

Marketing Coordinator	Andrew Wilson
PR Coordinator	Cody Lynch
Assistant Competitions Manager	Clare Burton
Communications Coordinator	Erin Carter
HP Administrator – Youth	Kylie Williams
AA-AWD Coordinator	Mark Pettifer
National Event Coordinator	Tim O'Shaughnessy

Also present

Graeme Rose (Masters Athletics)
 Margaret Mahoney OAM (Life Governor)
 Peter Sharpe (Australian Sports Commission)
 Pamela Turney OAM (Life Governor)
 James Dickson (Lachlan Partners)
 Jim Sidon (Lachlan Partners)
 Russell Clowes
 Hayley Irvine

3. Apologies

Michael Smellie (Director); Bill Bailey (Director); Eddie McGuire AM (Director); John Bailey AM (Life Governor); Joyce Bonwick OAM (Life Governor); Reg Brandis (Life Governor); Jill Huxley (Life Governor); Paul Jenes (Life Governor); Ronda Jenkins (Life Governor); Clive Lee AM (Life Governor); David Prince (Life Governor); Justice Allen W McDonald QC (Life Governor); Stella McMinn AM JP (Life Governor); Brenda Pearl OAM (Life Governor); David Prince (Life Governor); Noel Ruddock AM (Life Governor); Denis Wilson AM (Life Governor); Matt Miller (ASC); Glynis Nunn-Cearns (ATFCA); Reg Austin (Australian Athletics Confederation); Ian Cornelius (Australian Ultra Runners Association); John Harding (Australian Mountain Runners Association); David Smith (Race Walking Australia); Steve Kalend (School Sport Australia); Richard Larkins (Australian University Sport); Maxine Corcoran (Sport Australia Hall of Fame); Bob Lay (Athletics International); Fiona De Jong (AOC); Jason Hellwig (APC); Michael Hartung (APC); Perry Crosswhite (ACGA); Dusty Lewis (Life Member); Penny Gillies (Life Member); Max Debnam (Life Member); Jackie Byrnes (Life Member); Chris Wardlaw (Life Member); Sandro Bisetto (Life Member); Alan Launder (Life Member); Bob Cruise (Life Member); David Culbert (Life Member); Fletcher McEwan (Life Member); Geoffrey Martin (Life Member); Graeme Boase (Life Member); Greg Gilbert (Life Member); Ian Boswell (Life Member); Janelle Eldridge (Life Member); Joan Cross (Life Member); Lyn Foreman (Life Member); Maurie Plant (Life Member); Michael Thomson (Life Member); Pam Ryan (Life Member); Peter Hamilton (Life Member); Ray Weinberg (Life Member); Richard Carter (Life Member); Roy Boyd (Life Member); Trevor Vincent (Life Member); Wayne Fletcher (Life Member)

4. Obituaries – 1 July 2009 – 30 June 2010

Ian Sinfield	Ray Smith
Maurie Drew	Verna McIntosh
David Baxter	Bill Emmerton
Tom Connellan	

5. Confirmation of the Minutes

Minutes of the 25th Athletics Australia Annual General Meeting held on 24 November 2009 as tabled were taken as true and correct. Moved by Anne Lord and seconded by Tony Keynes.

6. President and Chairman of the Board's address

The 2009/10 Annual Report covers a great deal in the Presidents', CEOs' and Member Associations' reports as well as other excellent reports and information presented.

For the purpose of this address – I will take the 2009/10 Annual Report as read.

The President's Report includes my thanks to our former Chief Executive Officer, Mr Danny Corcoran, for his excellent tenure as CEO of Athletics Australia for nearly six years. Also my thanks to our Board of Directors, our principal partner, the Australian Sports Commission and our other key sponsors and supporters.

I heartily welcome our new CEO, Mr Dallas O'Brien and wish him every success in this role.

You will note that we continue to maintain a good financial position with a positive cash flow and surplus. We have built reasonable cash reserves to allow us to withstand any unexpected cash movements.

Since completion of the 2009/10 Annual Report, the main activity has been the XIX Commonwealth Games in New Delhi, 3-14 October. We achieved 11 Gold medals which was equal with Kenya and ahead of England. The lack of depth of medals (20 including AWD) is of some concern.

