

# ATHLETICS AUSTRALIA

Minutes of the Fifteenth Annual General Meeting of Athletics Australia held at the Nurses Memorial Centre, Slater Street, Melbourne on Tuesday, 30<sup>th</sup> November, 1999 commencing at 2:00pm.

## 1. ROLL CALL OF OFFICERS AND DELEGATES

### OFFICERS

President	A.Forrest
Vice President	K.Roche
Board Member	P.Kennedy
Board Member	E.Canty
Board Member	R.Scrimshaw
IAAF Representative	B.Bailey
Chief Executive Officer	S.Allatson
Board Secretary	B.Hill

### DELEGATES

Australian Capital Territory	D. Wilson	O. Henness
New South Wales	R. Doubell	J. Patchett
Northern Territory	B.Trinne	I.Fullerton
Queensland	J. Brady	K.Johnson
South Australia	T.Keynes	S.Kiel
Tasmania	T. Mahony	M.Bell
Victoria	J. Higham	D. Blyth
Western Australia	P.Bacich	C. Porter

### ALSO PRESENT

D.Carlson	Ferrier Hodgson (Consultant)
T. Rice	AT&FCA
H.Summers	AT&FCA
P. Jenes	Statistician
S.Rofe	Browne & Co. (Solicitors)
P.Travers	Queensland Athletics
R.Canning	Australian Little Athletics
S.Guilfoyle	Athletics Victoria
P.Sharpe	Australian Sports Commission
P.Waddell	Walking Commission
M.Soust	Consultant

### STAFF PRESENT

B. Roe	Competitions Manager
C.Green	Marketing Manager

## 2. APOLOGIES

B.Pearl  
F.Napier  
C.D. Lee  
Mr.Justice Alan McDonald

P.Brebner  
G.Chester  
D.Cramer

## 3. READING OF NOTICE CONVENING MEETING

3.1 At the request of the President, the Chief Executive Officer 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 a mark of respect for the following:

HG (George) Carruthers	N.S.W.	AA Life Member
Ray White	N.S.W.	AA Merit Award Holder/ Life Member, ANSW
George Golding	N.S.W.	1932 Olympian
Chris Cook	A.C.T.	Australian Mountain Running Champion
Doris Carter	Victoria	1936 Olympian/ former President AWAAU
Lee Morrison	Victoria	First AA Employee/ IAAF Council Member
John Mallinder	Victoria	Coach and Race Director, Melb.Marathon
Graham Thomas	N.S.W.	1956 Olympian
Charles New	N.S.W.	Official
Doreen Frawley	Tasmania	Life Member, Athletics Tasmania
Chum Darvall	N.S.W.	Former Deputy President, ANSW
Dr.Nebiolo	Italy	IAAF President

## 5. PRESIDENT'S ADDRESS

The President spoke to his report in particular highlighting the unselfish action of the previous Board in the appointment of the current Board. The President spoke of the grave responsibility bestowed on the Board through their appointment and how serious the Board is taking the appointment both on a collective and individual level. He stated that with the positive steps forward taken by the previous Board and the testimony given by the Minister for Sport, Jackie Kelly, that AA holds the key to the hearts and minds of anyone who has ever run, jumped or thrown and it was up to AA to tap into this potential growth area and market effectively. The President complemented all those who had put forward structured criticism of the proposed restructure via the forum at the special General Meeting but reiterated that some hard decisions need to be made to lead Athletics in Australia out of the quagmire. He said that we have to look at ourselves bluntly and now need positivism, creativity and an open mind to the solutions out there. The President also congratulated all the volunteers who give of their time and who continue to make the sport a great one and also thanked all the current sponsors for their continued support. He also spoke of the vision of the future when hopefully one body will administer all Athletics in

Australia, which would incorporate the Little Athletics banner, as there are a number of untapped Sponsors in the community. In closing, the President spoke of the success of Track and Field at the recent World Championships and stressed that it is time to unlock the potential of Athletics in Australia.

## **6. CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES**

Confirmation of the Minutes of the 14<sup>th</sup> Annual General Meeting held in Melbourne on Saturday, 19<sup>th</sup> December 1998.

Resolved: On a motion moved by Athletics Victoria, seconded by ACT Athletics that the minutes of the 14<sup>th</sup> Annual General Meeting be taken as true and correct.

## **7. PRESENTATION OF THE REPORT OF THE BOARD OF MANAGEMENT FOR THE PERIOD 1<sup>ST</sup> JULY 1998 UNTIL 30<sup>TH</sup> JUNE 1999**

Report of the Board of Management presented to meeting. ACT Athletics complimented Athletics Australia on the "user friendly" layout of the Annual Report. Vote of thanks also passed onto the retiring CEO who is now working as a Consultant for AA whilst the President also thanked the current CEO for his contribution to date.

Resolved: That the Report of the Board of Management for the period 1<sup>st</sup> July 1998 to 30<sup>th</sup> June 1999 be accepted.

## **8. PRESENTATION OF THE AUDITED BALANCE SHEET, STATEMENT OF REVENUE AND EXPENDITURE AND STATUTORY REPORTS AND STATEMENTS FOR THE PERIOD 1<sup>ST</sup> JULY 1998 TO 30<sup>TH</sup> JUNE 1999**

Following a number of questions directed to the Accountant, it was resolved that the Audited Balance Sheet, Statement of Revenue and Expenditure and Statutory Reports, and Statements for the period 1<sup>st</sup> July 1998 to 30<sup>th</sup> June 1999 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 be accepted.

## **11. ELECTION OF MEMBERS OF STANDING COMMITTEES AND CONSIDERATION OF NOMINATIONS FOR AWARDS**

### **11.1 BOARD POSITIONS**

There being no retirements or resignations, no business was transacted.

### **11.2 HONORARY COMMITTEE POSITIONS**

#### **11.2.1 One (1) member of the Track and Field Selection Committee (P.Hamilton, N.S.W.) retires.**

Nominations: Peter Hamilton

Resolved: That as he was the only nomination, Peter Hamilton be elected.

#### **11.2.2 One (1) member of the Cross Country, Road Running and Road Walking Selection Committee (Brian Roe, Tasmania) retires.**

Resolved: That as he was the only nomination, Brian Roe be elected.

### **11.3 LIFE MEMBERSHIP AND MERIT AWARD NOMINATIONS**

There being no nominations, no business was transacted.

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

There being no motions received within the prescribed time frame, no business was transacted.

## **13. CONSIDERATION AND PROPOSAL FOR THE ADOPTION OF THE BUDGET FOR THE PERIOD 1<sup>ST</sup> JULY 1999 UNTIL 30<sup>TH</sup> JUNE 2000.**

Following some explanations, it was moved and seconded that the proposed Budget for the period 1<sup>st</sup> July 1999 to 30<sup>th</sup> June 2000 be adopted.

**Carried.**

## **14. ALLOCATION OF NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS**

The CEO outlined the process being followed for the allocation of future Championships where the event is tendered publicly via a complete and open process. Discussion followed relating to the merits of rotating events to different States. It was noted that the Year 2000 Nationals will be held at Homebush whilst Queensland Events have nominated to hold the event from 2001 to 2003.

## **15. GENERAL BUSINESS**

### **15.1 Notice of Motion**

The following notice of motion was submitted by A.C.T.:

“As a matter of urgency, existing commissions and sub-commissions of Athletics Australia be revitalised in line with the objective of Athletics Australia”.

Following discussion, the motion was carried.

**The meeting closed at 2:40pm.**

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