



FINAL

MASTERS ATHLETICS WA (INC)
MINUTES OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
WEDNESDAY 27 August 2014 AT 7.00PM
HOCKEY CLUB ROOMS, PERRY LAKES

1. MEETING OPENED

The meeting was opened at 7.05pm by President Paul Hughes. Copies of Agenda, Reports, and 2013 Minutes were placed on seats for members.

2. ATTENDANCE/APOLOGIES

As per the attendance book, there were 48 members present and 15 apologies.

3. MINUTES OF 2013 AGM

Published on the MAWA Website and in the August Vetrun. Copies were available for reading at the meeting.

Barrie Kernaghan took the floor to contend that the 2013 Minutes did not accurately represent his proposal -recognition of participants of multiple (10 or 20) WMA games by way of special commemorative t-shirts/medallions. It was Barrie's recollection that he had presented his idea as a motion that was voted on and carried. As this was not recalled by officials and members present who attended the 2013 AGM, Barrie's request that the Minutes be amended was denied.

Moved Paul Hughes and seconded Jackie Halberg that the Minutes of the 2013 Annual General Meeting be accepted as correct. CARRIED

4. MATTERS ARISING

Regarding Barrie's proposal, Geoff Brayshaw said that the LOC had no power to vote on such a proposal; it would need to be taken first to the AMA for approval to present it to the WMA Council. This was the same advice that Barrie had been given last year. Geoff indicated he would follow this through with AMA, and if approved by AMA, to the WMA. Lynne Schickert indicated it was her understanding that there would likely be logistical difficulties with implementing the idea, and it is quite possible that it will not be adopted by WMA.

5. REPORTS

5.1 President –Paul Hughes- report has been published on the website and in Vetrun; copies were available to members at the meeting. Paul expressed his thanks on behalf of MAWA to the many volunteers who give of their time and energy to all facets of MAWA organisation-

- Gillian Young- outgoing Sunday Run Coordinator
- Barbara and Richard Blurton –statistics, state championships, annual event programs
- Peggy Macliver – Registrar
- David Roberts- Auditor
- Vic Waters- Vetrun editor
- Hamish McLeod- Website/Facebook coordinator
- Sandra Stockman- uniforms
- Maurice Creagh and Ross Keane- equipment transport
- Damien Hanson- outgoing committee member, throws coordinator
- Carol Bowman- outgoing committee member, ECAC Thursday session organizer and Sunday run visitors representative
- Colin Smith, committee member, WAAS Tuesday representative and ECAC helper

- Lorraine Lopes- Sunday run results
- Barrie Kernaghan – WAAS Tuesday organizer, John Dennehy- WAAS Tuesday organizer and results
- John Allen – clock maintenance

Paul apologized to those helpers he had neglected to mention.

5.2 Treasurer – Geoff Brayshaw -The Financial Report and Summary of Receipts and Payments for the 15 months ending 30 June 2014 were posted on the website, published in August Vetrin and copies were available to those present. The Independent Auditor’s Report received today will also be published; Geoff apologized for not having hard copies of the IAR for members to view at the meeting