Perry Crosswhite and Steve Moneghetti were outstanding, hardworking leaders. Susan Hobson, Eric Hollingsworth and all the Australian Athletics management, coaches and support personnel performed very well. We thank them most sincerely.

The Delhi Games were successful, safe and enjoyable, notwithstanding the enormous challenges and problems the Games faced.

There were some very good performances at the Youth Olympic Games; International Wheelchair and Amputee Sports (IWAS); World Juniors; Great North City Games and the Oceania Championships. These events will be covered in the 2010/11 Annual Report.

We are concerned that our results at World Youth and World Junior Championships are not as strong as they have been previously.

Overall the new junior programs are developing very well.

We continue to improve our relationship with Little Athletics Australia.

Retention of athletes in our sport continues to be of concern and we are working more closely with our Member Associations to improve this area of our sport.

We do battle to retain many outstanding athletes as we lose them to the big professional sports that have enormous money and infrastructure available when compared to the Olympic sports.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank Athletics Australia's Board members who have worked harmoniously and thoughtfully throughout 2009/10, a successful year for our Board.

Over the last five years I've established five President's Committees: LAA/AA Joint Committee; Coaching Committee; Officials Strategic Committee; Special Awards Committee; and the Sponsorship, Marketing, Advertising Communication, Media and Events (SMACME) Committee;

I'd like to comment on Directors' activities and thank these honorary persons.

- David Grace is an active Board member who attends to many of our legal requirements, some of which are asked for on short notice and replied to very promptly by David. David Chairs the Special Awards Committee. His overall legal advice and guidance is very valuable.
- Jane Hansen provides excellent financial advice and is the most qualified finance person on our Board. She contributes extensively at our Board meetings.
- Eddie McGuire is an excellent Board member with his great media and marketing experience. He is also available outside of Board meetings with his considerable media and corporate contacts.
- Matt Mahon is an active Board member and Chairs the SMACME Committee. His expertise in public relations and general business is extremely valuable.
- Nick Moore is an active Board member who Chairs the Coaching Committee and is involved in many other considerations to do with our sport. Nick, with his children, is very involved in Little Athletics in Sydney's eastern suburbs all the way through to his involvement with Veterans' Athletics.
- We thank Michael Smellie, retiring Board member, who has contributed his considerable business experience to the Board for almost five years.
- We welcome Michael's replacement, Peter Bromley (former Chairman of Athletics NSW) – an experienced businessman with considerable Athletics knowledge and experience.
- We thank Bill Bailey, IAAF Delegate for Oceania, who has regularly attended our Board meetings over the years. Bill is retiring in August 2011.
- We thank Bronwyn Thompson for her four years on the Board in her role as Chairperson of the Athletes Commission. Bronwyn will be stepping down early in 2011 and I can announce today the new Chairperson of the Athletes Commission is Lisa Weightman.
- In my role as President and Chairman of the Board, I also Chair the Officials Strategic Committee and alternate Chairing the LAA/AA Joint Committee with Ross Burridge, President, LAA.

The Athletics Australia Board is multi skilled and is made up of persons who understand Athletics.

We do appreciate the new funding from the Australian Sports Commission that is being made available for High Performance, Participation, and AWD activities within our sport. Our thanks to Peter Sharpe, Senior Sports Consultant, Australian Sports Commission.

Thanks to the eight Member Association Presidents, all honorary positions which require dedication, patience, skill and time.

Considerable work has been done throughout the year on understanding and improving the role of Officials in our sport. This work is being done in co-ordination with Little

Athletics Australia. Also pathways and programs for Coaches have been vastly improved in the last 12 months in co-ordination with the ATFCA.

We deeply appreciate the support and interest from the Australian Sports Commission and also all of the positive activities for our sport through the Australian Institute of Sport and the State Institutes.

Athletics Australia continues to search for a key sponsor and we hope to have good news on this front during 2011.

Athletics Australia expects to have more members on the various IAAF Commissions and Committees following the IAAF elections in Daegu, August 2011.

We are strongly committed to Oceania and we are bidding to become a member of Asian Athletics Championships.

I call upon all of the Australian Athletics leadership to continue to go forward with positive determination, taking up the challenge of continuing to be a top 10 nation in International Athletics

ROB H FILDES OAM
President

23rd November 2010

7. Presentation of the Athletics Australia Annual Report for the year ended 30 June 2010, 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.

