



MASTERS ATHLETICS WA Inc
MINUTES OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
SUNDAY 2 OCTOBER 2022
HOCKEY CLUB ROOMS PERRY LAKES

1. WELCOME

Meeting Opened 9.45 am – Richard Blurton as Chair

2. ATTENDANCE/APOLOGIES

As per attendance book – 67 members present.

Apologies received from Mark Dawson, Lynne and Clive Choate, Jeff and Dorothy Whittam and Valerie Millard

3. MINUTES OF 2021 AGM

The minutes of the AGM held on 3 October 2021 have been on the MAWA website and a copy made available for reading at the AGM.

Moved to accept minutes by Geoff Vine, seconded by Andrew Cuthbertson and passed by a show of hands.

4. MATTERS ARISING

None.

5. REPORTS

All reports were published on the Website and a copy made available at the AGM for viewing.

5.1 President (Richard Blurton)

- Our Membership number to the end of September is almost 500 which is significantly less than at the same time last year
- We have agreed an increase of \$10 to our Annual Membership fees due to increased costs and particularly the AMA Capitation Fee.
- We want to acknowledge the work Lynne Schickert does for World Masters Athletics. This often means having phone or video conference calls at all hours of the day and night to talk to other members on the other side of the world.
- My thanks to the Committee for their work during the year. All have re-nominated except Mark Howard who is leaving us due to health commitments at home.

No questions. Report tabled and received by the meeting.

5.2. Secretary (Gillian Young)

Big thank you to the Volunteers who do so much for our Club and a thank you to all those who help make our club the welcoming, friendly and encouraging Club it is.

No questions. Report tabled and received by the meeting.

5.3 Treasurer (Gary Fisher)

Treasurer's Report tabled and copies of Financial Report provided to members. Finished the year with a surplus of \$4000. Invoice from Athletics West was not received until July. If paid when due in October 2021 the result would have been a deficit. It's good to have funds available in case new equipment or an unforeseen expense occurs.

No questions. Financial Report tabled and moved for acceptance by Gary Fisher, seconded by Paul Hughes and accepted unanimously by a show of hands.

6. STATISTICIAN REPORT (Barbara Blurton)

Report showed a list of all the records set in the last 12 months.
127 State Records
24 Australian Records and
7 World Records set by David Carr who turned 90 this year.

Thanks to Barbara for all her hard work as Statistician and Registrar.

Report tabled and received by the meeting.

7. PRESENTATION OF TROPHIES

7.1 Achievement Award – Road

Awarded to **David Adams**.

David Adams reduced his average 10km time from 49.83 minutes to 43.92 minutes. A reduction of almost 6 min.

In close contention were Conny Brieden, Michael Cyran, John Cameron, Crystal Glossop and Zane Walsh.

Thanks to Tristan Bell who provided the data for the most improvement at Sunday Events.

Trophy presented by David Carr

7.2 Achievement Award – T & F

Awarded to **Sue Coate**

Sue Coate achieved 11 – 12% improvement in Pole Vault and the Pentathlon.

Other nominations were David Adams, Lynne Schickert, Nick Best and Des Walsh.

Thanks to Steve Weller who provided the data for the most improved in Track and Field.

Trophy presented by David Carr to Barbara Blurton in Sue's absence.

7.3 Jim Barnes Trophy

Awarded to **Paul Watson**

This trophy is presented to the best age-graded result in the Club Half-marathon.

Paul Watson achieved an age graded percentage of 85.36%.

Thanks to Barbara Blurton for providing the data for the age graded percentages.

Trophy presented previously

7.4 Handicap Trophy

Presented to **Rodney Glossop**. Runner up is Rohan Thompson

Thanks to Tristan Bell for providing the data for this award

Trophy presented previously

7.5 President's Pin

Richard Blurton awarded the pin to **Steve Barrie** for his work during the year especially at the State Championships.

