



**MASTERS ATHLETICS WA (INC)**  
**MINUTES OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**  
**SUNDAY 10 SEPTEMBER 2017**  
**HOCKEY CLUB ROOMS, PERRY LAKES**

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**1. WELCOME**

Meeting Opened 9.45am – Richard Blurton as Chair

**2. ATTENDANCE/APOLOGIES**

As per attendance book, there were 50 members present.

Apologies: John Pentecost, Ossi Igel, Akos Gyarmathy, Elizabeth McFarland, Lynne Schickert, Bob Schickert, Ann Turner, Jim Langford, Theresa Howe, Campbell Till, Jenn Parker, Sarah Ladwig, Giovanni Puglisi, Peggy Macliver, Graeme Dahl, Lorraine Lopes, Paul Martin, Brigitte Cheek, Dorothy Whittam, Maggie Flanders, Mark Hewitt, Bob Lane, Rob Shand.

**3. MINUTES OF 2016 AGM**

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

Andrew Cuthbertson moved to accept previous minutes, seconded by Colin Smith, passed unanimously.

**4. MATTERS ARISING**

Barrie Kernaghan - query why last year the John Gilmour trophy was issued jointly to Wendy Seegers and Rob Colling. Barrie suggested the award should have gone to Wendy alone as Rob's Australian record was only in 60m and Wendy had the 400m AR and many other records.

Richard Blurton responded – the trophy is awarded for the performance of the year not athlete of the year and both equally recorded 93% - Rob in the M45 100m and Wendy in the W35 400m and both were Australian records.

Regarding the welcoming of new members at Sunday runs – this has been working well with Brian Bennett doing a great job over the year and Elizabeth McFarlane has now volunteered to continue in this role.

**5. REPORTS**

**5.1 President (Richard Blurton)**

*President's report was published on the website and in Vetrin.*

Three committee members are standing down this year with thanks to Mike who took on the job of Track and Field Representative and helping with the throwing competition at WAAS. Theresa has been looking after the Sunday runs, which one of the most difficult jobs getting clearance and keys from local councils and coordinating with race directors, for which we thank her greatly. Campbell Till is also standing down after a short time filling in and was widely praised for his job as captain of our large team that went to Darwin.

Peggy Macliver is stepping down from registrar this year and we thank her for ably managing this most important job since the position was created in 2008. Barbara Blurton is taking on club registrar now as well as statistician so we are very grateful to her.

It has been a very good year for the club and membership is strong. The smooth running of the club is thanks to all our great race directors, club officials and morning tea helpers.

We received lots of praise for the World Championships in Perth and all volunteers should be very proud of their contribution. It has also left a legacy of about \$240,000 for the benefit of Masters Athletics all over Australia. A system is in place to submit projects from each state for approval by the Trust Board which had its first meeting on Friday 8 September. Two projects were submitted by MAWA and they have both been approved. The first project is to acquire electronic lap scoring equipment for our track events. The second project is to purchase a set of hurdles for ECAC to enable us to hold regular hurdle events on Thursday nights over the summer track and field program. We also have other ideas for more projects to apply for in due course.

The Patron's Trophy is an important club event but in the past it has favoured running events and numbers participating have dropped. Changes have been made this year to encourage more entries and is also simpler. Please have a go if you haven't tried before as it is a lot of fun. The events will start mid-October and the summer program will be up on the website later this week.

The AMA National Championships will be in Perth 26-29 April 2018 and we already have an organising committee up and running including myself, Barbara Blurton, Keith Hill, Delia Baldock and Mike Anderson also Marion Buchannan will be coming on the committee. We will be looking for lots of volunteers to help closer to time of the championships.

## **5.2 Secretary (Delia Baldock)**

*Secretary's report was also published previously.*

Thanks to everyone for your help this year and thank you for your attendance today. We hope you will all support the amendments to update our constitution.

## **5.3 Treasurer (Keith Hill)**

*Copies of the Financial reports were published previously and copies also provided to attendees.*

This is my first financial report and has now been audited by Dave Roberts - Auditor's Opinion read: "In my opinion, the special purpose financial report gives a true and fair view of the financial position of Masters Athletics WA Inc as at 30 June 2017 and of its financial performance for the 12 months ending 30 June 2017." David Roberts CPA

We had a strong year and after a small deficit last year we had a small surplus this year. We also have good funds on hand. Main equipment purchases were a third towards costs of the new steeple barriers and half of the costs to refit storage facilities at ECAC.

Query: Andrew Cuthbertson - how long have we used the same auditor as committee should consider a change after a long period?