- Geoff reminded members of last year’s AGM decision to revert to a financial year ending June 30 instead of March 31. The transition to that outcome meant that his report covered a period of 15 months and contained one- off anomalies that reflected the extended reporting period. Geoff was confident members will be satisfied that the small resultant deficit is not considerable given the 15 month time-frame.
- MAWA ‘Break Even’ events had done so, with the State Championships even returning a small profit
- Of particular note is the increasing revenue from Visitor’s fees. Increasing numbers of visitors creates a strong potential for new memberships
- Clothing sales have provided increased funds due to the decision to sell off stocks and discontinue some items
- A major expense was the new clock
- Geoff drew attention to credit card costs and his efforts to ameliorate them by use of a new banking ‘app’. This would necessitate members providing their 3-digit security code when using the credit card option. Geoff acknowledged this can be a sensitive issue but that nowadays most credit card payment options required this information and anyone who preferred to could write a cheque. Richard Blurton assured members that there was no change to State Championship online registration and online membership via Register Now.
- Lynne and Bob Schickert suggested that direct bank transfer was also an option if members were provided with the account details. Geoff said that was something to work towards but that sufficient information must be separately provided so that he knew what the payment was for.
- Vic Waters commented that the Vetrin costs were also unbalanced due to the 15 month reporting period. The changed Vetrin publishing format from monthly to bi-monthly should result in a saving of \$2000 per year. Vic said that as a means to increase the readership of Vetrin he had intended to suggest that it be emailed to members; however, after discussion with Vice-President Richard Blurton the decision was made to email the link to all members so that they would be reminded of and directed to the latest issue of Vetrin.

Paul Hughes moved that the Treasurer’s Report be accepted; seconded: Cecil Walkley.
CARRIED

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6.1 PRESENTATION OF JOHN GILMOUR TROPHY - for Best Individual Performance - Presented by MAWA Patron, John Gilmour to David Carr.

6.2 STATISTICIAN REPORT – Barbara Blurton – Barbara noted that the annual statistics report had been published in the April Vetrin and on the website in line with the end of the summer season so she would not repeat it all now.

- Other performances of note since April were from Irwin Barrett-Leonard who turned 85 in April and took it upon himself to break many records. Congratulations were extended to Irwin for his achievements.

- A complete and updated set of records would be available on the website in September.

7. APPOINTMENT OF OFFICIALS

Patron – John Gilmour

Vetrun Editor – Vic Waters

Handicapper –Tristan Bell

Auditor – David Roberts

Statistician – Barbara Blurton

Registrar – Peggy Macliver

Website Manager – Hamish McLeod

AWA Winter contact – John Collier – still to be contacted

Social representative – Elaine Dance

Paul Hughes thanked all the officials continuing in their roles and welcomed new officials- Social representative Elaine Dance and Handicapper Tristan Bell

8. ELECTION OF OFFICE BEARERS

Nominations for committee positions have been received both prior to and at the meeting. Nominations were read out by the President. Paul Hughes invited nominations from the floor but none were received. Sarah Ladwig has had to withdraw her nomination for Secretary due to family commitments so there is no current nomination for Secretary. Paul Hughes commented that the position would be advertised on the website and in Vetrun but that MAWA may have to look at employing a part-time secretary if the position could not be filled by a MAWA member. He added that this had been the case a number of years ago; Geoff Brayshaw noted that under the constitution the Committee is permitted to appoint someone to a vacant role.

President – Paul Hughes

Vice-President – Richard Blurton

Treasurer – Geoff Brayshaw

Secretary –tbc

Committee Members – Colin Smith, Joan Pellier, Margaret Bennett and Mike Anderson

The President moved that the office bearers and committee members be elected; seconded- Bob Schickert. CARRIED

9. LIFE MEMBERSHIP NOMINATION

Presented by MAWA Patron John Gilmour

Nomination of Les Beckham by Bob Schickert, Barbara Blurton and Lynne Schickert read out by Paul Hughes

The nomination was approved unanimously by the members present.

Les Beckham was awarded life membership for his outstanding contribution to Masters Athletics in WA. Les spoke of how much he enjoys his role with Masters as horizontal jumps official and that the competitors are 'spot on'

10. GENERAL BUSINESS

10.1 WMA Perth 2016 – Lynne Schickert

- Lynne commented that the major issue was regarding the resurfacing of ECAC (Ern Clark Athletics Centre, Cannington). She was able to confirm that funding was almost complete, the job would be put out to tender and it was hoped re-surfacing would take place over summer.
- Bob Schickert has done an enormous amount of work on the programme to accommodate only having 2 tracks. A positive for Perth in the eyes of WMA is that WAAS is considered one of the best facilities in the world particularly given the number of areas for jumps and throws.

