

ATHLETICS AUSTRALIA

Minutes of the Thirteenth Annual General Meeting of Athletics Australia held at Rydges Melbourne Hotel, Exhibition Street, Melbourne on Saturday, 15th November, 1997.

1. ROLL CALL OF OFFICERS AND DELEGATES

OFFICERS

President	T. Dwyer
Treasurer	J.Z. Makarucha
National Executive Director	M. Soust
Board Secretary	G.A. Rowe

DELEGATES

Australian Capital Territory	D. Wilson	B. Gleeson
New South Wales	R. Doubell	J. Patchett
Northern Territory	R. Ralph	B. Lewins
Queensland	G. Bourne	M. Macdermott
South Australia	G. Sargent	B. Stanton
Tasmania	P. Scammell	
Victoria	P. Webster	D. Blyth

BOARD MEMBERS

R. Brandis	M. Mahony
L. Evans	R. Crawford

ALSO PRESENT

A. McDonald	Life Member
C.D. Lee	Life Member
A. Rice	Australian T & F Coaches Ass
P. Turney	Selector
S. Keil	Athletics South Australia
S. Nash	Northern Territory Athletics
B. Bailey	SOCOG
C. Grant	AIS track & Field
P. Hamilton	Selector
C. Cain	Australian Little Athletics

STAFF PRESENT

B. Roe	Competitions Manager
S. Culbert	Senior Competitions Officer
F. Anstee	Accountant
D. Booth	Media Liaison Officer
K. Clifford	Promotions Office
J. Hellwig	Senior Member Services Officer
L. Grigg	Development Officer
R. Clow	Receptionist
H. Young	Administrative Trainee

VISITORS

Y. Mullins	Athletics North Queensland
J. Minehane	Athletics North Queensland
J. Cairns	Athletics North Queensland
C. Porter	AthleticA
R. Carter	AthleticA

P. Gianoli	AthleticA
V. Saulekaleka Tunidau	Oceania
G. Annear	Oceania
B. Beitzel	L. Childs
J. Hancy	R. Owens

2. APOLOGIES

M. Matthews	G. Dyer
P. Jenes	R. Jenkins
Q. Briggs	M. McQuiston
W. Bain	D. Cramer

It was moved by the ACT Athletics, seconded by Athletics South Australia that the meeting be open to members of the media.

Carried

It was moved by Athletics South Australia, seconded by Athletics New South Wales that the order of the Agenda as presented be changed in order that the Report of the Board of Management and Presentation of the Audited Balance Sheet, Statement of Revenue and Expenditure and Statutory Reports and Statements for the period 1 July 1996 until 30 June 1997, be dealt with after item 6

Carried

3. READING OF NOTICE CONVENING MEETING

- 3.1 At the request of the President, the Business Manager read the Notice Convening the Meeting.
- 3.2 The President opened the Annual General Meeting of Athletics Australia welcome to all Delegates, Board Members and staff and visitors, with a special welcome to those delegates attending their first Annual General Meeting and those representing Oceania AAA.

4. OBITUARIES

The meeting stood as a mark of respect to the following:

E. W. (Bill) Barwick, Winsome Cripps, Wendy Ey (BEM), Zora Fibbins OAM, Margaret. Hardstaff, Cecil. "Chick" Hensley, Barbara. Horwood, Gordon Munn.

5. PRESIDENT'S ADDRESS

The President spoke to his written report highlighting; the Strategic Planning process, the programs to increase registrations, the growth in public interest and the record crowds at the Grand Prix meets, and the improvement in team performances. He also spoke of; the departure of a number of senior staff who had made a significant contribution to athletics, the success of the Board/management in bringing in a balanced budget, the appointment of the national Director of Coaching and the foreshadowing of a review.

At the conclusion of his report the President advised that the Board of Athletics Australia recommends that "*an administrative review of athletics in Australia be initiated by Athletics Australia.*"

The concept of a review was supported by the Member Associations, notably Athletics New South Wales (R. Doubell) and Queensland Athletics (G. Bourne).

