



**MASTERS ATHLETICS WA (INC)
MINUTES OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
SUNDAY 14 OCTOBER 2018
HOCKEY CLUB ROOMS, PERRY LAKES**

1. WELCOME

Meeting Opened 9.45am – Richard Blurton as Chair

2. ATTENDANCE/APOLOGIES

As per attendance book, there were 62 members present.

Apologies: Clive & Lynne Choate, Sarah Lee, Val Millard, Margaret Saunders, Paul Martin, Maggie Flanders, Janet Jarvis, Jacqueline Billington.

3. MINUTES OF 2017 AGM

Previous AGM minutes 10/09/17 were on the MAWA Website and copy available for reading at the meeting. Paul Hughes moved to accept previous minutes, seconded by Jim Langford, passed by show of hands.

4. MATTERS ARISING

- Auditor – no reason not to have the same auditor each year but Dave Roberts has been club auditor for 8 years now and would like to pass the job onto someone else. If anyone knows of a suitable auditor please advise the committee.
- Iron on numbers – decided not to issue and charge to all members as some people don't want to wear the same top each week.
- Risk Management Plan – the Risk Management plans for both Road and Track & Field events are on the website under "Our Club" - "About Us". All members should be vigilant but the responsibility is with the Director of the event. The line of accountability then goes to the Sunday or Track & Field Co-ordinator and then ultimately to the MAWA President. Qualified First Aid attendants are not required at club events but we are lucky to have quite a few qualified nurses and doctors amongst our members who assist when at an event. Pre-existing conditions are now noted as supplied by members for the information of first attenders.
- Free participation for children and grandchildren of members was approved and implemented.
- Graded competition considered not necessary as we have plenty of awards that anyone can win such as handicap trophies.

5. REPORTS

All reports were published on the website, in Vetrun and full copies available for viewing at the AGM.

5.1 President (Richard Blurton)

We have had a very good year with all events well run and this has been the best committee I have worked with. We have three retiring committee to thank: Jenn Parker, Keith Hill and Margaret

Bennett. Jenn has done a great job on the committee representing track and field particularly the throwers. Keith has done an excellent job managing our accounts especially with all the extra work required for the Nationals but is returning to England. Margaret has done a fabulous job in all of her roles managing equipment, morning teas and visitors and steps in whenever help is needed.

We have spent about \$50,000 on equipment which will be of great benefit to the club. We can now put the State Championships on at Ern Clark Athletics Centre using our own resources. We will also be able to use the new Photo Finish electronic timing on Thursday nights.

There will be no increase in general membership fees for 2019. The cost of printing and posting Vetrin now has to spread among only around 60 members receiving posted copies. Therefore the fee for having the Vetrin posted will be increased from \$15 to \$20 per annum. The introduction of online only membership has been very successful and the vast majority have managed without help. Downloading online forms increases the accuracy of our database. Online renewals are still required for Life Members. 2019 Membership will be available from December.

Outgoing WMA President Stan Perkins emailed to say that our August Vetrin (with John Gilmour tribute) was one of best publications he had seen in world. Vetrin has developed since changing to 6 copies per year and is now a good blend of articles and results.

Margit Jungmann is the new President of WMA and our Lynne Schickert has been appointed to fill Margit's previous position of Executive Vice-President so congratulations to Lynne. Also Bob Schickert has been appointed to their Jury of Appeal.

For the upcoming AMA AGM Jim Langford and I (Richard Blurton) have been nominated for the positions of Treasurer and President respectively on the AMA Board and are due to be elected unopposed. WA is the second largest club to Victoria in AMA so it is good to have representation on the Board once again.

5.2 Secretary (Delia Baldock)

Thanks to all our members who help make the club run so smoothly. We were especially proud of everyone who helped at the Nationals as all your efforts made the event such a huge success. It is also good to see the club grow and all the great attributes new members are bringing to the club.

5.3 Treasurer (Keith Hill)

We have had a solid year with a small operating surplus. We also had a big profit from the Nationals of \$13,000. Our funds now stand at over \$90,000.

We are considering what we can spend our surplus funds on and can discuss this in General Business.

No questions received.

Thanks to Dave Roberts for auditing the accounts.