Response: Dave Roberts has been auditor at least 5 years and committee can certainly look into the matter for consideration. With small organisations this is not usually an issue. Under the new Act we are in Tier 1 (revenue < \$250,000) which means we are not required to have our accounts audited but can still choose to do so.

Query: Brian Bennett – with \$16,000 in our cheque account we should consider putting more excess funds on Term Deposit.

Response: Committee can certainly consider this, if the funds aren't needed in the short term, although interest rates are not high at the moment.

Query: Barrie Kernaghan – clarification requested on T & F coaching costs.

Response: AMA can provide grants of \$1,000 annually to clubs in support of coaching up to 50% of costs. We therefore had to spend at least \$2,000 to claim \$1,000 back which we received. We paid for 6 coaches who all held different sessions.

Query: Brian Bennett – I have been welcoming newcomers for a year and met lots of people but it would be good to have more volunteers to take over as we should have a male and female representative. It is hard to speak to new members when you don't know their names so suggestion made that we order the number and name transfers available from Russell Smith, for each new member. We could add the cost (about \$10) on to the membership fee.

Response: Committee can discuss the idea further.

Financial Reports accepted moved by Paul Hughes, seconded by Geoff Brayshaw.

## **6. STATISTICIAN REPORT/PRESENTATION OF TROPHIES**

### **6.1 Statistician Report** (Barbara Blurton)

*Report tabled and copies provided to attendees.*

Large number of records were set this year including some inaugural indoor records after Daegu.

Total 172 State Records, 27 Australian Records and 3 World Records with 1 WR pending.

Certificates for 3 world records were presented to David Carr in the M85 800m, 1500m and 2000m Steeplechase. He also has a pending world record in the Mile. A world record certificate was then presented to Barbara Blurton for a world record in the W65 4 x 400m Australian relay team.

### **6.2 Achievement Awards**

The Achievement Awards are for the greatest improvement during the year or in this year's performances compared to previous year's. We have two trophies one for Road running and one for Track and Field.

For Road running we rely on the statistics from Tristan Bell and the stand out winner was Elizabeth McFarland who has made a great come back to regain form. Unfortunately Elizabeth is away cycling but she will be presented with her trophy on her return.

The Track and Field trophy was a tight competition with Barbara Blurton coming back after many years sidelined from injury but is awarded to Jenn Parker one of our newer members who since joining has made great improvement in her throws leading to several state records in the discus and hammer. Unfortunately Jenn could also not be here today so we will present her trophy at a later date.

### **6.3 John Gilmour Trophy**

The John Gilmour trophy is for the best performance of the year and this goes to David Carr with not just one top performance but three M85 world records and one pending\*:

800m	3:06.69
1500m	6:27.3
2000m Steeplechase	11:04.2
1 Mile:	7:16.7*

John Gilmour presented the trophy to David who thanked John for starting the club that has grown to what it is today and acknowledged all the records that John has held.

## 7. CLUB OFFICIALS

Club Officials aren't elected but are appointed by the committee.

We are very lucky to have the following hard working officials:

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

Hamish will be helping us set up a website for the 2018 Nationals very soon.

If anyone is interested in helping as a club official please let the committee know.

Query: Andrew Cuthbertson – who is in charge of Duty of Care?

Richard: We have a Risk Management Plan on the website and each Race Director or Track Coordinator is responsible for the safety of their event. However we should be more clear on how accountability passes back to the committee, and the committee will resolve this issue.

Query: Are trained first aiders required at our events?

Response: Committee believes that no requirements are imposed by our insurance and there is no age limit under our new insurance cover but the committee can double check this.

## 8. ELECTION OF OFFICE BEARERS

No nominations received from the floor.

Committee Nominations that have been received were read out as follows:

### **President:**

1. Richard Blurton Nominated by Delia Baldock, seconded by Campbell Till.  
Elected unopposed

### **Vice-President:**

1. Jim Langford Nominated by Carol Bowman, seconded by Maureen Keshwar.  
Elected unopposed

### **Secretary:**

1. Delia Baldock Nominated by Jim Langford, seconded by Campbell Till.  
Elected unopposed

### **Treasurer:**

1. Keith Hill Nominated by Delia Baldock, seconded Jim Langford.  
Elected unopposed

### **Committee Members (4):**

1. Margaret Bennett Nominated by Jim Langford, seconded by Michael Anderson.
  2. Giovanni Puglisi Nominated by Jim Langford, seconded by Theresa Howe
  3. Jenn Parker Nominated by Delia Baldock, seconded by Michael Anderson.
  4. Janne Wells Nominated by Delia Baldock, seconded by Theresa Howe.
- All committee members elected unopposed

Jim Langford has also been elected as a member of the AMA Board at their AGM this weekend.

