**BAY OF PLENTY MATHEMATICAL ASSOCIATION  
MINUTES OF THE COMMITTEE MEETING  
4:45 p.m. Thursday 8th March 2018 at Te Puke High School**

**PRESENT**  
Adrian Kitson (President. Western Height High School), Anne-Marie Denny (Treasurer. Whakatane High School), Heidi Cason & Shelley-Anne Kim (Bethlehem College), Stephen Tisch (Tauranga Boys’ College), Lewis Hockings (Tauranga Girls’ College), Sonia Deering (Te Puke High School), Stacey Andrews (Edgecumbe College), Shelley Thompson (Trident High School), Lynn Brassington (NZAMT Executive member) and Craig McFarlane (Secretary. Aquinas College)

**APOLOGIES**  
Apologies were received from Jim Hogan (Auckland University), Helen Baldwin (Rotorua Boys High School), Matej Benes (Papamoa College) and Neil McDiamid (Otumoetai College)

**MINUTES**  
The Secretary presented the minutes of the committee meeting of Thursday 14 September 2017 at Papamoa College.

***“THAT THE MINUTES OF THE COMMITTEE MEETING OF 14 SEPTEMBER 2018 ARE A TRUE AND ACCURATE RECORD.”  
MCFARLANE/DENNY CARRIED***

**MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES**

Thanks to Past President: It was agreed the Secretary write a letter of thanks to Helen Adams for her very good work as President of BOPMA for the year 2017.

**CORRESPONDENCE**

NZAMT: lewis/sonia bopma will cover travel expenses for adrian.

general business

sept mtg thurs 6th september at te puke high (change website)

mini conference review: went really well. relatively inexpensive when compared with previous conferences.

2018: mathsmind: friday 24th sept, rotorua. Lara (JPC) and Adrian. Venue = RGHS, with no fee.

reluctance to help with writing/checking. Adrian MC.

Adrian offered to buy a new shield for the year 9 competition. Donation. old shield now full up.

can we change the prizes from calculators to comething else? kids have calculators anyway. ask students (sponsors?) what they ....

have year 10s first.

kids like medals.

2018 mini conference: western bay of plenty

lewis to liaise with toi ohomai

alert jim hogan

coordinator yet to be confirmed

16th or 23rd november. lewis to advise. mcf to assist.

end of year for juniors: whs=4 days, 2 hr in morning, 2 hr in afternoon.... (?) what happens in other schools...

tbc: 2 hr exams for core subjects. two days. end of week 5. always clashes with mini conference.

the later the exams the more likely students will lose all motivation afterwards.

edgecumbe: junior exams 2 or 1 1/2 hr exams. followed by interhouse sports.

BC: (check ) lot of activities after the exams. camps etc. the last topic may or may not be examined.

trident: exams week 7. have in gym to give a formality

te puke: astle testing week 3, open ended tasks which are sat in the hall (check recording). astle done on paper (computer system not always reliable). Not use PAT at all.

PAT, Lomas, astle, nothing , have own test,

MCAT: TBC almost withdrew; do a skills test as well (?)

BC: did not do MCAT last year. skills exam during the mocks. probably won't do MCAT this year. Two standard are done in year 10 to reduce the number of standards in year 11.

MCAT too difficult for the lower half (of the normal curve).

stephen: writers needs to stick to the exemplars and the standards. they need to look at the resources which teachers are using.

another letter to CEO (craig to draft letter... send to adrian to edit)... geometry,

other matters

lewis: on-line resurces at year 9 level. any ofers of help for inquiry/pd