

ATHLETICS AUSTRALIA

Minutes of the Fourteenth Annual General Meeting of Athletics Australia held at the Nurses Memorial Centre, Slater Street, Melbourne on Saturday 19th December 1998 commencing at 9.30am.

1. ROLL CALL OF OFFICERS AND DELEGATES

OFFICERS

President	T. Dwyer
Treasurer	J.Z. Makarucha
National Executive Director	M. Soust

DELEGATES

Australian Capital Territory	D. Wilson	O. Hennes
New South Wales	R. Doubell	J. Patchett
Northern Territory	B. Webb	R. Ralph
Queensland	J. Brady	Y. Mullins
South Australia	B. Stanton	P. Brebner
Tasmania	T. Mahoney	
Victoria	J. Higham	D. Blyth
Western Australia	R. Carter	C. Porter

BOARD MEMBERS

D. Wilson	R. Crawford
R. Brandis	L. Naylor
M. Mahony	

ALSO PRESENT

A. McDonald	Life Member
T. Rice	AT&FCA
P. Jenes	Statistician
B. Bailey	SOCOG
D. Topp	Queensland Athletics
T. Sternfeldt	Queensland Athletics
B. Beitzel	Media
F. Anstee	Volunteer

STAFF PRESENT

B. Roe	Competitions Manager
J. Hellwig	Senior Off. Member Services
L. Woodman	High Performance Manager
B. Hill	Accountant
D. Booth	Media Liaison Officer
R. Clow	Receptionist

2. APOLOGIES

G. Dyer	R. Smith
S. Hampstead	M. McQuiston
C.D. Lee	G. Gilbert
S. McMinn	P. Bowman
M. Binnington	

3. READING OF NOTICE CONVENING MEETING

- 3.1 At the request of the President, the National Executive Director read the notice convening the meeting.
- 3.2 The President opened the Annual General Meeting of Athletics Australia, welcoming all delegates.

4. OBITUARIES

A minutes silence was observed as respect for the following:

In Annual Report

Frank Day OAM	Western Australia	AA Merit Award Holder and Coach
Edna Godfrey	New South Wales	AA Merit Award Holder and Coach
Ted Hantke	Western Australia	AA Merit Award Holder and Coach
Clarice Kennedy	New South Wales	Athlete
Lilian Neville OAM	Victoria	AA Life Member

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Peter Stefanoff	South Australia	Official
Dick Leffler	Victoria	Athlete
Ray Rigby	Victoria	Athlete
Rolly Howard	Northern Territory	Administrator/Coach

5. PRESIDENT'S ADDRESS

The President welcomed Life Members to the meeting, Athletics Australia Board Members and other attendees. He then spoke to his report, highlighting that it had been a good year for the sport and thanking all those who had made a contribution to these successes. In particular he noted the very good international results that had been achieved, the growth and successes of the Optus Grand Prix Series, and the balanced budget recorded by the administration during a year when the office relocated. With respect to the issue of participation, he noted that we had managed to halt the declining trend line, however it was clear following the PriceWaterhouseCoopers Review that the sport needed to restructure if significant results were to be achieved. He stressed that if we

acted decisively on the report, we would be in a position to achieve all of our goals, including participation.

6. CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

Confirmation of the Minutes of the 13th Annual General Meeting held in Melbourne on Saturday 15th November 1997.

Resolved: On a motion moved by ACT Athletics, seconded by Athletics Victoria that the minutes of the 13th Annual General Meeting be taken as true and correct.

7. PRESENTATION OF THE REPORT OF THE BOARD OF MANAGEMENT FOR THE PERIOD 1ST JULY 1997 UNTIL 30TH JUNE 1998

Resolved: That the Report of the Board of Management for the period 1st July 1997 to 30th June 1998 be accepted.

8. PRESENTATION OF THE AUDITED BALANCE SHEET, STATEMENT OF REVENUE AND EXPENDITURE AND STATUTORY REPORTS AND STATEMENTS FOR THE PERIOD 1ST JULY 1997 TO 30TH JUNE 1998.

Resolved: Proposed by Victoria and seconded by the Northern Territory that the Audited Balance Sheet, Statement of Revenue and Expenditure and Statutory Reports, and Statements for the period 1st July 1997 to 30th June 1998 as presented in the Annual Report be accepted.

9. 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.

10. PRESENTATION OF REPORTS OF MEMBER ASSOCIATIONS

Resolved: That the Reports of Member Associations as presented in the Annual Report along with an additional report provided by the new Board of Queensland Athletics, be accepted.

11. ELECTION OF MEMBERS OF BOARD OF DIRECTORS, HONORARY OFFICERS AND COMMITTEE MEMBERS AND CONSIDERATION OF NOMINATIONS FOR AWARDS

11.1 BOARD POSITIONS

11.1.1 President (Terry Dwyer retires)

Nominations: Barry Stanton South Australia
 Terry Dwyer Tasmania
 Reg Brandis ACT

Resolved: That following a ballot, T. Dwyer be declared elected.

11.1.2 Director for National Development (Ralph Doubell retires)

Nominations: Max Binnington Victoria
 Ralph Doubell New South Wales
 Greg Gilbert ACT

Resolved: That following a ballot, R. Doubell be declared elected.