## 9. LIFE MEMBERSHIP AWARDS

Life members must have had at least 10 years membership and have made a substantial contribution to the progress of the club.

The committee has accepted the following life member nominations for approval by members at the AGM (note the nominations come as a surprise to these nominees):

### 1. Margaret Bennett

*Nominated by Jim Barnes and Seconded by Sandi Hodge and Brigitte Cheek.*

“Since joining Masters in 1992 Margaret has always put her hand up to help at short notice such as at Herdsman on Sunday (25 June). At the Friendship Run she took over entries at an instant when we were short of helpers. She has been a hard working committee member (3 yrs) as well as (1yr) treasurer. She has organized the camp weekends and you will always see her help at morning tea. I think she has done more for the club than many who got life membership but would not lift a finger to help at short notice.”

This nomination was accepted unanimously by the members present and the life-member badge presented to Margaret by John Gilmour.

### 2. Richard Blurton

*Nominated by Bob Schickert and seconded by Lynne Schickert and Carol Bowman.*

“Richard has been President of MAWA for two years following three years as Vice President . These are important roles requiring a lot of time and commitment. The other roles that Richard has taken on and conducted with great success over recent years are also very significant to this proposal for MAWA Life membership. Richard has completed over ten years MAWA membership having joined in 2004.

Since the idea of Perth conducting the WMA Stadia Championships was first discussed with Tourism WA in April 2010 Richard has been deeply involved in the project. Firstly as a member of the Bid Committee of four who put together the successful bid taken to the WMA Championships in Sacramento in 2011. From 2011 to early 2015 Richard was chair of the Interim Steering Committee which did the preliminary work.

From early 2015 he has been chair of the Local Organising Committee. To be chair of a WMA Stadia Championships LOC is to take on the most demanding and time consuming non WMA Council role within WMA and Richard did it with distinction.

Since the very successful Championships concluded in November last year there has been lesser but still considerable ongoing work required by the LOC.

In addition to the above very critical role to the success of WMA Perth 2016, Richard has been chair of the LOC for the AMA National Championships held in Perth in 2010 and again has been appointed in this role for this event to be conducted by MAWA in 2018. Richard has also worked with wife Barbara organising the MAWA State Championships for many years.”

This nomination was accepted unanimously by the members present and the life-member badge was presented to Richard by John Gilmour.

## 10. SPECIAL RESOLUTION TO ADOPT AMENDED CONSTITUTION

In accordance with the new Associations Incorporation Act 2015 our club constitution (rules of the association) has been updated by the committee and amendments circulated to all members. Rather than approve each little amendment we propose to adopt whole new constitution draft in place of the existing constitution. Summary of the amendments required by the Act were read out.

The committee also proposes to update the time given for calling for and receiving committee nominations. These will be due within 14 days of the AGM. This means we won't take committee nominations from the floor and allows for people to vote who cannot attend the meeting. The number of ordinary committee members has also been adjusted to 4 instead of at least 4.

Query: Andrew Cuthbertson – did we follow a template for changes?

Response: Yes there are model rules and guidelines

Query: Bruce Wilson – where is our rule regarding changing the constitution?

Response: Rule 21

Query: How do we send advice of meetings?

Response: We send postal and email notices.

*Motion moved by Delia, seconded by Richard:*

**“It is proposed to adopt the amended rules (draft dated July 2017) in place of all the existing rules of Masters Athletics Inc (dated 9 May 2013)”**

Resolution passed unanimously by show of hands. The amended constitution will now be lodged with Associations Online for approval by Consumer Protection before the new rules take effect.

## 11. GENERAL BUSINESS

Questions and Comments were taken from the floor:

Comment: Sandi Hodge – Suggestion from working on visitors' table, currently we charge \$2 for children but propose that children and grandchildren of members should be free.

Response: Committee will take this on board since widely supported.

Comment: Allan Billington – trophies commended but orientated to elite performances – could we consider recognition for other runners such as in handicap races?

Response: Committee will consider.

Comment: Paul Hughes – I congratulate the past committee and the World Masters LOC for doing such a great job over the last year.

Comment: New member – Vetrin magazine to be highly commended.

Comment: Track & Field Newsletter also outstanding.

No other General Business

## 11. CLOSE

The AGM next year will be a bit later than normal in October because of the World Championships in Malaga in September 2018, which a lot of members will be attending.

The Sunday morning format for the AGM seems to work well so will be continued.

Richard thanked everyone again for attending

Meeting Closed 11.05am