



MASTERS ATHLETICS WA (INC)
MINUTES OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
SUNDAY 20 SEPTEMBER 2015
HOCKEY CLUB ROOMS, PERRY LAKES

1. WELCOME

Meeting Opened 10am - Paul Hughes as Chair

2. ATTENDANCE/APOLOGIES

As per the attendance book, there were 70 members present and 14 apologies.

3. MINUTES OF 2014 AGM

Published on the MAWA Website and copies were available for reading at the meeting.

Paul Hughes moved to accept previous minutes, seconded by Colin Smith, passed unanimously.

4. MATTERS ARISING

Richard Blurton spoke regarding the proposal by Barrie Kernaghan at the last AGM for athletes to be recognised for attending 10 or more World Masters Athletics Championships. This has been discussed with AMA and WMA and although considered a good idea it was decided that it would not be practical to implement because it would be impossible to verify eligibility from WMA records.

5. REPORTS

5.1 President – Paul Hughes tabled President’s Report which has been published on the website, in Vetrun and distributed to members at the meeting. Paul advised he is stepping down from the Committee but has thoroughly enjoyed his time as President and has been lucky enough to serve on 3 great Committees.

5.2 Treasurer – Geoff Brayshaw tabled Treasurer’s Report and “Summary of Receipts and Payments for the 12 month period ending 30 June 2015” which were posted on the website and published in the August Vetrun subject to audit. Copies were distributed to those present. The Independent Auditor’s Report has also now been received. Our total cash at Bank is \$75,757 with the majority of funds in Term Deposit and an overall surplus for the year of \$12,470. Paul moved to accept Treasurer’s Report, seconded by Bob Schickert and carried unanimously.

6. STATISTICIAN REPORT/PRESENTATION OF TROPHIES

6.1 Statistician Report – Barbara Blurton tabled a list of 47 outstanding 90+% age graded performances from 1/4/14 to 31/8/15. This included the 2015 State Championships, National Championships and World Championships. Copies were distributed to those present. In this period we have had 121 State Records and 24 Australian Records set. In particular the performances of the younger age group Byrony Glass W35, Wendy Seegers W35 and Scott Tamblin M35 were of note, as well as many Australian records with 6 each set by Irwin Barrett-Lennard and Lorraine Lopes.

6.2 John Gilmour Trophy - for Best Individual Performance was presented to David Carr by our MAWA Patron John Gilmour. David has been inducted into the AMA Hall of Fame this year and was also recently nominated by Oceania Masters Athletics for the IAAF Masters Male Athlete of the Year after blitzing the field at the World Championships in Lyon with 4 gold medals.

6.3 World Record Certificate - was presented to Peggy Macliver by Barbara Blurton for running in the W70 4 x 400m relay in the world record time of 5:32.95 at Lyon.

6.4 Dick Horsley Trophy - for partners with the fastest combined time in the Darlington Dash was presented to Nicki and Herman du Plessis by Delia Baldock.

7. CLUB OFFICIALS

We would like to thank the following club officials for all their hard work during the past year
All have agreed to continue their roles for the coming year.

Patron:	John Gilmour
Vetrun Editor:	Vic Waters
Handicapper:	Tristan Bell
Auditor:	David Roberts
Statistician:	Barbara Blurton
Registrar:	Peggy Macliver
Website Manager:	Hamish McLeod
Uniforms:	Colin Smith
Social Representative:	Elaine Dance
Medals/Trophies:	Barbara Blurton/Paul Hughes
AWA Representative:	Colin Smith

8. ELECTION OF OFFICE BEARERS

Paul read the Committee Nominations which were received as follows:

President:

1. Richard Blurton Nominated by: Geoff Brayshaw
Seconded by: Michael Anderson

Vice-President:

1. Joan Pellier Nominated by: Elaine Dance
Seconded by: Sandra Rourke

Secretary:

1. Delia Baldock Nominated by: Margaret Bennett
Seconded by: Joan Pellier

Treasurer:

1. Geoff Brayshaw Nominated by: Michael Anderson
Seconded by: Delia Baldock

Committee Members (4):

1. Jim Langford Nominated by: Jackie Halberg
Seconded by: David Carr
2. Margaret Bennett Nominated by: Joan Pellier
Seconded by: Elaine Dance
3. Michael Anderson Nominated by: Paul Hughes
Seconded by: Delia Baldock
4. Theresa Howe Nominated by: Margaret Bennett
Seconded by: Ralph Henderson

No other nominations were received so all committee nominees were elected unopposed and all positions have been filled.

9. LIFE MEMBERSHIP AWARDS

1. Lorna Lauchlan – nomination read by Joan Pellier:

"I would like to nominate Lorna Lauchlan for life membership of Masters Athletics Club. Lorna joined in 1979, in 1984 was Race Director of Around the Houses until 1992, later Meulman Park Run in East Perth. Lorna has been a Committee Member in 1984, 1988, 1998 and was Vice President in 1985. She has been a regular competitor in Road and Track and Field throughout her time in the club."

Seconded by Sandi Hodge and Margaret Bennett. The nomination was accepted unanimously by the members present and the award was presented by MAWA Patron John Gilmour.

2. John Oldfield – nomination read by Vic Waters:

"Over the past decade John Oldfield's contribution to our club has been outstanding.

John and his wife Christine rejoined Masters in 2005, after an earlier membership in 1991, which ended with an overseas posting.

Since 2005 John has been instrumental in organising track and field meetings; running Sunday events; championing national initiatives such as the AMA relays; publicising the efforts of our ultra-endurance athletes; and pioneering the club's website.

All of this was achieved in just a few months each year, because the Oldfields have continued making an annual return to the UK - where they are involved in that nations' senior athletics.

But John continues working for Masters even while abroad.

From the UK he recently completed the club's T&F database, which lists every performance, by every club member, since records began.

Despite all this, John has kept on improving his own range and performance. He even dabbled in ultra-running, before returning to his beloved middle-distance, and incidentally, setting a UK steeplechase age-group record.

For her part, Christine kept boredom at bay by researching and writing a club history Right from the Start, to mark our 40th anniversary in 2014.

It's reasonable to conclude that this duo has done more for Masters, during their few months in Perth each summer, than most of could handle in a full year.

I can think of few as deserving of the club's highest honour, and wholeheartedly recommend John Oldfield for Life Membership of Masters."

Seconded by John Bell and Margaret Saunders. The nomination was accepted unanimously by the members present and the award will be posted.

10. GENERAL BUSINESS

- 10.1 Welcoming Visitors** - Brian Bennett suggested that we appoint someone to make visitors more welcome at our runs. This has been suggested before and it was thought that all members should make the effort but you still see some newcomers on their own. Proposed that we have one male and one female representative to be rotated annually but not as a formal position. Their duties would be to introduce themselves to newcomers and then introduce them to others. Brian reported that Denise Viala has already indicated she would be willing to undertake this role.

Tristan suggested that the Sunday volunteers wearing vests could fill this role.

Other suggestions: Each week publish new members and welcome new members at pre-race announcements. Lynne supported both ideas and added everyone should still make the effort to make visitors and new members feel welcome.

Track and Field night attendees should do the same.

New Committee agreed to take on Brian's suggestion and sustain it.

10.2 Microphone needed - Vic Waters reported that it was hard to hear at the back and that a microphone was needed. Committee agreed to bring the microphone to future AGMs and was pleasing to have such a big turnout.

No other General Business

11. CLOSE OF AGM

Following the AGM there will be a forum for questions regarding Perth 2016 World Masters Athletics Championships.

Paul Hughes thanked everyone for their attendance and declared the meeting closed at 10.40am