



Athletics Australia

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS OF THE

SEVENTH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

AUGUST 10, 1991

ATHLETICS AUSTRALIA

Minutes of the Seventh Annual General Meeting of Athletics Australia Inc. held at the Royal Parade Motor Inn, Royal Parade, Parkville, Victoria on Saturday, 10th August, 1991 commencing at 9.30am.

1. ROLL CALL OF OFFICERS AND DELEGATES:

Officers - President - D.P. Prince
Vice President - D.P. Wilson
Honorary Treasurer - G.T. Briggs, AM, JP
General Manager - N.A. King

Delegates:

Queensland - J. Cross, R. Brandis
New South Wales - A. Batchelor
Victoria - Dr. B. Hodgson, P. Burke
South Australia - K. Edwards, B. Stanton
Tasmania - N. Ruddock, A. Willis
Western Australia - J. Baguley, C. Porter
Australian Capital Territory - D. Wilson, B. Gleeson
Northern Territory - R. Ralph
Aust. Track & Field Coaches Assn. - T. Rice

Also Present: T. Benson - National Coach, J. Brown - Minute Secretary.

Life Members: M. Robinson, M. Mahony, B. Gardiner

2. APOLOGIES: G. Carruthers, F. Wrighter, J. Atterton, C.D. Lee, M. McQuiston, L. Neville and P. Boyman

3. READING OF NOTICE CONVENING MEETING

3.1 The Chairman read the notice convening the meeting.

3.2 The Chairman declared open the Annual General Meeting of Athletics Australia especially welcoming A. Willis and B. Gleeson to their first meeting.

4. OBITUARY: The meeting stood as a mark of respect to the following: T.C. Blue, BEM, C.A. Wise, L. Hughes, Mrs. J. Briscoe

5. PRESIDENT'S ADDRESS: The President reiterated some points contained in his report in the 1991 Annual Report stating how proud he has been over the past 12 months with the progress which has been made.

The President moved a vote of thanks to all Athletics Australia staff and Member Associations staff for their work over the last twelve months.

Resolved that the report of the President be accepted.

6. CONFIRMATION OF THE MINUTES OF THE 6TH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

6.1 Resolved that the Minutes of the previous Meeting be taken as a true and correct record.

7. BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES OF THE 6TH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
- 7.1 Noted that Minute 7.1 of the previous Minutes would be dealt with under Agenda Item No. 16.4.
8. ELECTION OF OFFICERS, COMMITTEES, LIFE MEMBERS, MERIT AWARDS AND TRUSTEES
- T. Rice was appointed Returning Officer and M. Robinson was appointed Scrutineer.
- 8.1 President
- Nomination received for: D. Prince (SA)
- 8.1.1 D. Prince (SA) was appointed unopposed to the position of President.
- 8.2 Board of Management
- Nominations received for: J. Baguley (WA), G. Briggs (Tas), P. Burke (Vic), J. Cross (Qld), B. Moore (NSW), B. Stanton (SA), J. Treloar (NSW), D. Wilson (ACT).
- 8.2.1 A ballot resulted in the following persons being elected to the Board of Management: J. Baguley (WA), P. Burke (Vic) and D. Wilson (ACT).
- 8.2.2 Nominations were called from the floor for the position of Vice President from the amongst the Board Members and D. Wilson (ACT) was duly appointed Vice President.
- 8.3 Treasurer
- Nominations received for: G. Briggs (Tas), J. Cross (Qld), J. Makarucha (Vic).
- 8.3.1 A ballot resulted in J. Makarucha (Vic) being elected to the position of Treasurer.
- 8.4 Trustees
- Nomination received for: D. Wilson (ACT)
- 8.4.1 D. Wilson (ACT) was duly appointed Trustee.
- 8.5 Statistician
- Nomination received for: P. Jenes (Vic)
- 8.5.1 P. Jenes (Vic) was duly appointed Statistician.
- 8.6 Constitution Committee - 3 to be elected, all from the same State
- 8.6.1 M. Macdermott (Qld), R. Macdermott (Qld), P. O'Brien (Qld) were duly appointed unopposed to the Constitution Committee.
- 8.6.2 P. O'Brien was appointed Convenor.

