

**Minutes of the 20<sup>th</sup> Annual General Meeting of Athletics Australia,  
at the Ibis Hotel, 15 Therry Street, Melbourne  
held on Wednesday, 24 November 2004 at 9.00am**

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**1. Welcome**

**2. Roll call**

**Directors**

Acting Chairman	Ken Roche AO
Director	Jane Hansen
Director	Russell Scrimshaw
Director	Herb Elliott AC, MBE

Chief Executive Officer	Danny Corcoran
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**Delegates**

Australian Capitol Territory	Owen Heness
New South Wales	John Patchett
South Australia	Tony Keynes
Tasmania	Brian Roe
Victoria	Max Binnington
Western Australia	Wayne Loxley
Northern Territory	Ian Fullarton
Queensland	Doug Carlson

**Observers**

Australian Capitol Territory	Mick Morris
New South Wales	Greg Doyle
South Australia	Lisa Attenborough
Victoria	Nick Honey
Queensland	Stephen Pitt

**AA Staff**

Chief Financial Officer	Stephen Crook
Comp & Dev Director	David Gynther
Marketing Director	Helen Soulsby
PA to Chief Executive Officer	Janet Chitts

**Also present**

Tony Pititto (Ernst & Young)  
Glynis Nunn-Cearns (AT&FCA)  
David Smith (Race Walking Australia)  
Lynne Schickert (Masters Athletics)  
Paul Jenes (Life Member)  
Allan McDonald (Life Member)

Peter Anderson (AV Vice President)

**3. Apologies:** Bill Bailey (Director), Paul Kennedy (Director), Simon Hollingsworth (Athlete's Commission/AA Board) Margaret Mahony OAM (Life Member) and Denis Wilson AM (Life Member).

#### **4. Obituaries**

The meeting observed one minute's silence as a mark of respect for:

William Ager  
 Jeff Buchanan  
 Doris Clarke  
 Marj Fitzgibbons  
 Irene Grant  
 Doug Grinstead  
 Don Macmillan  
 Richard Power  
 Doreen Stanton  
 Shirley Strickland  
 Cliff Young OAM

#### **5. Confirmation of the Minutes**

Minutes of the 19<sup>th</sup> Athletics Australia Annual General Meeting held on 25 November 2003 as tabled were taken as true and correct. Moved by Herb Elliott (AA) and seconded Tony Keynes (SA).

#### **6. Chairman's address**

The Chairman made a number of comments on the state of athletics in Australia, the outcomes of the AA/ASC Review and the way forward. He welcomed the new Board Director, Jane Hansen and CEO, Danny Corcoran and thanked the Board, staff and member associations for their commitment and hard work throughout the year.

#### **7. Presentation of the Athletics Australia Annual Report for the year ended 30 June 2004, including:**

##### **7.1 The audited accounts comprising Statement of Financial Performance, Statement of Financial Position, Statement of Cash Flows and Notes to Financial Statements;**

The Finance reports as tabled, were taken as a true and correct record. Moved by Doug Carlson (QLD) and seconded by Max Binnington (VIC).

##### **7.2 Reports of the Member Associations;**

The MA Reports as tabled, were taken as a true and correct record. Moved by Tony Keynes (SA) and seconded by Ian Fullarton (NT).

##### **7.3 Reports of the Institutes and Academies of Sport; and**

The Institutes and Academies of Sport Reports as tabled, were taken as a true and correct record. Moved by Owen Heness (ACT) and seconded by Wayne Loxley (WA).

#### **7.4 Reports of Athletics Australia's Officers, Standing Committees and Commissions.**

The Officers, Standing Committees and Commissions Reports as tabled, were taken as a true and correct record. Moved by Brian Roe (TAS) and seconded by Ian Fullarton (NT).

