



**MASTERS ATHLETICS WA (INC)
MINUTES OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
SUNDAY 11 SEPTEMBER 2016
HOCKEY CLUB ROOMS, PERRY LAKES**

1. WELCOME

Meeting Opened 10am – Richard Blurton as Chair

This has been a momentous year for the club with the huge undertaking of preparing to host the world championships. We greatly appreciate the support of the club with 653 WA entries and 300 from MAWA. Many members have also signed on as volunteers and we have reached our 250 quota.

2. ATTENDANCE/APOLOGIES

As per attendance book, there were 71 members present

Apologies: Keith Hill, Therese Carr, Keith Miller, John Smith, Roger Walsh, Peter Bath, Jackie Halberg, Pat Ainsworth, Irwin Barrett-Lennard, Margaret Flanders, Dorothy Whittam, Barbara Blurton.

3. MINUTES OF 2015 AGM

Previous minutes were on the MAWA Website and copies were available for reading at the meeting. Nick Miletic moved to accept previous minutes, seconded by Ray Hall, passed unanimously.

4. MATTERS ARISING - None

5. REPORTS

5.1 President

Richard's report was published on the website and in Vetrun.

In addition there are many people that help the club in various ways that are too numerous to mention all. However there are four people that require special thanks:

- Geoff Brayshaw who is stepping down from Treasurer this year. He has achieved the change to our accounting year which has made a huge difference to how our club performance figures are shown.
- Joan Pellier is also stepping down from the committee after two years in the role of communications officer and doing a great job of speaking and listening to members and providing the committee with feedback for which we thank her. She will continue giving feedback.
- Peggy Macliver as our registrar has had a huge year with the record number of new members and reporting to AMA on temporary memberships for the world championships. All WA entries have been validated.
- Barbara Blurton is unwell and so is unfortunately unable to be here today. She set up the Register Now payment for temporary memberships and we have received nearly 200 new members since last November.

It would be nice to see more new members coming forward to fill roles. For example Su Lloyd and Joseph Patroni took on a Race Director role as new members.

5.2 Secretary

Delia's report was also published previously. In accordance with the new Associations law 1 July 2016 we now provide reference to our Club Constitution to all new members. Committee nominees also now have to declare themselves free from being bankrupt or convicted of a fraud offence within the last five years. Amendments to our constitution to accommodate the new Act will be drafted over the next year. We have three years to make any changes needed.

5.3 Treasurer

Geoff tabled and distributed Treasurer's Report and Summary of Receipts and Payments for year ending 30 June 2016. Geoff will be taking a well-earned break after standing down from treasurer after four years. He has enjoyed the role but this year has been a huge workload as Worlds LOC Treasurer.

Small operating deficiency due to purchase of new uniform stock (\$5,868 on hand). Cash on hand is about the same as last year. Member subscriptions were up considerably this year and visitors fees also a significant amount. Running costs show very little change from last year and the club is in a healthy position. Shift back to using ECAC for our State Champs and aim for the future for it to be fully equipped. A \$500 donation was kindly received from a member not wishing to be named. We also purchased a defibrillator and contributed to a new hammer cage at ECAC.

Next year 12 monthly comparison can be properly made.

All reports accepted, moved by Lynne Schickert, seconded by Andrew Cuthbertson.

6. STATISTICIAN REPORT/PRESENTATION OF TROPHIES

6.1 Statistician Report

Richard presented Barbara's Report in her absence:

Record procedures need tightening up and next season all record applications must be properly signed. An email reminder on procedure will be sent out. List of 90 State Records tabled with 9 Australian records.

6.2 Achievement Awards

The Achievement Award is for the most improved athlete over the year but no longer with the criteria of having also made a significant contribution to the club. As Road Running and Track and Field performances are hard to compare the committee has purchased two new trophies – one to be awarded for most improved in Road Running and the other in Track and Field.

From Tristan Bell's data base the clear winner in the Road Running category was Bob Fawcett. After being told he would not run again his determination and steady improvement have been stand out. Unfortunately Bob was unable to be with us today so the award was accepted by Carolyn Fawcett who said it was most unexpected and Bob would be thrilled.

The winner in the Track and Field category is a thrower Ossi Igel, who after hard training and moving into a new age group has been setting records and continuing to improve. Ossi was also unable to attend today and his trophy will be presented at a later date.

6.3 John Gilmour Trophy

The John Gilmour trophy used to be calculated on highest age graded performance but not a true guide anymore with meet manager now using 5 year instead of 1 year tables. We are now looking at records in conjunction with age graded performances. Two performances this year were unable to be separated – both had Australian records and 93% age graded performances – Rob Colling M45 with 11.34 in the 100m and Wendy Seegers W35 with 55.72 in the 400m.

This year's trophy has thus been jointly awarded to Wendy Seegers and Rob Colling. Rob Colling is currently working in Canada so was unable to be here today.

John Gilmour presented the trophy to Wendy Seegers and Rob Colling's parents David and Bettine Colling who accepted the award on Rob's behalf. Rob will have custodianship of the trophy until the end of the world championships and then Wendy will hold it for the rest of the year.