- 8.7 Officials Committee - 8 to be elected, 1 member from each State
- J. Bonwick (Qld), J. Hines (Vic), A. Hunt (NSW), B. Pearl (SA), G. Tempest (WA), D. Wilson (ACT)
- 8.7.1 Nominations were called and received from the floor for C. Wilson (Tas) and H. Jones (NT).
- J. Bonwick (Qld), J. Hines (Vic), A. Hunt (NSW), B. Pearl (SA), G. Tempest (WA), D. Wilson (ACT), C. Wilson (Tas) and H. Jones (NT) were duly appointed to the Officials Committee.
- 8.7.1.1 B. Pearl (SA) was appointed Convenor of the Officials Committee.
- 8.7.2 Executive of Officials Committee - 3 to be elected
- Nomination received for: B. Pearl (SA)
- Nominations were called and received from the floor for D. Wilson (ACT) and A. Hunt (NSW).
- 8.7.2.1 B. Pearl (SA), D. Wilson (ACT) and A. Hunt (NSW) were duly appointed to the Executive of the Officials Committee.
- 8.8 Records - 3 to be elected, all from the same State
- Nominations received for: R. Jenkins (Vic); M. McLaughlin (Vic). G. Nicholls (Vic).
- 8.8.1 R. Jenkins (Vic), M. McLaughlin (Vic) and G. Nicholls (Vic) were duly appointed to the Records Committee.
- 8.9 Selection Committee - Road Running, Cross Country and Walks - 1 to be elected
- Nominations received for: W. Fletcher (Tas), R. McFadden (SA), P. Turney (Vic)
- 8.9.1 A ballot resulted in P. Turney (Vic) being elected to the Selection Committee - Road Running, Cross Country and Walks.
- 8.10 Selection Committee - Track & Field - 1 to be elected
- Nominations received for: D. Cross (Qld), B. Roe (Tas).
- 8.10.1 A ballot resulted in B. Roe (Tas) being elected to the Selection Committee - Track & Field.
- 8.10.2 B. Roe (Tas) was appointed Convenor.
- 8.11 Technical Committee - 3 to be elected
- Nominations received for: D. Dohnt (SA), F. Eggleton (NSW), I. Galbraith (ACT), F. Napier (WA), I. White (NSW).

- 8.11.1 A ballot resulted in D. Dohnt (SA), F. Eggleton (NSW) and I. Galbraith (ACT) being elected to the Technical Committee.
- 8.11.2 I. Galbraith (ACT) was appointed Convenor.
- 8.12 Walking Committee - 3 to be elected
Nominations received for: R. Crawford (NSW), R. McFadden (SA), H. Summers (Vic), P. Waddell (ACT).
- 8.12.1 A ballot resulted in R. Crawford (NSW), H. Summers (Vic) and P. Waddell (ACT) being elected to the Walking Committee.
- 8.12.2 P. Waddell (ACT) was appointed Convenor.
- 8.13 Women's Committee - 3 to be elected (at least 2 women)
Nominations received for: B. Moore (NSW), K. Mutton (SA), C. Stanton (WA).
- 8.13.1 B. Moore (NSW), K. Mutton (SA) and C. Stanton (WA) were duly appointed to the Women's Committee.
- 8.13.2 B. Moore (NSW) was appointed Convenor.
- 8.14 Merit Award
Nominations received for: F. Day (WA), E. Martin (Qld).
- 8.14.1 A ballot was held and the Meeting resolved that F. Day (WA) and E. Martin (Qld) should receive the Merit Award.
The Chairman thanked the Returning Officer and Scrutineer for their services.
9. REPORT OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS
- 9.1 Resolved that the Report of the Board of Directors be received.
10. REPORT OF THE TREASURER
- 10.1 Resolved that the Financial Statements for year ended 31 March, 1991 be adopted.
- 10.2 Resolved that all Project Accounts must be itemised in future Financial Statements presented to Annual General Meetings.
- 10.3 Resolved that Budget 1991/92 be adopted as presented.
- 10.4 B. Hodgson asked that an explanation of State contributions be given as soon as possible.
- 10.4.1 Resolved that this would be done by the Treasurer.

11. REPORT OF THE GENERAL MANAGER

- 11.1 The General Manager gave an update oral Report stating that sponsorships had been secured with Queensland Sugar Corporation, NEC, Mobil and Mars.
- 11.2 The tremendous support given to athletics by the Australian Sports Commission was acknowledged and applauded by delegates.
- 11.3 Athletics New South Wales acknowledged and thanked Athletics Australia for the sponsorship support for meetings held in New South Wales 1990/91.
- 11.4 Resolved that the Report of the General Manager be received.

