



**MASTERS ATHLETICS WA (INC)**  
**MINUTES OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**  
**SUNDAY 13 OCTOBER 2019**  
**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 65 members present.

Apologies recorded: Lynne Choate, Maurice Creagh, Maggie Flanders, Melissa Foster, Patricia Hopkins, Paul Martin, Hamish McGlashan, Silke Peglow, Colin Smith, Mark Sivyver, Roger Walsh, Dorothy Whittam.

**3. MINUTES OF 2018 AGM**

Previous AGM minutes 14/10/18 have been on the MAWA Website and a copy available for reading at the AGM. Jim Langford moved to accept previous minutes, seconded by Barbara Blurton; passed by show of hands.

**4. MATTERS ARISING**

None

**5. APPOINTMENT OF AUDITOR**

Mark Howard has offered to take over as auditor of our accounts.

Mark Howard appointed as Auditor; moved by Bob Schickert, seconded by Paul Hughes and carried by show of hands. Mark has also been appointed auditor for AMA.

**6. REPORTS**

All reports were published in Vetrin, on the website and copy available for viewing at the AGM.

**6.1 President (Richard Blurton)**

We must thank Giovanni for the fantastic job he has done managing the Sunday program. He is stepping down from the committee as he will be going overseas for a period of time. He has worked hard with all the councils and some have even waived their fees for us.

Jim Langford is also stepping down from the committee. He has been a great help as Vice President over the years and managed the Sunday helpers most efficiently. He will continue as volunteer coordinator and we thank him for doing a great job.

Congratulations to Bob and Lynne Schickert who have been awarded life membership with AWA which is very well deserved for all the years they have worked as officials.

Last year we had funds of \$90,000 and wanted to spend some of our surplus on something useful. The proposal was for a demountable clubroom including storage at ECAC and we lodged plans for this with the Canning City Council for approval. This application has not been processed yet. However we have now found out that with the planned development of the Canning City Centre, the future of the track is limited to possibly six years. There is however a new sports complex being built at Canning Vale that will include a track to replace ECAC. Because of these plans the committee has decided not to go ahead with the demountable project. We will consider other ideas for spending our funds such as on new equipment.

Registration with athletics is becoming centrally based. Most State Masters Clubs including WA register with the open athletics body of their state. With OneSport the aim is to have one register. MAWA previously paid AWA a lump sum for all our members which equated to about \$3 per member. This year the fee will be \$10 per member to bring us in line with other states. Also open athletes pay \$45 to AWA to compete in Strive competition. To bring our members in line from next year when joining or renewing MAWA membership there will be a question asking if you intend to compete at Strive. If yes you will be charged an extra \$35 which will go to AWA.

Gary has looked at our budget for 2020 and we have decided we will be able to absorb the \$7 increase so MAWA Membership fees will not be put up for 2020. This can be reviewed again for the following year.

## **6.2 Secretary (Delia Baldock)**

We have just over 600 members which is very healthy! I just want to thank all our many helpers that work behind the scenes as listed on my report tabled. Also thanks to the committee for all their great work over the year.

*Comment - Andrew Cuthbertson :* Thanks to Mark Kerr who has been advertising our Sunday events on Facebook resulting in a large influx of visitors which is a healthy way forward for the club.

Mark Kerr will be standing down from our results team and Facebook management soon due to increased parkrun commitments so will put out a note asking if anyone would like to take over.

## **6.3 Treasurer (Gary Fisher)**

Copies of the Financial Report were distributed at the AGM. The Report has been audited by Mark Howard. We had a small deficit for the year but mostly due to capital expenditure such as electronic timing, etc. We have \$80,000 in the bank. Next year we anticipate that we should break even or make a small profit. Issues that can be looked at in the future are:

1. Membership Fees
2. Visitor Fees

*Question – Ivan Brown:* Can we pay coaches more?

*Response - Richard:* The AMA grant is up to \$1,000 per annum to be matched by the club so MAWA puts in \$1,000 and we then pay 5 coaches \$400 each for the summer season. We intend to apply for this grant each year but the committee is happy to consider increasing this amount.

Last year one of our members Ray Gimi passed away. We have now received a generous bequest to the club of \$2,000 from his estate. Thank you letter has been sent to Mrs Gimi through the solicitor.

Financial Report moved for acceptance by Andrew Cuthbertson, seconded by Keith Atkinson. Passed by show of hands.

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

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

Copies of report distributed at AGM. Impressive three pages of State records this year. We have had two World Championships over the period 1/9/18 to 31/8/19 so includes performances at Malaga and indoors at Torun. Also many Australian records were set.

Congratulations to Barbara on all the work she has done throughout the year  
Awards will be presented by Club Patron David Carr.

### **7.2 Achievement Award – Road**

Tristan Bell keeps a records of everyone's Sunday performances to calculate our handicaps so we thank him for providing the data to determine the most improved for our Sunday events. This goes to Ngaio Kerr who has shown over 5% improvement from the previous year and improved her best 10k time by 7 minutes.