David Colling said Rob has been competing at athletics since he was 15 until now 45 and still going strong. He is looking forward to coming over to compete in the world championships and was thrilled to hear he would be receiving the award especially as it was in the name of esteemed runner John Gilmour.

Wendy said after she stopped running she did not think she would ever return to it so it has been a blessing to make a come-back with the encouragement of Masters which has been an awesome journey.

John Gilmour said he was proud see the World Championships being held in Perth. He started the club in 1974 with ten people and it was amazing to see what it has grown into today. Congratulations to the committee. Now John has been persuaded to come out of retirement and hopes he will finish well.

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
Auditor:	David Roberts
Course Measurement:	Steve Weller
Editor Vetrin:	Vic Waters
Handicapper:	Tristan Bell
Registrar:	Peggy Macliver
Social:	Elaine Dance
Statistician:	Barbara Blurton
Website:	Hamish McLeod

8. ELECTION OF OFFICE BEARERS

Committee Nominations were received as follows:

President:

1. Richard Blurton Nominated by Delia Baldock, seconded by Geoff Brayshaw.
Elected unopposed

Vice-President:

1. Jim Langford Nominated by Mike Anderson, seconded by Joan Pellier.
Elected unopposed

Secretary:

1. Delia Baldock Nominated by Richard Blurton, seconded by Margaret Bennett.
Elected unopposed

Treasurer:

1. Keith Hill Nominated by Richard Blurton, seconded by Delia Baldock.
Elected unopposed

Committee Members (4):

1. Mike Anderson Nominated by Margaret Bennett, seconded by Joan Pellier.
2. Margaret Bennett Nominated by Joan Pellier, seconded by Mike Anderson.
3. Theresa Howe Nominated by Margaret Bennett, seconded by Delia Baldock.
4. Robin King Nominated by Margaret Bennett, seconded by Delia Baldock.
All positions elected unopposed

9. LIFE MEMBERSHIP AWARDS

No life member nominations were put forward by the committee on this occasion

10. GENERAL BUSINESS

Questions and Comments were taken from the floor:

Q: Brian Bennett to John Gilmour - over such a brilliant career what is your favorite performance?

A: John Gilmour - Helsinki M55 10K 33.05

Q: New Member - congratulations on wonderful club – do we have training for Race Directors?

A: Richard Blurton – no formal training but for first time they receive lots of help from previous Race Director and Committee. Also each Race Director gets an instruction pack.

C: Ray Hall – request for assembly not to be disrespectful to club officials when talking.

Q: Ivan Brown – What social events will be held during worlds?

A: Lynne Schickert – Athlete's Party will be at Perth Zoo and visitors will be able to see Aussie animals. We will have an athlete's village at WAAS and probably a BBQ one night. Spectators are also being canvassed from Lifestyle villages and Rotary Club. Welcoming Ceremony will be at Elizabeth Quay on Tuesday night 25 October. As host country Australia will march last.

Note the TIC Registration Centre will be at HBF Stadium. Before the start of competition athletes will need to pick up their pack including bib numbers, information handbook and accreditation lanyard. A bib with an electronic timing chip is provided for the long events and a small bib number is provided to be attached to your bag. The handbook will be published on the Perth 2016 website at the end of the month. The program for event times is currently being finalised and will also be posted when complete.

Q: Lynne Choate – What will the call room process be?

A: Lynne Schickert – no declaration or sign-on required. When an athlete's pack is picked up they will be deemed to be entering their events. If they decide not to compete there will be a desk in the TIC for withdrawals. Heats will then be reseeded. Call room operators will also be able to reseed heats after no-shows.

Q: Andrew Cuthbertson – who can use the defibrillator?

A: Carol Bowman – anyone who has a current CPR Certificate is able to use the defibrillator and it has voice instructions. We also have a number of members at Sunday runs who are first aiders, nurses and doctors who can operate it.

Q: Ivan Brown – Opening march – do we need to wear uniform and when will list of competitors be available?

A: Lynne Schickert – uniform not compulsory but preferred that we wear the Australian uniform.

Bob Schickert – List of entries is on Perth 2016 website and the program will be up in about two weeks.

Q: Lorna Lachlan – will we have a stand at ECAC for spectators?

A: Bob Schickert – there will be a marquee but no seating although you can bring your own.

Richard Blurton - LOC will look into the possibility of seating being provided. In the future Canning will be looking at terracing the bank.

Q: Barrie Kernighan – Could thank you letter be sent to Geoff Smith at Radio Capital 101.7 FM for his Saturday morning program after 8am news. He reports on Masters Athletics activities every week and has promoted the Perth 2016 event.

A: Richard Blurton - Committee in agreeance. Also Saturday track meeting has been organized by Barrie Kernighan on 24 October. Timetable is now on the website.

C: Colin Smith – thank you to Graeme Dahl for making all his great photos available on the web and for producing the Track and Field Newsletter.

C: Chris Patterson – thank you to the caterers for the beautiful breakfast/morning tea spread today.

C: Paul Hughes – thanked committee and encouraged younger members to contribute. Geoff will be missed.

No other General Business

11. CLOSE

Richard thanked everyone for a good attendance
Meeting Closed 11.05am