



**MASTERS ATHLETICS WA Inc**  
**MINUTES OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**  
**SUNDAY 1 OCTOBER 2023**  
**HOCKEY CLUB ROOMS PERRY LAKES**

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**1. WELCOME**

Meeting Opened 9.45 am – Richard Blurton as Chair

**2. ATTENDANCE/APOLOGIES**

As per attendance book – 65 members present.  
Apologies received from Valerie Millard and Roger Walsh.

**3. MINUTES OF 2022 AGM**

The minutes of the AGM held on 2 October 2022 have been on the MAWA website and a copy made available for reading at the AGM.

Moved to accept minutes by Andrew Cuthbertson, seconded by Paul Hughes 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)**

- Membership Numbers - 501 as of today. After allowing for late renewals we expect membership numbers to be similar to last year.
- Friendship Runs – have proved very successful – thanks to John Fisher
- New Logo – thanks to Rochelle for her work on this.
- Helper Registrations – working quite well. Still need to send out reminders to some.
- T & F – Summer season commences this week. Will be the first full summer session at WAAS for a couple of years. Thanks to Campbell Till for managing this session with help from Mike Anderson.
- State Championships – went well this year. There were 2 great sprint runs. Even if you are a road runner you should give it a try.
- Thanks to the Committee for their work. All re-nominating except Steve Travell who is stepping down due to other commitments.
- After 8 years as President I will be stepping down from the position but will remain on the Committee. It is the Club's 50 year anniversary next year so a good time for someone new to lead the development of the Club.

*No questions. Report tabled and received by the meeting.*

## 5.2. Secretary (Gillian Young)

Thanks once again to our many volunteers. Too many to mention but each one helping to make our Club a great place to be. Couldn't do it without you.

*No questions. Report tabled and received by the meeting.*

## 5.3 Treasurer (Gary Fisher)

Treasurer's Report tabled and a copy of the Financial Report available to members for viewing.

Aim is to break even but have finished the financial year with a slight deficit of \$2000 which is mainly due to Athletics West being slow in submitting their invoice in the previous year. The result is 2 payments in this financial year.

All other funds on track.

Anonymous donation of \$5,000 received earlier this year.

Thanks to Karyn for a new uniform system which is now on-line so we only need to have a few sizes for trying on instead of a large stock of all sizes. Delia still has a large number of singlets with the old logo for sale at discounted prices.

*No questions. Financial Report tabled and moved for acceptance by Vic Waters, seconded by Rochelle Airey and accepted unanimously by a show of hands.*

## 6. STATISTICIAN REPORT (Barbara Blurton)

Report tabled and showed that in the year ended 30 September 2023 there were:

69 State Records

17 Australian Records and

2 World Records set by David Carr in the 5000m and  
Gillian Young in the 2000m Steeple

These records included many inaugural records set at the Indoor Championships in Poland.

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 **Sandra Keenan**.

Sandra reduced her average 10km time from 66.91 minutes to 55.38 minutes. A reduction of over 11 minutes.

In second place was Margaret Saunders who reduced her times by almost 10 minutes. There were also notable improvements by Jan Brankaer, Elizabeth Gomez and Tommy Glackin.

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

As Sandra Keenan was not at the meeting the Trophy will be presented at a later date.

## 7.2 Achievement Award – T & F

Awarded to **Dave Wilkie**

Dave reduced his 400m time by just over 16 seconds.

In second place was Karyn Tolardo who greatly reduced her times in the 1500m and 5000m walks.

Other notable improvements were by Sue Coate, Luella Jenkins and Garry Hastie.

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

Trophy presented by our Patron, Bob Schickert.

## 7.3 Jim Barnes Trophy

Awarded to **Chris Gould**

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

Chris Gould achieved an age graded percentage of over 85%.

Second was Paul Watson closely followed by Clare Wardle in third place.

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

Trophy presented previously

## 7.4 Handicap Trophy

Presented to **Crystal Glossop**.

Thanks to Tristan Bell for providing the data for this award as he has done for a number of years during which time he has raised the interest in the competition with his amusing reports and updates. Tristan was thanked by a round of applause.

He has handed over to the capable hands of Bob Colligan.

Trophy presented previously

## 7.5 President's Pin

Richard Blurton advised that he would not be awarding a Pin this year but would be giving out Appreciation Trophies to the members of the Results Team who work diligently to bring us our results each Sunday.

The members of the team are:

Mark Hewitt

Margaret Saunders

John Ranger

Alex Tinniswood

Lorna McGavock

Chris Pattinson

Don Pattinson

Glenn Rogers

Mark Kerr

Trophies presented by our Patron Bob Schickert to those in attendance.