11.1.3 Director for Track and Field (Margaret Mahony retires)

Nominations: Margaret Mahony Victoria
 Max Binnington Victoria
 Kevin Dynan Victoria

Resolved: That following a ballot, M Mahony be declared elected.

11.1.4 Director for Communications (Ron Crawford retires)

Nominations: Ron Crawford New South Wales
 Max Binnington Victoria
 Joan Cross Queensland
 Barry Stanton South Australia
 Malcolm Harrison New South Wales
 David Culbert New South Wales

Resolved: That following a ballot, Ron Crawford be declared elected.

11.1.5 Director for State Development (Reg Brandis retires)

Nominations: Roderick Smith Queensland
 Max Binnington Victoria
 Reg Brandis ACT

Resolved: That following a ballot, Reg Brandis be declared elected.

11.1.6 Director for Junior Development (Position Vacant)

Nominations: Greg Gilbert ACT
 Max Binnington Victoria
 Kevin Dynan Victoria

Ron Crawford	New South Wales
Barry Stanton	South Australia
Tony Rice	Queensland
David Culbert	New South Wales
Trish Kinnane	Queensland

Resolved: That following a ballot, Trish Kinnane be declared elected.

11.2 HONORARY COMMITTEE POSITIONS

11.2.1 One (1) member of the Track and Field Selection Committee (P.Turney, Vic) retires.

Nominations: Pam Turney

Resolved: That as she was the only nomination, P.Turney be elected.

11.2.2 One (1) member of the Cross Country, Road Running and Road Walking Selection Committee (John Gilbert, ACT) retires.

Nominations: Steve Hampstead New South Wales
Peter Waddell ACT

Resolution: That following a ballot, Peter Waddell be declared elected.

11.2.3 National Statistician (Paul Jenes retires)

Nomination: Paul Jenes Victoria

Resolution: That as he was the only nomination, Paul Jenes be elected.

11.2.4 National Records Officer (Ronda Jenkins)

Nomination: Ronda Jenkins Victoria

Resolution: That as she was the only nomination, Ronda Jenkins be elected.

11.2.5 National Constitution Officer (Peter Fitzgerald retires)

Nomination: Peter Brebner South Australia

Resolution: That as he was the only nomination, Peter Brebner be elected.

11.3 LIFE MEMBERSHIP AND MERIT AWARD NOMINATIONS

11.3.1 Life Membership

Resolved: That following a ballot, the Member Associations endorsed the awarding of Life Membership to: Gwen Chester Western Australia.

11.3.2 Merit Awards

Resolved: That following a ballot, the Member Associations endorsed the awarding of a Merit Award to: Reg Brandis Queensland
Ronda Jenkins Victoria

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

The following motion was moved by the ACT and seconded by NSW:

'that Bylaw 35 be amended by the deletion of all words after "Board" first occurring and their replacement by the following words,'

"..or the relevant Competition Commission either on the initiative of the Board or Commission or in consequence of a proposal submitted by a Member Association to the Secretary."

So that the article would then read:

35. Amendments to the Rules including Competition Rules formulated by AA under the Articles of Association may be effected by an annual or ordinary general meeting of AA, by a mail vote of Member Associations or at a meeting of the Board or the relevant Competition Commission either on the initiative of the Board or Commission or in consequence of a proposal submitted by a Member Association to the Secretary.

The motion was carried.

13. CONSIDERATION AND PROPOSAL FOR THE ADOPTION OF THE BUDGET FOR THE PERIOD 1ST JULY 1998 UNTIL 30TH JUNE 1999.

Following a presentation by the Director of Finance it was moved by ACT Athletics and seconded by New South Wales that the proposed Budget for the period 1st July 1998 to 30th June 1999 be adopted.

Carried.

14. ALLOCATION OF NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS

Following a presentation by the Competitions Manager, the following motion was proposed by ACT and seconded by New South Wales:

'The Australian All Schools Championships be held in New South Wales in 1999'

Motion Carried

Subsequently the following motion was proposed by the ACT and seconded by the Northern Territory:

'The amended proposal for the Allocation of National Championships be accepted'

Motion Carried

15. GENERAL BUSINESS

15.1 Notice of Motion

The notice of motion submitted by New South Wales:

‘That the meeting consider alternative methods of determining the levy imposed on Member Associations’

was withdrawn by New South Wales.

15.2 Application for Associate Membership

An application from the Australian Mountain Running Association Inc. for Associate Membership of Athletics Australia was accepted by the Member Associations.

15.3 Presentation of Sydney 2000 Olympic Games Preparations

A presentation on the progress of organisation for the Athletics Competition for the Sydney 2000 Olympic and Paralympic Games was provided by Bill Bailey, Athletics Competition Manager for the Sydney Organising Committee for the Olympic Games (SOCOG).

15.4 Intention to call a Special General Meeting

The President advised the meeting that it was the intention of Athletics Australia to call a Special General Meeting before February 28 1999 to make resolutions with respect to the implementation of structural organisational changes resulting from the review conducted by PriceWaterhouseCoopers. Noted that all Member Associations had been working with the President and National Executive Director to facilitate these necessary changes. Until this meeting, the elected Board of Athletics Australia would not make significant strategic decisions.

Margaret Mahony formally offered her best wishes to the proposed new Board structure.

The meeting closed at 11.55am.