7.2 Reports of the Member Associations;

The Member Association Reports as tabled were taken as a true and correct record.

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.

The Annual Report and its contents were taken as read and confirmed.

8. Board of Directors

8.1 Re-Election of Board Directors

Re-election of retiring President, Rob Fildes.

By rotation, Mr Fildes retires at the conclusion of the 2010 Annual General Meeting. Being eligible, Mr Fildes offers himself for re-election and consequently will enter a third term as a President. According to clause 30.4 of the Constitution this election will require a special majority (75%) of the Members.

'That a 75% majority of the Members re-elect Mr Fildes as President.'

This was moved unanimously by all members.

Re-election of retiring Director, Jane Hansen

By rotation, Mrs Jane Hansen retires at the conclusion of the 2010 Annual General Meeting. Being eligible, Mrs Hansen offers herself for re-election and consequently will enter a third term as a Director. According to clause 30.4 of the Constitution this election will require a special majority (75%) of the Members.

'That a 75% majority of the Members re-elect Mrs Hansen to the Board.'

This was moved unanimously by all members.

Re-election of retiring Director, Eddie McGuire.

By rotation, Mr McGuire retires at the conclusion of the 2010 Annual General Meeting. Being eligible, Mr McGuire offers himself for re-election and consequently will enter a third term as a Director. According to clause 30.4 of the Constitution this election will require a special majority (75%) of the Members.

'That a 75% majority of the Members re-elect Mr McGuire to the Board.'

This was moved unanimously by all members.

Peter Bromley, President NSW Athletics.

Seeking election as a Director of Athletics Australia.

This was moved unanimously by all members.

Our thanks and gratitude to Michael Smellie for his four years and nine months service to the Board.

9. Life Governorship and Life Membership

As per the below Constitutional Clauses:

7.7 The Company in general meeting and on the recommendation of the Board may:

7.7 (2) confer Honorary Life Governorship on any natural person who has rendered outstanding service to the sport of athletics in Australia and confer Honorary Life Membership to any natural person who has rendered distinguished service to the sport of athletics in Australia. The suitability of a nominee for Life Governorship or Life Membership must be approved by the Special Awards Committee established by the By-Laws.

- 7.8 The election of:
- 7.8 (2) an Honorary Life Governor will be determined by a three quarters majority of votes cast.
- 7.8 (3) an Honorary Life Member will be determined by a three quarters majority of votes cast.

The Board of Athletics Australia nominates the following person for Life Governor:

Pamela Turney OAM

The Board of Athletics Australia supports the nominations and agreement is sought to confer the award of Life Membership on the below recipients:

Sandro Bisetto (Vic)
 Ron Carter (Vic)
 Judy Joy Davies (Vic)
 Chris Wardlaw (Vic)
 Jackie Byrnes (NSW)
 Max Debnam (NSW)
 Penny Gillies (NSW)
 David Tarbotton (NSW)
 John Hamann (SA)
 Barry Stanton (SA)
 Dusty Lewis (QLD)

The President conferred Life Membership and Life Governorship and welcomed the 1 new Life Governor and 11 new Life Members into Athletics Australia.

10. General Business

10.1 Confirmation of appointment of new auditor Mr. James Sidon of Lachlan Partners

The power to appoint auditors rests with the Members (shareholders) at an AGM. At last year's AGM the Members delegated this power to the Board to determine a new auditor. During this year a tender was called for and the Board subsequently appointed James Sidon of Lachlan Partners. This AGM now seeks the Member's endorsement of this appointment.

10.2 Motions

The motion that was due to submitted at this AGM has been withdrawn.

The President opened up the floor to questions from the participants.

Graeme Rose, Masters Athletics spoke to the meeting. The background behind Masters Athletics is not well understood by the other Athletics bodies. Nick Moore spoke to the meeting and advised that the organisations will try to leverage the synergies between them. They currently operate under the jurisdiction of the IAAF and there are some important differences which can't be assessed without incorporating the Masters Movement.

The President spoke to the meeting and advised that he has received news from Athletics NT that the NT Government is funding a new athletics track.

In closing, the President thanked everyone for their attendance.

There being no further business, the meeting concluded at 2.53 pm.

Taken as a true and correct record.

Rob Fildes, OAM - President

Date