The Annual Report and its contents were taken as read and confirmed. Moved by Herb Elliott (AA) and seconded by Wayne Loxley (WA). Brian Roe stated he disagreed with some of the achievements outlined on page 7 of the annual report, such as the Sydney Marathon – now not showing a profit. He also had some concern with the criticism on page 21 of the annual report towards the IAAF.

Brian confirmed that the MA's were happy with the way AA had embraced the AA/ASC Review and that some of the recommendations that were more easily implemented were already been seen to. He also reiterated AA's and the MA's gratitude and recognition to our volunteers.

Allan McDonald welcomed Jane Hansen and Danny Corcoran and stated his concerns and recommendations for the sport to move forward. Allan felt the Minister's interest in the sport would not continue if the sport continues to not perform. He stated that Talent ID and the recruitment and retention of registered athletes should be a main focus for this sport.

Ken Roche responded by stating that AA would need to understand the problems facing AA before finding the solutions and that he believed we would all unite for the common vision of the sport. Once AA understands why people are leaving the sport, for example, no money to support the athletes, we will all work to find a solution.

#### **8.1 Increase the number of Directors to eight**

The meeting was advised that the Board had assessed that the current number of Directors was insufficient given (a) the geographical limitations and the commitment restrictions experienced by the existing Directors in this honorary position, and (b) the need to provide the diverse experience on the Board, particularly during the implementation and change phases of the AA/ASC review.

Clause 29.2 of the Constitution permits the increase or reduction in the number of Directors. Moved by Doug Carlson (QLD) and seconded by Max Binnington (VIC). The members agreed and the special resolution was passed.

#### **8.2 That the Members allow for the late nomination of Directors, providing that the Members agree unanimously to accept the nomination.**

The meeting was advised that the Board, in conjunction with the above special resolution, considers that a nomination for a Director may not be available 28 days from the AGM date but may become available closer to the meeting. Clause 30.3 requires nominations for the position of Director to be given at the same time as the Notice for Annual General Meeting.

In order to have a late nomination received and accepted by the Members, it is necessary to have the nominee considered at the AGM. As a result, the Board requested that the Members consider and accept the following:

'Provided that the Members agree unanimously, a Director may be nominated to the Board at the company's Annual General Meeting. The Members will consider that nomination and vote in accordance with clause 30.4 whereby subsequent election will be determined by exhaustive ballot.'

The Members discussed the above resolution and suggested a change from 'Provided that the Members agree unanimously' to 'Provided that a special majority of the Members agree'. Doug Carlson felt that the Board already had the right to execute this and disagreed with the amendment. Moved by Brian Roe (TAS) and seconded by Owen Heness (ACT), one against, motion carried.

#### **9.1 Re-election of retiring Director, Russell Scrimshaw**

By rotation, Russell Scrimshaw was to retire at the conclusion of the 2004 Annual General Meeting. Being eligible, Russell Scrimshaw offered himself for re-election and consequently will enter a third term as a Director. In accordance with clause 30.4 of the Constitution, a special majority was reached and Russell was re-elected. Moved by Doug Carlson (QLD) and seconded by Tony Keynes (SA).

#### **9.2 Ratification of Board Member**

Jane Hansen filled a vacancy on the Board in January 2004. Under the terms of the Athletics Australia Constitution, this appointment required the confirmation of the Members. Moved by Tony Keynes (SA) and seconded by Max Binnington (VIC). The appointment was confirmed.

#### **9.3 Election of Director as nominated at the AGM.**

This agenda item was not address in this meeting as no nominations to the members was available.

### **10. Life Membership & Merit Awards**

The meeting was made aware that in accordance with By-Law 12.1, earlier this year the Board conferred the Merit Award on Ian White (NSW) & Janelle Eldridge (NSW), for their distinguished service to athletics.

### **11. General Business**

To close, Ken Roche thanked the ASC and all the contributors to the AA/ASC Review and reiterated AA's enthusiasm to use the recommendations as guide to lead this sport forward.

There being no further business, the meeting concluded at 10.00am.

Taken as a true and correct record

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Chairman

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Date