- The position of Event Director would go out to tender shortly. The ED coordinates aspects of the Championships apart from Competition Management.
- From now on it will become quite busy and the LOC would soon be asking for volunteers to work on the various committees required to move forward.
- Nick Miletic queried what events ECAC would be used for- the 5k walk and run events, 10k run and some throws events. NM also asked about provision of shaded areas at ECAC – Lynne assured all that facilities would be as expected with temporary seating, shade equipment all supplied.
- Vic Waters asked what numbers are expected to participate – 4000-5000 competitors. Lynne explained that the competition would follow the traditional 12 day program with 10 days of competition and 2 rest days – 4 days of competition, rest day, 3 days of competition, rest day, 3 days of competition. The last day of competition has the marathon and half marathon, relays and steeplechase.
- Irwin Barrett-Leonard asked what were the dates of Perth 2016; -they are Wednesday 26th October 2016 –Sunday 6th November 2016. Lynne reminded members about the Perth 2016 website – www.perth2016.com
- Nick Miletic asked if the marathon course had been finalized – it is being worked on.
- Irwin Barrett-Leonard queried why Perth 2016 was being held outside the Northern hemisphere holiday period as he felt that would affect European participation. Lynne reminded members that mid-year would be too cold/wet in Perth and that southern hemisphere countries hold the event at a time which best suits weather conditions e.g. Brazil, and Perth would be the same.
- Perth 2016 is being promoted all the time; AMA had booths at Brazil and Budapest and locally athletes have Perth 2016 t-shirts. Potential entrants must be members of Masters associations to take part, we can therefore expect an increase in MAWA membership. Minimum age limit is 35 years.
- Greg Brush queried what track surface was being considered for ECAC and suggested Rekortan as the best option ahead of Mondo. Lynne said quotes were being sought for both options. Richard Blurton said the preference for Rekortan had been made known but that in the end the decision will most likely be based on cost.
- Colin Smith asked if Venueswest would be doing the catering. While actual orders to catering companies must be through VenuesWest, the LOC will decide on the type of catering. There would be different caterers to suit the many nationalities taking part. 70-80 countries would be represented at WMC
- Colin Smith asked if McGillvray Oval would be used – yes, as a warm up facility and possibly for a small number of throws
- Irwin Barrett-Leonard commented that Finland WMC had 1000 volunteers, Sacramento had 750 which he felt was not nearly enough and he wondered how Perth 2016 would fare- this will also be managed under the Championship Management contract. Volunteers WA will assist, also University students undertaking sports oriented courses eg sports science etc. Brazil volunteers all wore different coloured vests depending on their task and this added to the colour and spectacle of the event
- Mike Anderson queried provision of accommodation for such an influx of visitors when Perth already had accommodation issues – Eventscorp has worked out the accommodation requirements; 6 new hotels will be up and running in the next 2 years. Richard Blurton added that Eventscorp also have knowledge of what other events are programmed for Perth at the same time. Planning has taken these other events into account in the scheduling of Perth 2016.

11. GENERAL BUSINESS

- 11.1 Traffic Management** – Sean Keane commented that MAWA need improved traffic management equipment and asked if replacement/refurbishment of signage etc was under consideration – Paul Hughes acknowledged issues with both the quality and quantities of MAWA signage and said that safety was a priority for the club. The issue is on the September agenda for the incoming committee. Irwin Barrett –Leonard addressed the meeting in response as he has had provided traffic management guidance to the club. He said that unless you have suitably qualified traffic management officials, local councils will often insist on their traffic management officials being used; at some expense. Irwin considers that the onus is on runners to use their own discretion when faced with road crossings and

not to rely solely on traffic controllers. This was disputed by Vic Waters who replied that from a legal stand point the onus was not on the runners and that road crossings must be made safe.

