



**Minutes of the 27th Annual General Meeting of Athletics Australia,
Held at the Westpac Centre, Cnr of Olympic Bvd and Batman Ave
on Tuesday, 29 November 2011 at 2.30 pm.**

1. Welcome – Rob Fildes

2. Roll call

Directors

President and Chairman:	Rob Fildes OAM
Vice President:	Nick Moore
Director:	Matt Mahon
Director:	Peter Bromley
Director:	Anne Lord
Director:	Lisa Weightman

Delegates

ACT:	Alex Gosman
NSW:	Sean Scanlon
NT:	John Williams
QLD:	Reg Brandis
SA:	Tony Keynes
Tas:	Brian Roe
Vic:	Ian Jones
WA:	Wayne Loxley

Observers

ACT:	Wendy Pinkerton
NSW:	Greg Meagher
QLD:	Yvonne Mullins
SA:	Adam Bishop
Vic:	Nick Honey

Athletics Australia Staff

Dallas O'Brien	Chief Executive Officer
Brianna Klinberg	EA to the CEO
Carol Grant	High Performance Administration Coordinator
David Gynther	Sport Manager
Eric Hollingsworth	High Performance Manager
Joe Brugliera	Chief Financial Officer
Kristine Banks-Smith	Accountant
Kylie Williams	High Performance Youth Administrator
Melissa Broekhoff	Receptionist
Michael Poulton	National Coaching Manager

Sally McGrady
Sara Mulkearns
Scott Witham

Indigenous Program Coordinator
Junior High Performance Manager
AWD Coordinator

Also present

Mashelle Parrett (Lachlan Partners), Paul Jenes (Life Governor), Allan McDonald QC (Life Governor), Peter Minchin (ASC), Richard Welsh (Running Australia), Yvonne Mullins (Oceania Athletics Association), Peter Duras (Life Member)

3. Apologies

David Grace QC (Vice President), Eddie McGuire AM (Director), Andrew Faichney (AA), Andrew Matthews (AA), Andrew Wilson (AA), Clare Burton (AA), Cody Lynch (AA), Lorraine Morgan (AA), Lynne Evans (AA), Nathan Sims (AA), Nicky Frey (AA), Rosie Ditton (AA), Tim O'Shaughnessy (AA), Victor Wozniak (AA), Zarah Al-Kudcy (AA), Jill Huxley (Life Governor), Ronda Jenkins (Life Governor) Margaret Mahony OAM (Life Governor), Denis Wilson AM (Life Governor), Pamela Turney (Life Governor), John Bailey AM (Life Governor), David Prince OAM (Life Governor), Clive Lee AM (Life Governor), Brenda Pearl OAM (Life Governor), Glynis Nunn-Cearns (ATFCA), Steve Kalend (SSA), Bob Lay (SAHOF), Greg Nance (ASC), Jason Hellwig (APC), Nicola McDonald (2XU), Sam Chew (Asics), Simone Bushnell (Asics), Perry Crosswhite (ACGA), Sam Coffa (ACGA), John Coates (AOC), Craig Phillips (AOC), Kevan Gosper (IOC), Adam Wallish (LAA), Ross Burridge (LAA), Anne-Marie Harrison (VIS), Phyllis Anderson OAM (Life Member), Noella Greenham (Life Member), Pat Peters (Life Member), Amy Burrow (Life Member), Jean Gell OAM (Life Member), Joyce Davis MBE (Life Member), Joan Cross OAM (Life Member), Everard Bartholomeusz OAM (Life Member), Marion Patterson OAM (Life Member), Marlene Matthews (Life Member), Murray Aitkin (Life Member), Laurie Hutton (Life Member), Daryl Galbraith (Life Member), Brian Hodgson (Life Member), Roy Boyd OAM (Life Member), Peter Hamilton (Life Member), Rosemary Owens (Life Member), Greg Gilbert (Life Member), Geoffrey Martin OAM (Life Member), Janelle Eldridge OAM (Life Member), Ian White (Life Member), Wayne Fletcher (Life Member), Maurie Plant (Life Member), Christopher Wilson (Life Member), Peter Bowman (Life Member), Pat Clohessy (Life Member), Ron Crawford (Life Member), Lynette Foreman (Life Member), Trish Kinnane (Life Member), Alan Laundner (Life Member), Pam Ryan AM MBE (Life Member), Neville Sillitoe (Life Member), John Boas OAM (Life Member), Graham Boas (Life Member), Bob Cruise (Life Member), Rod Gibb (Life Member), Fletcher McEwan (Life Member), Ken Roche AO (Life Member), Harry Summers (Life Member), John Atterton (Life Member), Nancy Atterton (Life Member), Bill Bailey (Life Member), Ian Boswell (Life Member), Richard Carter (Life Member), Owen Heness (Life Member), Jim Minehane (Life Member), Norm Osborne OAM (Life Member), Colin Stubbings (Life Member), Michael Thomson (Life Member), Ray Weinberg OAM (Life Member), Judy Joy Davies (Life Member), Max Debnam (Life Member), Penny Gillies (Life Member), Dusty Lewis (Life Member), Christopher Wardlaw (Life Member), Pat Peters (Life Member), Laurie Hutton (Life Member), Jackie Byrnes OAM (Life Member), David Culbert (Life Member), David Tarbotton (Life Member), Sandro Bisetto (Life Member), Tony Rice (Life Member), Trevor Vincent OAM (Life Member), John Daly (Life Member), Noel Ruddock (Life Member), Barry Stanton (Life Member), Robin Hood AM (Life Member), John Hamann (Life Member), Ron Carter (Life Member), Jean Harmey (Life Member), Rosemary Owens (Life Member).