Financial Reports moved for acceptance by Andrew Cuthbertson, seconded by Colin Smith. Passed by show of hands.

6. STATISTICIAN REPORT/PRESENTATION OF TROPHIES

6.1 Statistician Report (Barbara Blurton)

Copies of report provided at AGM

Report covers the period 1/9/17 to 31/8/18

There were many State records set this year also 14 Australian Records and 3 World Records set by Lyn Ventris in the 5000m Walk and Gillian Young and David Carr in the Steeplechase.

This does not include Malaga results but these are on the website. Stand out performance was Lyn Ventris in 10k Walk with a time of 53.26 - a State, Australian and World record.

6.2 Anne Shaw Trophy

This Trophy goes to the best performance at the State Championships. It is normally presented at the State Championships but because we were hosting the Nationals the best State performance had to be calculated afterwards. Barbara Blurton and David Carr achieved 96% in their 400m but best performance goes to Lyn Ventris with 97.5% in her 5000m Walk.

The Committee has asked David Carr to be our new Club Patron. David has been with the club since its inception and is a role model to all athletes. David graciously accepted the honour and will present the trophies.

6.3 John Gilmour Trophy

This trophy is for the best athletic performance of the year. Lyn Ventris' performance in her 5000m Walk at the Nationals wins this award. It is great to see Lyn come back from injury to top form again.

6.4 Achievement Award – Track & Field

The achievement awards are for the greatest improvement shown over the year. This can be someone coming back from injury.

For the Track & Field award this athlete has worked hard at training to improve her performances considerably in a wide range of events. This award goes to Janne Wells.

6.5 Achievement Award - Road

Thanks to Tristan Bell for providing the data for the most improved on Sundays. The top five were from fifth: Julie Wilson, Carmel Meyer, Renia Niderla, Jenny Audsley and the most improved was Gary Fisher. Congratulations to Gary.

The trophies were all presented by David Carr.

7. CLUB OFFICIALS

Most of the Club Officials are continuing in their roles as below:

Patron:	David Carr
Auditor:	David Roberts (but looking for replacement)
Course Measurement:	Steve Weller (now in Bunbury)
Editor Vetrin:	Vic Waters
Handicapper:	Tristan Bell
Registrar:	Barbara Blurton
Social:	Elaine Dance
Statistician:	Barbara Blurton
Website:	Hamish McLeod

Hamish would like to hand over web duties for the future so if anyone can offer these skills please let the committee know.

8. ELECTION OF OFFICE BEARERS

Committee Nominations have been received as follows:

President:

Richard Blurton Nominated by Delia Baldock, seconded by Janne Wells.
Elected unopposed

Vice-President:

Jim Langford Nominated by Lynne Schickert, seconded by Maurice Creagh.
Elected unopposed

Secretary:

Delia Baldock Nominated by Keith Hill, seconded by Margaret Bennett.
Elected unopposed

Treasurer:

Gary Fisher Nominated by Richard Blurton, seconded Delia Baldock.
Elected unopposed

Committee Members (4):

1. Giovanni Puglisi Nominated by Keith Hill, seconded by Delia Baldock.
2. Janne Wells Nominated by Delia Baldock, seconded by Jenn Parker.
3. Andrew Cuthbertson Nominated by Lynne Schickert, seconded by Bob Schickert.
4. Mark Howard Nominated by Delia Baldock, seconded by Jenn Parker.

All committee members elected unopposed

9. LIFE MEMBERSHIP AWARDS

Life members must have had at least 10 years continuous membership and have made a substantial contribution to the progress of the club. (Maximum two per year).

The committee has accepted the following life member nomination for approval by members at the AGM.

1. Delia Baldock - Nominated by Margaret Saunders, Seconded by Graeme Dahl and Peggy Macliver.

Delia Baldock joined MAWA in 2003.

In 2009 she volunteered to be part of the Organising Committee for the 2010 AMA Championships, and took on the role of organising the Awards Dinner.

In October 2014 Delia took on the role of MAWA secretary and has now completed 4 years in that position. She is a highly competent secretary in all respects, and now looks after:

- All MAWA correspondence
- Dealing with all enquiries/issues that come through the website
- Track bookings
- Placing news posts on the website herself

In addition she managed an important revision to our constitution in 2017.

