



# AUCKLAND CITY ATHLETICS CLUB

## Minutes of Annual General Meeting 2022

The Annual General Meeting of the Auckland City Athletics Club for the year ended 31 March 2022 was held at 7.30pm, Wednesday, 16 November 2022, online via Zoom.

1. **Quorum.** It was confirmed a quorum of Members was present.
2. **Apologies.** Apologies were noted from Michelle Holmes.
3. **Minutes of 2020 AGM.** The Minutes of the 2021 AGM, held on 23 November 2021, were approved. *Moved: Andrew Pirie; Seconded: Paul Craddock.*
4. **President's Annual Report and reports from Winter and Summer sub-committees.** The written reports from the President and Sue Potter (Summer sub-committee) (as appended) were received and accepted. There was no written report from the Winter sub-committee but Andrew Pirie gave a verbal report.
5. **Annual Financial Statements and Treasurer's Report.** The financial statements were approved and the Treasurer's report (as appended) was accepted. *Moved: Simon Yarrow; Seconded: Sarah Renshaw.*
6. **Election of Officers.**
  - President:** Simon Yarrow was re-elected unopposed by unanimous consent.
  - Treasurer:** Michelle Holmes was elected unopposed by unanimous consent, succeeding Andrew Pirie who is resigning from the Committee due to moving outside of Auckland..
  - Summer Committee Chair:** Sue Potter was re-elected unopposed by unanimous consent. Sue confirmed the current 2022/23 summer season will be her last, so a new chair will be sought in the coming months in time for the 2023/24 summer season.
  - Winter Committee Chair:** Jono Jackson was elected unopposed by unanimous consent.
  - Other Executive Committee members:** Paul Craddock, Dianne Craddock, Sarah Renshaw, Phil Clode were all re-elected unopposed. Jandi Shennan, Karen Rickerby, Cathy & Steve McKenzie were elected as new Committee members.

There being no other business, the meeting ended at 8.15pm.



## ACA President's Report

The 2021.2 season was another interrupted affair thanks again to COVID but even with these challenges the club continued to grow in membership (118 in 20.21; 132 in 21.22 and already 160+ in 22.23); and prosper in a number of different areas

### ACA Race Nights

Despite the COVID restrictions placed upon us we were really excited to launch a new event format called ACA Race Nights. This involved 3 separate evenings of racing under lights with a limited number of events (5-6) ranging from sprints to distance so all done in 1.5 hours. This generated a lot of interest and fast times. At [ACA Race Night 3](#) in March over 30% of participating athletes got a PB.

### Coaching

[The Central Hub](#) coaching initiative for 11-16 years has now cemented itself as a major initiative for the club attracting athletes in all 4 terms across the year, peaking at close to 40 participants in summer. Big thanks to our partners Ellerslie, Roskill South, Pt Chevalier, Hillsborough and Eastern Junior clubs; and coaches Ignacio Pena & Bailey Stewart.

We also put some additional promotional efforts into the [The Junior X Run Club](#) for 8-12 year olds in Cornwall Park over terms 2 and 3. Thanks to David Horner for leading the coaching tirelessly every week.

We try to support our [coaches](#) where we can and always looking to help train and develop new coaches

### Communication

We continue to develop our [website](#); have grown our monthly [newsletter](#) to over 700 folks on our database; and maintained our [Facebook](#) & [Instagram](#) activity. This has led to more enquiries and interaction with members and stakeholders

### Club Logo and Apparel

Our new [club apparel](#) launched last season continues to sell well. Overall we feel the investment the club has made here to modernise the look and feel of ACA has been well worthwhile.

### Thanks to our supporters

Finally I want to say thanks to Athletics Auckland and Athletics NZ for their support not to mention all our administrators, officials, coaches and volunteers. Also a big shout out to the ACA committees. Thanks to all of you for your support.