6. CONFIRMATION of MINUTES of the 12th ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING held in Melbourne on 2nd November 1996

Resolved: on a motion moved by ACT Athletics, seconded by Athletics New South Wales that the Minutes of the 12th Annual General Meeting be taken as true and correct.

7. PRESENTATION of the REPORT of the BOARD of MANAGEMENT for the period 1st July 1996 until 30th June 1997

In moving the acceptance of the report the delegate from Athletics South Australia (Sargent) expressed disappointment on a number of issues promised by the President following his election in 1996. The motion to accepted the report was seconded by Athletics New South Wales.

Resolved: that the Report of the Board of Management for the period 1st July 1996 to 30th June 1997 be accepted.

8. PRESENTATION of the AUDITED BALANCE SHEET, STATEMENT of REVENUE and EXPENDITURE and STATUTORY REPORTS and STATEMENTS for the period 1st July 1996 until 30th June 1997

Resolved: on a motion moved by ACT Athletics , seconded by Athletics Victoria, that the Audited Balance Sheet, Statement of Revenue and Expenditure and Statutory Reports and Statements for the period 1st July 1996 to 30th June 1997 as presented in the Annual Report be accepted.

9. ELECTION of MEMBERS of BOARD of DIRECTORS, HONORARY OFFICERS and COMMITTEE MEMBERS and CONSIDERATION of NOMINATIONS for AWARDS

9 BOARD POSITIONS

9.1.1 Director for Junior Development

Candidates: P. Kinnane (Qld), B. Gleeson (ACT)

Resolved: that following a ballot, B. Gleeson be declared elected.

9.1.2 Director for Finance

Candidates: J. Makarucha (Vic), R. Smith (Qld)

Resolved: that following a ballot, J. Makarucha be declared elected.

9.1.3 Director for National Marketing

Candidates: G. Dyer (NSW)

Resolved: that as he was the only candidate G. Dyer be declared elected.

9.1.4 Director for Road Running, Cross Country and Road Walking Competition

Candidates: P. Clohessy (Qld), D. Wilson (ACT)

Resolved: that following a ballot, D. Wilson be declared elected.

9.1.6 Vice President

The President called for nominations of eligible Board members from the floor in accordance with the Articles for the position of Vice President. D. Wilson was the only nominee and he was duly declared elected.

9.2 HONORARY COMMITTEES POSITIONS

9.2.1. Track and Field Selection Committee

Candidates: B. Roe (Tas), M. Lock (Qld), M. Thomson (ACT)

Resolved: that following a ballot, B. Roe be declared elected.

9.2.2 Cross Country, Road Running & Road Walking Selection Committee

Candidate: W. Bain (Qld), P. Turney (Vic)

Resolved: that following a ballot P. Turney be declared elected.

9.3 LIFE MEMBERSHIP and MERIT AWARD NOMINATIONS

9.3.1 Life Membership

Resolved: that following a ballot, the Member Associations endorsed the awarding of Life Membership to:

Margaret Mahony	Vic
Denis Wilson	ACT

9.3.2 Merit Award

Resolved: that following a ballot, the Member Associations endorsed the awarding of a Merit Award to:

David Cundy	ACT
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10. PRESENTATION of REPORTS of OFFICERS, STANDING COMMITTEES and COMMISSIONS

Resolved: that the Reports of Officers, Standing Committees and Commissions, as presented in the Annual Report, be accepted.

11. PRESENTATION of REPORTS of MEMBER ASSOCIATIONS

Resolved: that the Reports of the Member Associations, as presented in the Annual Report and to the meeting, be accepted.

12. NOTICES OF MOTION TO AMEND THE MEMORANDUM AND ARTICLES OF ASSOCIATION, BYLAWS AND RULES

12.1 The following motion moved by Queensland Athletics

Proposed amendment to Article 3 (b) by adding the words:

“a two-thirds majority of those delegates to vote”

The Article shall then read:

3 (b) There shall be admitted to membership of the Federation -

(i) such companies, incorporated associations and other bodies corporate;

(ii) the Authorised delegate from time to time of such unincorporated associations or bodies as may apply in writing to become members and as shall be approved and granted membership by the Federation in general meeting by a two-thirds majority of those eligible to vote.

lapsed for the want of a seconder

12.2 The following motion moved by Queensland Athletics

Proposed amendment to Article 17 by deleting the words:

“entail the automatic suspension of the Member or Association in default. Thereafter may, on payment of the money in arrears and of such fines or penalties as may be deemed applicable by the Board of Management, set aside such suspension and restore the defaulting party to membership”

and insert in their stead:

“entitle the Federation to recover such sums in a Court of competent jurisdiction.”