Pin presented by David Carr

7.6 John Gilmour Trophy

This trophy was presented to **Todd Davey** as the Athlete of the Year.

Todd achieved State Records in the shot, discus, 56lb weight and super weight. He achieved records on over 20 occasions during the year.

Trophy presented by our Patron David Carr.

David Carr thanked all those people who volunteer to assist in the running, recording and officiating at these events.

8. CLUB OFFICIALS

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

Patron	David Carr
Auditor	Mark Howard
Course Measurement	Steve Weller (Steve also manages the T & F database)
Editor Vetrin	Vic Waters
Editor TFNL	Graeme Dahl
Handicapper	Tristan Bell
Registrar	Barbara Blurton
Social	Elaine Dance
Statistician	Barbara Blurton
Website	Ernie Leseberg

9. ELECTION OF OFFICE BEARERS

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

President: **Richard Blurton** – nominated by Bob Schickert and seconded by Rochelle Airey
Elected unopposed

11. GENERAL BUSINESS

11.1 Questions and Comments taken from the floor:

- Geoff Vine wanted to apologise for restricting the walkers to only 2 laps at the Claypit Circuit event that day. 3 laps will be allowed in future.

Response: Richard agreed that 3 laps would still be completed before the start of the AGM.

- Bob Schickert informed the meeting about the World Cross Country event that will take place in Bathurst on 18 and 19 February 2023. It will be shortened to a 6km and 4km event. More information will be on the website by the middle of October.

Response: Richard will make sure the information goes on the website.

- Brian Bennett asked what progress is being made to encourage Members to have their name displayed on the front of their shirt.

Response – Richard confirmed that new members are now advised in their welcome letter that they can have their name printed on to their bib number free of charge. The \$10 fee will be paid by the Club.

- Brian Bennett asked if we could go back to the A5 size paper for the Visitors bibs as it was hard to see their name on the smaller bib. Could we omit the “V” number and just have their name?

Response: Richard advised that the “V” number is needed for the camera but we will ensure that the name is clearly legible on the bib.

- David Adams asked if we could have the 10km Road Championship event and the 5km Road Racing event on different Sundays as there were members who would like to compete in both events.

Response: Richard advised that the events were deliberately put on the same dates to prevent the better distance runners from trying to win both Championships. The short championships are designed for our runners who are not able to do the longer distances. However as with all AGM suggestions this will be taken to the committee.

- Barrie Kernaghan: Advised that he has a background in many sports and is disappointed that there has not been much publicity by the Club. He suggested we appoint a Publicity Officer to take on this role. We are very lucky to have Capital Radio at 7.30 am on Saturday prepared to talk about our Club.

Response: Richard said he fully supports the Capital Radio slot and thanked Barrie for managing it. He knows some do listen to it on Saturday mornings but many are already out training or warming up for Parkrun. We do have a Publicity Officer, Silke Peglow, and she does a great job of posting to Facebook and Instagram and we know that this reaches many people. At the last 2 Committee Meetings we have discussed how to get maximum publicity for David Carr’s World Record achievements. 4 of the 6 world records were only ratified a week ago and it is very important that we do not publicly state someone has records before they are ratified. The committee therefore decided to delay any publicity campaign until after ratification.

Response: Silke advised that she has spoken with David Carr about publicity for his achievements and is working on how this can best be carried out. It is important that we have David's permission for any promotion we undertake and that all his World Records have been ratified before we list them.

- Barrie Kernaghan advised that his World Records had always been ratified immediately at World Championships.

Response: Richard advised that while World Records at WMA Championships are ratified immediately, this is not the case for records set at other events.

Response: Lynne Schickert confirmed that World Records should be ratified before being broadcast and congratulated the Committee on following the correct procedure.

Richard, on behalf of everyone, gave a big vote of thanks to Elaine Dance and her helpers for the wonderful morning tea.

12. CLOSE

There being no further business Richard thanked everyone for attending.

AGM closed 10.50 am