### **7.3 Achievement Award – Track & Field**

Thanks to Steve Weller who keeps our track and field database up to date for his data on most improved. Congratulations to Andrew Ward who has shown consistent improvement in all his throws by 4-5%.

### **7.4 John Gilmour Trophy**

This trophy is for Performance of the Year. This trophy was in the past presented for the highest age-graded performance of the year. However age-graded performances are not a totally reliable indicator for this purpose and so a few years ago the committee introduced a subjective element that took account of other factors. This year the Trophy is awarded to Melissa Foster for her Australian Record in the W40 triple jump at the World Championships in Malaga. She also received the gold medal in her long jump at Malaga. Then at the World indoors in Torun Melissa received the gold medal in her Long Jump and Australian indoor records for both her long jump and triple jump. As Melissa is in Melbourne Mrs Fiona Foster accepted the award on Melissa's behalf.

### **7.5 Presidents Pin**

The committee has decided to create a new award called the Presidents Pin to acknowledge super volunteers. This idea came from hearing that ACT Masters Athletics have introduced this award for the President to recognise outstanding volunteers whose service to the club goes over and above normal duties.

The first pin Richard has chosen to go to someone who always helps on Thursday nights at ECAC and at Sunday runs. He is always there when you need someone and will be the first to help set up and the last person to help pack up. This award goes to Maurice Creagh. Maurice is away at this time but we will present it to him on his return.

The second pin goes to someone who has looked after Thursday nights at ECAC for many years – she always gets there early and goes out of her way to fill up the water jump for the steeplechase. This award goes to Carol Bowman with our thanks for all her efforts.

## 8. CLUB OFFICIALS

Club Officials are appointed by the Committee and we thank the following officials for continuing in their duties for the next year:

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| Patron:             | David Carr      |
| Auditor:            | Mark Howard     |
| Course Measurement: | Steve Weller    |
| Editor Vetrin:      | Vic Waters      |
| Handicapper:        | Tristan Bell    |
| Registrar:          | Barbara Blurton |
| Social:             | Elaine Dance    |
| Statistician:       | Barbara Blurton |
| Website:            | Ernie Leseberg  |

Maintenance of our Website is now provided by Ernie Leseberg.

## 9. ELECTION OF OFFICE BEARERS

All positions declared vacant and Nominations for Committee have been received as follows:

**President:** Richard Blurton - nominated by Jim Langford, seconded by Delia Baldock.  
*Elected unopposed*

**Vice-President:** Andrew Cuthbertson - nominated by Delia Baldock, seconded by Richard Blurton.  
*Elected unopposed*

**Secretary:** Delia Baldock - nominated by Mark Howard, seconded by Gary Fisher.  
*Elected unopposed*

**Treasurer:** Gary Fisher - nominated by Jane Wells, seconded by Giovanni Puglisi.  
*Elected unopposed*

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

1. Mark Howard - nominated by Gary Fisher, seconded by Delia Baldock.
2. Silke Peglow - nominated by Janne Wells, seconded by Delia Baldock.
3. Pam Thonell - nominated by Richard Blurton, seconded by Janne Wells.
4. Janne Wells - nominated by Delia Baldock, seconded by Silke Peglow.

*All committee members elected unopposed*

Pam Thonell introduced to the meeting. Giovanni Puglisi is handing over the Sunday Coordinator role to Pam and will be showing her the ropes before he heads overseas to live for an extended time of at least 12 months.

## 10. LIFE MEMBERSHIP AWARDS

No Nominations Received

## 11. GENERAL BUSINESS

### 11.1 Questions and Comments taken from the floor:

- Paul Hughes – could committee provide guidelines in relation to looking for a permanent base now ECAC has fallen through, such as what would be considered a preferable location?  
*Response:* the committee can look at other options.
- Ivan Brown – could we consider a joint venture with another club for shared club rooms?  
*Response:* the possibility has been considered in the past but we don't really want a base for Sunday runs as we would end up running in the same place too often.
- Bob Schickert – as part of OneAthletics AWA and LA have merged into one organisation and now have one office.  
*Response:* our position is slightly different so Masters won't actually be amalgamating although our members will be in the OneAthletics database.
- Bruce Wilson – could the annual report for AGM please include a record of deceased members from over the previous year.  
*Response:* Secretary can provide this information in next year's report.
- Brian Bennett – Visitor Fee of \$5 is good but children shouldn't have to pay so much.  
*Response:* Children only pay \$2 and Members children under 18 are free.
- Keith Miller – What is happening to the Jim Barnes Trophy as the Perth Marathon results have not been published?  
*Response:* We think Kim Thomas is the winner this year but it will be too hard to work out now they don't publish the results, so in future years we propose to award the trophy from the results of our Club Half Marathon instead.
- Brian Bennett – after 25 years in the club it is now running better than ever so well done to all.

## 12. CLOSE

There being no further business everyone was thanked for their attendance.  
AGM Closed 10.40am