The Article shall then read:

“Failure by a member Association or an Associate Member to pay its registration dues, will within thirty days of the date on which they become payable, or to pay all or part of any levy within three months of the Federation imposing the same, shall entitle the Federation to recover such sums in a Court of competent jurisdiction.”

lapsed for the want of a seconder

12.3 The following motion moved by Queensland Athletics

Proposed amendment of Article 15 by deleting the present Article and inserting a new Article, thus:

15A All officials and competing athletes, irrespective of age, must be registered members of the Association in which they normally reside, provided that:

- (i) The Association of their normal residence may agree in writing to their registration with the other Association;
- (ii) bona fide full-time tertiary students may register, while they are such students with the Association where the institution is located or with the Association of their normal residence;
- (iii) Scholarship holders of the Australian Institute of Sport, while they are a resident in Canberra, may register with the Australian Capital Territory or the Association of their normal residence.
- (iv) Full time members of the Australian Defence Force may register with the Association of their normal residence or the Association where they are from time to time stationed

lapsed for the want of a seconder

12.4 The following motion moved by Queensland Athletics

15B: All clubs must be registered members of the Association in which their normal headquarters is located provided that such Association may agree in writing, to a club also being registered by another Association.

lapsed for the want of a seconder

12.5 The following motion moved by Queensland Athletics

15C(a) The registration dues, if any, shall be payable in such a manner and at such times as shall be agreed by a majority of Member Associations in general meetings. Fees payable shall be determined in total, and the apportionment of this figure between member Association shall be determines I three equal installments on the first days of March, July and December in each year in respect of that financial year.

(b) A Life Member of a Member Association shall be exempt, in recognition of his or her services to athletics, from payment of Federation registration dues.

lapsed for the want of a seconder

12.6 The following motion moved by Queensland Athletics

Proposed amendment to Article 40 by adding a new clause:

40(i) If a ballot is conducted, the Chairman shall declare the election by announcing the number of votes obtained by each candidate and if more than one round of ballots is required, the number of votes obtained by each candidate at each round.

The Article then reads:-

exactly as per the previous except with the new clause added.

lapsed for the want of a seconder

12.7 The following motion moved by Queensland Athletics

Proposed insertion of a new Article 56A, thus Article

56A: A copy of the minutes of the Board shall be sent to each Member Association as they are signed by the Chairman.

lapsed for the want of a seconder

12.8 The following motion moved by Queensland Athletics

Proposed amendment to Article 3 by the addition of a new sub-Article (g). Thus:

Article 3 (g) "no person or body which is formed out of the areas of an existing Member Association shall be granted membership of the Federation unless they have first obtained the agreement in writing of that or those Member Associations.

New Article:-

The Article will be the same as before except the new Clause (g) is added.

lapsed for the want of a seconder

12.9 The following motion moved by Queensland Athletics

Proposed Amendment of By-Laws

A new Section XII - Officials

39(1) Athletics Australia, its employees, directors or contractors shall not undertake courses on training for or of officials within the area of any Member Association without the agreement of the appropriate Member Association.

(2) Athletics Australia, its employees, directors or contractors shall not conduct examinations of officials within the area of any Member Association without the agreement of the appropriate Member Association.

lapsed for the want of a seconder

12.10 The following motion moved by the Board of Athletics Australia and seconded by ACT Athletics

The replacement of the words "General Manager" by the words "National Executive Director" wherever occurring.

The motion was Carried

12.11**The following motion was moved by the Board of Athletics Australia and seconded by ACT Athletics**

The replacement of the words in Article 30(a) [*Noting that it is Article 30(a) and not Article 3(a) as described in the Agenda*]. - "The New South Wales Amateur Athletic Association" by the words "Athletics NSW Limited".