Bob Schickert commented that MAWA does not have sufficient resources to adequately manage road crossings and the best option is to continue to decrease the number of events which require the use of signage and road crossings.

Giovanni Puglisi said he and Paul Hughes were intending to sort and streamline the Sunday event equipment to enable easier transportation. Cecil Walkley queried if the Marathon club would help out with equipment and perhaps MAWA should liaise with them. Bob acknowledged that the Marathon club would help with signage and their assistance would be sought specifically for Perth 2016.

Rudy Kocis queried the purchase of a trailer – Paul Hughes and many members present said this had been suggested many times over the years but was not practical as there was nowhere to store it, a trailer relied on someone with a towbar. Bob Schickert said that the storage and transportation of equipment had been a constant battle over the years

11.2 Sprint Program – Rudy Kocis – Rudy asked if he could address some concerns he had over the summer sprint programme- he considers 300m and 600m novelty events and wonders why they are in the programme. Richard Blurton stated they are occasionally run at IAAF senior events e.g. a 600m at last week's Diamond League. There were only a few of these events timetabled in the MAWA season and they were considered by many to be valuable training opportunities. Colin Smith said many athletes prefer to do 300m rather than 400m or 600m. Rudy queried the order of events when the Patron's Trophy competition was underway; Barbara Blurton explained that Patron's Trophy events must be at the end of the night's programme to allow competitors time to get to the venue after work. Also, in relation to Tuesday night at WAAS it is preferable for Patron's trophy events to be held after the track is cleared of earlier training groups.

11.3 Winter track at WAAS – There was a query as to why the Tuesday track meet at WAAS was cancelled this winter. Richard replied that the committee had decided that due to poor numbers attending last year it was not fair to organizers to have to set up and officiate for so few. There was also uncertainty over the availability of lanes 1 and 2. For the coming summer season we have been notified that every Tuesday evening all lanes will be available for use and therefore we can plan for a normal summer season at WAAS. Barrie Kernaghan commented that he had written to the committee regarding the poor numbers in the winter season and also about the occurrences of adverse weather on Tuesday evenings. Jackie Halberg commented that people could not be forced to attend and would make their own decision based on weather etc. Vic Waters asked if members could be emailed if a session was to be cancelled due to poor weather. It was pointed out by regular attendees that the weather often clears in time for the start of competition.

11.4 Track and Field Program-Rudy Kocis commented that it would be good if national and international events coming up could be taken into account and the MAWA programme be devised such that athletes could use it to prepare adequately. Rudy cited the *Pan Pacs* coming up in November. Barbara Blurton replied that a first step in creating the MAWA program is always looking at what else is on. Also we can't have the WAAS for summer competition prior to October. Vic Waters asked if the draft programme could be provided for members to comment on. Barbara replied that it was impossible to please everybody. Nick Miletic commented that over the many years he had been competing he had found the programme to be very good. Richard Blurton commented that members have always had the option of discussing their concerns with Colin and Carol who coordinate Tuesday and Thursday competitions, or indeed can always send a comment to the committee either directly or via the website 'Contact Us' button.

11.5 Special Thanks – Margaret Saunders expressed her thanks on behalf of MAWA to Graeme Dahl for the Track and Field newsletter. She said she knew of the long hours of work Graeme put into it, his wonderful photography and meticulous approach. It is a fantastic magazine.

Sandi Hodge added thanks to Jacqui and Vic Beaumont for their provision of morning teas; much appreciated.

11.6 Trophy Request – Giovanni Puglisi commented that he found the Sunday races very enjoyable. He would like to see a trophy specifically for the Age-Graded Handicap event as it is a competition where everyone competes on an equal basis. Giovanni offered to donate a trophy if it was decided to have one for this event. The matter will be added to the agenda for the next committee meeting.

As there was no further General Business President Paul Hughes thanked everyone for their attendance, invited them to stay for supper and declared the meeting closed at 8.36pm.