## **7.6 John Gilmour Trophy**

This trophy was awarded posthumously to **David Carr** as the Athlete of the Year.

His daughter, Therese Carr, accepted the trophy on his behalf.

Trophy presented by our Patron Bob Schickert.

## **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	Bob Schickert
Auditor	Dave Roberts
Course Measurement	Steve Weller (Steve also manages the T & F database)
Editor Vetrin	Vic Waters
Editor TFNL	Carmel Meyer
Handicapper	Bob Colligan
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:**                    **Rochelle Airey** – nominated by Gary Fisher and seconded by Karyn Tolardo  
*Elected unopposed*

**Vice-President:**            **Silke Peglow** – nominated by Richard Blurton and seconded by John Fisher  
*Elected unopposed*

**Treasurer**                    **Gary Fisher** – nominated by Rochelle Airey and seconded by John Fisher  
*Elected unopposed*

**Secretary**                    **Gillian Young** – nominated by Gary Fisher and seconded by Rochelle Airey  
*Elected unopposed*

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

1. **Richard Blurton** – nominated by Gillian Young and seconded by John Fisher
2. **John Fisher** – nominated by Gillian Young and seconded by Richard Blurton
3. **Karyn Tolardo** – nominated by Rochelle Airey and seconded by Gillian Young
4. Currently vacant

*All 3 Committee Members elected unopposed.*

Richard advised a nomination for the 4<sup>th</sup> Committee Member had been received from Jason Kell after the closing date and will be confirmed by the Committee at their next meeting.

## **10. LIFE MEMBERSHIP AWARDS**

No nominations for Life Membership were presented by the Committee.

## **11. GENERAL BUSINESS**

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

- Theresa Whyte asked if the new Uniform ordering system could be explained.

Response: Richard explained that a window (opportunity to order) is open for about a month several times a year. This can be found under the “Uniform” tab on the Home Screen. There is the opportunity to receive your order in the mail or pick up at one of our events. The next “window” will open in December or January (watch for the announcement on our Home Page) and close in time for athletes to receive new uniform items for our State Championships (except for the 10,000m event which is early in the programme). In the meantime Delia is still selling our stock of uniform with the old logo on at greatly discounted prices.

- Geoff Vine asked if the visitors name could appear on the Results Page instead of just their “V” number as this would show us to be a more friendly Club.

Response: Richard agreed that this would be a good idea. Margaret Saunders said that is straightforward but just takes extra time. However, she said that the Results team is prepared to do it. The person on the visitor table needs to ensure that names are written legibly

Richard also took this opportunity to thank Brian Bennett for his efforts in encouraging members to have their name as well as their number on their bib, and to ensuring they get a warm welcome when they first come to a MAWA event.

- Vic Waters asked who pays for the cost of an ambulance if one is called to attend an incident during one of our events.

Response – Richard confirmed that Personal Accident insurance is included in the levy to Athletics West for each member. He will enquire and confirm the policy on Ambulance charges. Visitors are not covered as they sign a waiver at Registration. (Post meeting note. Ambulance costs are covered in the policy).

- Brian Bennett asked if we could have a numerical list of members so that it was easy to find their name if we knew their bib number.

Response: Richard advised that we had tried the option of being able to click and change the alpha list to a numerical one but this hadn’t always worked well. The Committee will look at the possibility of having 2 separate lists – one alpha and one numerical.

- Margaret Saunders wanted to say a thank you to members of the Club for their support. She particularly wanted to thank John Ranger and Mark Kerr for their hard work in producing the latest spreadsheet for processing the Sunday results.
- Melissa Lewis asked if it was possible to include a non-competition top in a plain colour but still with our name, logo, etc., maybe with long sleeves, in the items available for purchase.

Response: Richard advised that we can now have a wide selection of items available for purchase as we no longer have to carry a stock of everything. Our first “window” had been only the essential items plus a couple of options but we will look into increasing the options available for the next window.

- Lynne Schickert: On behalf of WMA wanted to thank everyone for being a part of Masters Athletics. World Masters is also changing and updating and encourages all to attend international events, such as Gothenburg in August next year, where there is the opportunity to compete and make friends.
- Rochelle Airey advised that on 23 November this year there will be an Introduction to Track event at the Ern Clark Athletics Centre. This is aimed at our Sunday road runners to encourage them to try running on the track. There will be more information on the website.
- Frank Price thanked Richard for his 8 years as President of our Club and for representing our Club at Australian Masters and World Masters. He has always been thorough in his preparation for all events.
- Richard, on behalf of everyone in attendance, gave a big vote of thanks to Elaine, Melissa, Margaret, Sophia and Bridget for the wonderful breakfast.

## **12. CLOSE**

There being no further business Richard thanked everyone for attending.

AGM closed 10.43 am