30. (a)

Subject to Article 31, at every general meeting of the Federation every person present who is an Authorized Delegate or a duly appointed representative of a Member which is then entitled to vote shall on a show of hands have one vote and, subject to paragraph (b) of this Article 30, shall be entitled on a poll to exercise in the name and on behalf of the Member by which he was appointed the number of votes set out below opposite the names of that Member:

Athletic Association of South Australia Incorporated	2 votes
Athletic Association of Western Australia (Incorporated)	2 votes
Australian Capital Territory Athletic Association Incorporated	2 votes
The Athletic Association of Tasmania	2 votes
Athletics NSW Limited	2 votes
Queensland Athletic Association Limited	2 votes
Victorian Athletic Association Incorporated	2 votes
Northern Territory Athletic Association Incorporated	2 votes

The motion was Carried**12.12****The following motion was moved by the Board of Athletics Australia and seconded by Athletics New South Wales**

The replacement of the words in Article 36(a)(ix) - "Director for Group Operations" by the words "Director for Communications".

The amended Article would then read:

"36(a) The Board shall consist of not more than nine Directors who shall be elected by the

Members in general meeting to the following portfolio persons:

- (i) President
- (ii) Treasurer and Director for Finance
- (iii) Director for National Marketing
- (iv) Director for National Development
- (v) Director for Junior Development
- (vi) Director for Road Running, Cross Country and Road Walking Competition

- (vii) Director for Track and Field Competition
- (viii) Director for State Development
- (ix) Director for Communications"

The motion was Carried

12.13 The Notice of Motion recommended by the Board of Athletics Australia

That Article 36(a) be amended by the deletion of sub-articles (iii) to (ix) inclusive and their replacement by:

"(iii) seven (7) Directors without portfolio"

The amended Article would then read:

"36. (a) The Board shall consist of not more than nine Directors who shall be elected by the Members in general meeting to the following persons:

- (i) President
- (ii) Treasurer and Director for Finance
- (iii) Seven (7) Directors without portfolio"

was withdrawn

12.14 The Notice of Motion recommended by the Board of Athletics Australia

That Article 39 be amended by the deletion of the word "portfolio" wherever occurring.

The amended Article would now read:

"39(a) At each annual general meeting held in an even numbered year, the President and the four Directors whose positions (or their replacements) were the subject of election in the previous even numbered year, and at each annual general meeting in an odd numbered year, the Directors whose positions (or their replacements) were the subject of election in the previous odd numbered year, shall retire from office. A retiring member of the Board shall retain office until the dissolution or adjournment of the meeting at which their successor is elected.

(b) (i) As a transitional provision, all Directors then holding office shall retire from office at the annual general meeting held in 1992.

(ii) Notwithstanding article 39(a) no Directors shall retire in 1993. In 1994 the positions of President and four others to be drawn by lot after the election of Directors at the annual general meeting held in 1992, shall be the subject of elections. In 1995 the remaining four positions will be the subject of elections.

(c) A retiring member of the Board shall be eligible for re-election.

(d) The Federation at any annual meeting at which any members of the Board retire pursuant to these Articles may fill the vacated offices and may fill up any other vacancies in accordance with the principles set out in Article 42."

was withdrawn

12.15 The Notice of Motion recommended by the Board of Athletics Australia

That Article 40(f) be amended by the deletion of the words “portfolio position” and their replacement by the words, “directorship under Article 36(a)”.

The amended Article would then read:

“40(f) No person may hold more than one directorship under Article 36(a). Where a person who is already a member of the Board is elected or appointed to another position or where a person is elected to more than one position, he must, immediately following the election advise the chairman of the position which he wishes to hold. The chairman shall immediately call for and accept nominations for any vacancy so arising and an election conducted at the annual general meeting. If such a vacancy occurs at any other time the Board shall fill the vacancy.”

was withdrawn

12.16 The following motion was moved by the Board of Athletics Australia and seconded by Athletics New South Wales

The deletion of the words and figures from the fourth line of Bylaw 8(1) - “, the Pacific Conference Games Permanent Committee”.