4. Obituaries – 1 July 2010 – 30 June 2011

Dr David S. Baxter MBBS B.Sc (Hons)
 William (Bill) Emerton
 Eileen Murphy
 Stan Walker
 Mark Davies
 Ruth Webber
 Tom Connellan

5. Confirmation of the Minutes

Minutes of the 26th Athletics Australia Annual General Meeting held on 23 November 2010 as tabled were taken as true and correct. Moved by Tony Keynes and seconded by John Williams.

6. President and Chairman of the Board's address

The President spoke to his report as tabled in the 2010-2011 Annual Report.

The President then spoke of other key highlights since 30 June 2011.

- Three medals were won at the IAAF World Championships in August 2011. Sally Pearson (Gold, 100 m hurdles), Mitchell Watt (Silver, Long Jump), Jared Talent (Bronze, 50 km Walk)
- Australia were ranked 12th out of the 202 competing federations in top eight finishes and ranked 8th in medals out of 41 medal winning countries, 16 countries winning gold.
- The recognition of Sally Pearson's great season - IAAF World Female Athlete of the Year. Congratulations to Sally were noted at the AGM.
- The opening of Lakeside Stadium will occur on Saturday, 10 December.
- The national headquarters, incorporating Athletics Australia, Athletics Victoria, Little Athletics Australia and Little Athletics Victoria is expected to occur in May, 2012.
- Gold Coast winning the 2018 Commonwealth Games.
- The announcement of London securing the 2017 IAAF World Championships.
- The Joint Venture being signed off on by the President of Athletics Australia and the President of Little Athletics Australia.
- There is better transition between Little Athletics, schools, clubs and our new Australian Junior Championships which will greatly increase the numbers of young athletes competing in our sport.
- A successful London Olympics is expected following our Beijing success of four medals which was our best since 1968.
- Congratulations were noted to Simon Hollingsworth as the new CEO of the Australian Sports Commission.

7. CEO's report to the Annual General Meeting

The CEO spoke to the meeting and provided those in attendance with an update on the 2012 AAT Season.

The National Athletics Series will consist of eight series meets and four tour meets - the Adelaide Track Classic, Perth Track Classic, Sydney Track Classic and the IAAF World Challenge (incorporating the Selection Trials).

Major funding deals have been secured with WA EventsCorp for the Perth Track Classic from 2012-14 and the National Junior Athletics Championships for 2013 and 2016. It is also pleasing to announce that Sydney Olympic Park Authority in conjunction with Destination NSW will be funding the 2012-15 Sydney Track Classics and the 2012, 2014 and 2015 National Junior Athletics Championships.

Channel 9 will be broadcasting all four tour meets and two Melbourne programs. These shows will then be broadcast on Foxtel.

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 Election of Board Directors

Election of Director, Anne Lord

Anne Lord has been elected to fill the casual vacancy of previous Board Director, Jane Hansen.

This was moved unanimously by all members.

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:

None

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

Peter Fortune (Tas/Vic)
 Brent Kirkbride (NSW)
 Diane Lowden (Vic)
 Betty Moore (NSW)
 Phil O'Hara (NSW)
 Efim Shuravetsky (Vic)

The President conferred Life Membership and welcomed the 6 new Life Members into Athletics Australia.

10. General Business

IAAF Veterans Pins were recently awarded to Paul Jenes and Reg Brandis. Those in attendance congratulated both Paul and Reg.

Allan McDonald received an Order of Australia Medal in the Queens Birthday Honours list.

Those in attendance congratulated Allan on his achievement.

The meeting was closed at 3.21 pm

 Rob Fildes, OAM - President

 Date