Cheers,

imon Yarrow  
President ACA



## **ACA TRACK & FIELD 2021-2022**

There was a slow start to the 2021-22 Track & Field season due to the opening events being delayed by Covid-related restrictions, and limits on the numbers permitted at Mt Smart. Despite this, ACA was able to run fifteen Wednesday night Club events over the course of the season. When restrictions eased, we were able to again host young athletes from the Central HUB (Eastern, Ellerslie, Hillsborough, Pt. Chevalier & Roskill South junior Clubs) training and competing on Wednesday Club nights. We also had a number of Secondary School athletes joining in Club Night competitions. On three Wednesday nights in December, January and March **ACA Race Nights** were programmed instead of the usual Club Night format. On these nights pre-entry was required for the track which were held under lights with a good number of entries from ACA and other Club athletes.

ACA athletes performed well at the **2022 Auckland T&F Championships** in February, bringing home 16 individual Gold medals, 11 Silvers and 6 Bronze medals. Outstanding performances at the Championships were **Macey Hilton** - a triple winner in the WU20 400m, 800m and 1500m - and **Tomas Barry** winning both the MU20 1500m and 3000m.

At the **2022 NZ Championships** in Hastings in March, ACA athletes won 15 individual medals: 4 Gold, 4 Silver and 7 Bronze medals, with three ACA runners also returning with Gold relay medals. Unfortunately, due to Covid infections and the strict Covid regulations imposed on the running of the event, some ACA athletes who were selected for the Auckland Team were unable to attend the Nationals.

**Scott Thomson** was Gold-medallist in the SM Triple Jump with **Edwin Kwok Hin Leung** taking the Silver.

**Josh Hawkins** won the SM 110 Hurdles with **Tom Moloney** getting the bronze medal in the same event.

**Penelope Salmon** won Gold in the WU20 1500m and **Macey Hilton** was Gold-medallist in the WU20 800m as well as helping the WU20 4x400m Team to victory. Peyton Leigh was also part of that winning 4x400m Team and **Lucy Shennan** won relay gold in the WU18 4x400m.

**Sue Potter**

**Chair, ACA Summer sub-committee**



## Treasurer's Report

### Financial overview for the 2020/21 year

The Club's financial statements for the year ended 31 March 2022 show a modest deficit of \$1,632.92, compared with a net surplus of \$8,326.30 in the previous financial year.

The key reason for this difference was the investment made at the start of the 2020/21 winter season in new Club branding, including a new logo and a range of new competition and leisure apparel for members to purchase. It seems a long time ago now!

The Club incurred substantial costs in this rebranding, including: the decision to offer an early-bird incentive to members who purchased new gear (providing free T shirts or caps); purchase of a new club tent and branded flags; and use of a professional consultant to design the new logo. The strong consensus has been that the rebranding has been most worthwhile.

The Club ended the year with just under \$70,000 in its bank accounts, with a further \$11,000 tied up in inventory (competition and leisure gear held for re-sale to members).

The Club's usual other big expense outlay each year – the trip to the NZ Road Relays – did not occur as the October 2021 event was cancelled due to Covid restrictions. While we were forced to refund grants we had obtained from community trusts, we managed to avoid cancellation costs – apart from an Air New Zealand deposit which we were able to use for the 2022 trip. So thankfully there was negligible financial impact on the Club.

### Membership

We finished the 2021/22 year with 132 financial members, a modest recovery from the recent low point of 118 recorded in the previous year, but still down on the 147 members we had two years ago. Our membership has been impacted a lot over recent years by Covid, hopefully this is now in the past for us.

Happily, our membership is now growing again in the current year - with 156 members joining the Club by the end of October 2022. On top of this, we also have very strong participation by younger athletes (aged 11 to 16) in the Central Hub coaching squads – this is creating a pipeline of future athletes into the Club as well as providing a significant new revenue stream. So far during 2022/23, we have had 30 children who are not ACA members (but rather are associated with junior clubs in the Central Hub area) sign up for at least one term of sprint training, plus others who are undertaking distance training with one of our ACA affiliated coaches.

**Andrew Pirie**

**Treasurer**