In early 2015 Delia joined the World Masters Perth 2016 Organising Committee as Administration Manager, a very demanding role because of the size of the event and the diverse range of members on the committee. She was an invaluable member of the team that delivered such a memorable championships.

Then in 2017 Delia joined the Committee for the 2018 AMA Nationals. She planned and managed the dinner and all catering, and also designed and managed the production and sale of merchandise. She came up with our very successful numbat theme.

Delia comes to almost all MAWA events, and always brings uniform and clothing samples. She is ever ready to help when needed.

Delia's contribution over some eight years to the running and development of MAWA has been immense and we have no hesitation in proposing her for life membership.

Nomination was accepted by show of hands and the award presented by David Carr.

10. GENERAL BUSINESS

10.1 Questions and Comments taken from the floor:

- Jeff Whittam – Thanks to all the out-going officials
- Ivan Brown – Requested information on criteria for awarding Life Membership.
Response: it is in the constitution on the website
- Ivan Brown Could all Life Members stand up- appreciation shown
- Bruce Wilson – Will 10k Handicap still be at McGillivray next year?
Response: yes but we still need a new race director for this event – not much work required
- Geoff Brayshaw – We could do with more storage space.

10.2 Surplus Funds

We had a larger surplus than anticipated for National Championships and a small surplus from each State Championships has accumulated over the years. We need to keep some funds set aside for unexpected capital expenditure but there is a sizable amount that the committee suggests could be spent on the club.

- Suggestion for extension to the pavilion at ECAC for club rooms and extra storage. City of Canning are still considering the long term future of the complex and their plans are due to be published soon. No cost estimates have been obtained yet as waiting on their report to see if worth going ahead.
- Another idea is to have a trailer for our Sunday gear but this could cause a few extra problems.
- Pole Vault equipment has also been suggested for ECAC.
- Nick Miletic – support for club rooms and suggest \$5 working fund be added to membership.

- Frank Price – is there any special athletic equipment we can purchase? – *Response:* if we have more storage facilities then we could buy high jump equipment of our own but there is nothing for a large amount that we need to purchase.
- Ivan Brown – support for building but perhaps we could have a separate building fund rather than raising fees. WA Marathon Club had a building fund before buying into the Water Sports Complex.

10.3 Other Business

- Lynne Schickert – Thanks from WMA for WA commitment and contribution to World Champs. Strength of MAWA is amazing. Note future events: Indoors will be in Poland in March 2019. The next World Champs will be in Toronto July/August 2020 then Gothenburg in August 2022. The following Indoors will be in Edmonton 2021. The Oceania Championships will be in Mackay August/September 2019 and then in Norfolk Island in 2021. The next AMA Nationals will be in Melbourne 26-29 April 2019.
- Brian Bennett – we put names of visitors on their bib numbers now – can we find a way to do this for members who don't want an iron-on transfer? We could have name tags/badges or print names to attach to bib numbers? Bib numbers are pre-printed in bulk so can't be produced with names already on them. *Committee will consider options further.*
- Mark Dawson – acknowledgement of the sad loss of John Gilmour to the club and great tribute in Vetrun applauded.
- Rob Shand – The Alice Springs Masters Games are currently being held. There are track and field events and cross country over 4 days and 8 MAWA Members have entered.
- Milton Mavrick - Could we have both names and numbers listed on the results on the website? *Response:* We have a member list on the website under "Our Club" - "Membership" so you can look up your number and also look up numbers to see who they belong to.
- Barrie Kernaghan – Can we send letter of thanks to Geoff Smith at Capital Radio 101.7fm? In his weekly Saturday report he always gives out our results and notices. *Agreed - thanks to be sent.*
- Paul Hughes – extra storage is a great idea. Also members need to make the effort to introduce themselves to newcomers.
- Vic Waters – suggestion that we could write our names with pen on our existing bib numbers.
- Bert Carse – Jorgensen Park Community Centre is due to be knocked down and a new complex built with Government funding next year. Not sure if this will affect our event.

11. CLOSE

Being no further business members were thanked for their attendance and thanks to all our lovely morning tea helpers.

Meeting Closed 10.55am