The amended By-Law would then read:

“8. DELEGATES TO OTHER ORGANISATIONS

(1) The Executive Committee of the Board shall appoint delegates of AA to the Australian Olympic Committee, Australian Commonwealth Games Association, Confederation of Australian Sport, Oceania AAA Congresses, IAAF Congresses and to any other organisation in respect of which a delegate from AA is required. It may revoke such appointments at any time. The President shall be an IAAF Congress delegate whenever possible.”

The motion was carried

12.17 The following motion was moved by the Board of Athletics Australia and seconded by Athletics South Australia

The replacement of the words - “four years” by “two years” wherever occurring in Bylaw 38(5).

The amended By-Law would then read:

“SECTION XI - DOPING CONTROL

38.

(5) Any athlete who wishes to be removed from the then current Athletics Australia/ASDA Doping Control List, may do so by notifying Athletics Australia in writing, that he or she has retired from competition. This notice shall not serve to excuse the athlete from any testing that may have been noticed; nor shall it serve to negate the testing of any sample already given or the results of such testing. Having given this notice, the athlete shall thereafter be ineligible to compete for a minimum of two (2) years from the athlete’s retirement date, which shall be the date of the receipt of the notice by Athletics Australia. At any time beginning one (1) year after the retirement date, the athlete may seek reinstatement for domestic competition only, by a written request to Athletics Australia. The athlete may be tested during three (3) randomly selected weeks during the six (6) month period following Athletics Australia’s receipt of the reinstatement request. At the expiration of this six (6) month period, the athlete shall be eligible to compete

in domestic competition only. An athlete shall only be eligible for international competition after the expiration of two (2) years from the date of their notification of their desire to return to international competition.”

The motion was carried

12.18

Notice of Motion recommended by the Board of Athletics Australia

That with effect from 1st April 1998, By-Law 30(5) be amended by the deletion of both sentences and their replacement by:

“For the purposes of all under age and schools championships conducted under this bylaw and all under age and school competition conducted under the jurisdiction of Athletics Australia, an athlete shall be under the specified age as at 31st December in the year of the competition.”

The amended By-Law will then read:

“30. CHAMPIONSHIPS

.....

(5) Under Age Eligibility

For the purposes of all under age and schools championships conducted under this bylaw and all under age and school competition conducted under the jurisdiction of Athletics Australia, an athlete shall be under the specified age as at 31st December in the year of the competition.

.....”

The motion was Carried 12 votes for to 2 votes against

12.19

The following motion moved by the Board of Athletics Australia and seconded by ACT Athletics

That with effect from 1st January 1998, By Law 31(4) by the insertion of the following new sentence:

“To be recognised as the holder of an under age record, the athlete shall be under the specified age as at 31st December in the year of the performance,”

That to give effect to this change if passed:

1. *under 20 records be revised on an all time basis according to the above change;*
2. *under 16 and under 18 records stand as currently listed until bettered by an athlete eligible under the new rule. This is on the basis that it would be difficult to accurately source the best past eligible performance in each event in these age groups whereas the under 20 exercise has already been accurately done.*
3. *Schools records remain as is as they are “meet records”.*

The amended By-Law will then read:

“31. AUSTRALIAN RECORDS AND INDOOR RECORDS

.....

(4) Under Age Records shall be maintained in only the category of Australian National Records. To be recognised as the holder of an under age record, the athlete shall be under the specified age as at 31st December in the year of the performance.

.....”

The motion was Carried

13. CONSIDERATION and PROPOSAL for the ADOPTION of the BUDGET for the period 1st July 1996 until 30th June 1997.

The motion moved by Queensland Athletics that ‘*Capitation Fees be deleted from the Budget*’, lapsed for the want of a seconder

Following a presentation by the Director of Finance, it was moved by Athletics New South Wales and seconded by Athletics South Australia that the proposed Budget for the period 1st July 1997 to 30th June 1998 be adopted.

Carried

14. ALLOCATION of NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS

Resolved: on a motion moved by ACT Athletics and seconded by Athletics Victoria that the allocation of National Championships, as submitted by the Competitions Manager, be adopted.

Carried

The Meeting closed at 11.05 a.m.