oversees coaches to NZ, Controllers Clinics in the Northern and Southern Regions, national development camps, training camps. ONZ also ran club and Presidents Forums during the year. Internationally we fielded national teams at 7 international events and produced some pleasing results with our best every Men's Forest Relay at the World Championships, best ever Mixed Sprint Relay at a World Cup, best ever Individual Placing at a Junior World Championships (WOC) Long Event with a 5th from Zefa Fa'avae. Other notable results included 8th and 9th Forest Relay Placings for the Men's and Women's JWOC as well as a 6th in the Individual Sprint Women's Sprint by Penelope Salmon.

The General Manager spoke the statement of financial performance and statement of financial position, highlighting that a budgeted $14,000 loss had turned into a nearly $54,000 surplus. He explained that while the budget was set during a time of financial uncertainty, improved global financial markets (interest on Milford investment and term savings accounts), additional event levies (a result of increased participation), one-off Covid and Integrity funding grants from Sport New Zealand, Grant Funding towards national camps, and a financial reclassification of the annual database payment were the key reasons for the result. He explained that the database payment had incorrectly been attributed to the financial period the invoice was generated rather than the period it was for. This practice had been in place since the database was adopted. To correct this, the payment for 2024 will be included in the 2024 accounts meaning no payment appears in the 2023 financial statements under database other than a small database limit upgrade for Auckland allowing them to have more than 500 members on their database.

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A question was asked around what items sat under the Performance Initiatives Expenditure line item. The GM explained that this included the running of the ANZAC development camp, IOF Athlete Licences, the reimbursement of airfares for a national team coach who chose to stand down Following the naming of a former partner in the team. It was also brought to the

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attention of the meeting that there was also Performance Initiative Revenue offsetting this expense.
Following the discussion, the Chairperson asked for the meeting to officially approve the Annual Report including the Annual Financial Statements.

- Approved/Seconded – Sarah O'Sullivan/Neill McGowan

Annual financial report accepted by meeting

- Approved/Seconded – Anthony McGivern/Myles Theyer

8. General Business

8.1 Annual Awards

The Chairperson shared with the meeting the recipients for the National Awards that were presented at the recent New Zealand Orienteering Championships:

MTBO of the Year Award
Georgia Whitla (PP)

- Top performing rider at the NZ MTBO Champs in 2023

Rogainer of the Year
Vivian Prince (PP)

- Part of a team of New Zealanders that attended the World Championships in Tahoe, Viviene won Gold in BOTH XSV and XUV easily earning making her our top performing athlete.

Coach of the Year
Val Robinson (CM)

- For her role coaching and mentoring students. She has been the single biggest advocate for the inclusion of Orienteering in Auckland's intermediate space.
- Annually for the past five years Val has led a team that coaches 3000+ students in South and East Auckland, Val herself has been responsible for coaching more than 1000 students in schools annually, primarily in the primary and intermediate space.

Brighouse Trophy
For best overall performance within age group category across the Nationals and Regional Championships Long Distance Events.
Carsten Joergensen (PP)

Junior International Performance of the Year
For the top achievement by a junior individual or team in international competition in the year nominated. 5th in the JWOC Long
Zefa Fa'avae (NL)

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International Performance of the Year
For the top achievement by a junior individual or team in international competition in the year nominated. 7th place in World Cup 2 Sprint relay
World Cup Sprint Relay Team (Joseph Lynch (PP), Laura Robertson (HV), Tim Robertson (HV), Penelope Salmon (AK))

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Innovation Award – New Award
Neill McGowan (AK)

- For his innovative work leading and transforming systems at Auckland Orienteering Club.

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Volunteer Service Awards
Guy Cory-Wright – 3yrs (2023)
Briana Steven – 3yrs (2022)
Sophie Harrison – 3yrs (2022)
Selwyn Palmer – 3yrs (2023)

Matt Bixley – 3yrs (2022) and 6yrs (2024)

Jenni Adams – 6yrs (2024)
Magnus Bengtsson – 6yrs (2024)
Russell Higham – 6yrs (2023)

President's Award
Alan Moore (PP)

- Since transitioning to Christchurch several years ago, Alan has introduced many innovations and contributed countless hours as the Events Coordinator for the PAPO committee. PAPO has seen a significant increase in the quantity, quality and variety of events resulting in a vibrant canterbury orienteering community as a result.
- Alan has fostered a programme of youth development, initiated a wiki for event organisation resources and grown club spirit through organising group accommodation for events outside of Christchurch.

Administrator of the Year Award
Lisa Mead (NW)

- For her tireless work supporting numerous many aspects of NWOC including finances, website, event communication, internal documents, event setup and registration. Lisa is an absolute pleasure to work with and will often picks up additional roles to ensure everything is able to happen.

Services to ONZ Award
Peter Swanson (BP)

- He has a cheerful attitude, a calm presence, and a huge can-do attitude. He served on OBOP's club committee where he has been a rock of stability as the club has grown.
- He is a key person for the change in culture of ONZ to a organization delivering value for money to it's members
- He has led major projects for our club and ONZ, including NZ Mountain Bike O champs, the ONZ long term strategy as well as President's and Club Forums and has championed member engagement.

8.2 Life Membership

Malcolm Ingham (RK)

- For services as ONZ's Performance Leader over a 8-9 year period. Malcolm has spent countless hours of his own time helping out otherwise minimally assisted athletes and providing resources and training opportunities at a very high level compared to other countries high performance systems. Something that Malcolm has never been willing to accept payment for.
- Malcolm has been responsible for establishing the U23 Camp and National Sprint League, was the mastermind behind the creation of the Oceania Sprint Championships, and has overseen nearly a decade of World Orienteering Championship Teams.
- Malcolm has produced ONZ's High Performance plan and has been instrumental in forming and expanding a relationship with High Performance Sport NZ providing benefits for our nationally and internationally based athletes. He has also championed Prime Minister's scholarships, part of the reason that Orienteers have received a disproportionate amount of finding through this programme in recent years.

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8.3 Announcement of new club to join ONZ

The Chairperson informed the meeting that ONZ was in advanced discussions with Whanagarei Orienteering Club who were in the process of becoming a full club of ONZ. Whangarei were previously a sub-club operating under the banner of North West Orienteering Club until 2022.

8.4 Election of Board Members

The Chair explained that because the number of nominations matched available positions there was no requirement to vote under the constitution. She then welcomed new board member Marcus Diprose, acknowledged the re-election of Jenni Adams, and thanked retiring board member Mangus Bengtsson for his service.

9. Closure of meeting

The meeting was officially closed at 8:10pm

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