12. REPORT OF THE NATIONAL COACH

- 12.1 The President congratulated the National Coach on his tremendous effort in organising all the overseas tours as leadup competition for the 1991 World T & F Championships.
- 12.2 Resolved that the Report of the National Coach be received.

13. REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES

- Report of the Junior Development Commission
- Report of the Distance Running Commission
- Officials Committee
- Report of the Race Walking Committee
- Report of the Legal & Constitution Committee
- Report of the Records Committee
- Report of the Women's Committee
- Report of the Statistician
- Report of the Coaching Co-ordinating Committee
- Report of the Technical Committee
- Report of the Medical Commission
- Report of the Athletes' Commission

- 13.1 Resolved that tribute be paid to Mrs. Flo Wrighter for her tremendous service given to the Officials Committee over many years.

13.2 Resolved to record the thanks of the Annual General Meeting and Athletics Australia's Board to all Committees for their tireless work and efforts over the last twelve months.

13.3 Resolved that the Reports of Standing Committees be received.

14. REPORTS OF MEMBER ASSOCIATIONS

Report of Northern Territory Athletic Association

Report of Athletics New South Wales

Report of Athletic Association of Western Australia

Report of Athletics South Australia

Report of Queensland Athletic Association Limited

Report of Australian Capital Territory Athletic Association Inc.

Report of Athletics Tasmania

Report of Athletics Victoria

14.1 Resolved that the Reports of Member Associations be received.

14.2 Resolved that the front page of the Annual Report be amended to show correct dates of reformation of Member Associations.

15. MOTIONS UPON NOTICE

15.1 Submitted by the Athletic Association of Western Australia that By Law 31(3) (a) be amended by the deletion of the word "Open" and its replacement by the word "Allcomers". The Law would then read:

By Law 31(3) (a) An Australian Allcomers Record shall be established by a person or relay team at an accredited meeting in Australia.

WITHDRAWN

15.2 Issue: The Board of Athletics Tasmania is concerned that during the 1990/91 Track & Field season the entries of athletes who had not attained selection standards were accepted into Australian Championship events. This certainly caused criticism locally both from other athletes who may have entered if they had known that athletes of lesser ability would be accepted and from administrators who are concerned at the negative impact of non qualified athletes who were subsequently well beaten in Championship events.

There seems to be little point in having formal qualifying standards if these are not to be applied but irrespective of the rights and wrongs of this matter Athletics Tasmania would like to move the following motions. It is believed that the proposal will provide a better system of "self" selection for Championship events.

It is to be noted that no mention is made of track events in which qualifying rounds have normally been held as it is considered that the current system of advancement to finals is sufficiently limiting on athletes of lesser ability.

15.3 Moved N. Ruddock (Tas) seconded A. Willis (Tas) that Rules 10.11, 10.12 and 10.13 be deleted.

15.4 Moved N. Ruddock (Tas) seconded A. Willis (Tas) that new Rule 10.11 be adopted: The Rule would read:

Rule 10.11 Field sizes for Championship events be limited by annually setting minimum commencing heights for high jump and pole vault events and maximum, competition times for distance running and walking events. For long and triple jumps and throwing events entrants are to be seeded so that lower standard athletes contest a limited number of vacancies in the finals of respective events.

15.4.1 Resolved that Agenda Items 15.3 and 15.4 be referred to the Track & Field Commission for recommendation and action.

15.5 Moved by the Secretary, seconded D. Wilson (ACT) that Article of Association 12(b) be amended by special resolution to include the Ultra Distance Runners Association as an Associate Member. The Article would then read:

12. (b) The following bodies are hereby recognised as Associate Members and are hereafter referred to as Associates -

Australian Track & Field Coaches Association
Australian Universities' Sports Association
Australian Association of Veterans' Athletic Clubs
Australian Ultra Distance Runners Association.

15.5.1 The motion was carried.

16. GENERAL BUSINESS

- 16.1 Submitted by Athletics South Australia that "all entries for Championships go through the State Association offices who then forward them to the Union or the host Association".

WITHDRAWN

- 16.2 Moved by R. Brandis (Qld), seconded by D. Wilson (ACT) "That the Annual General Meeting of Athletics Australia confirms that at all future Australian Championships IAAF Rule 112 (Jury of Appeal) shall be strictly observed and that decisions of the Jury of Appeal shall not be altered, set aside or over-ruled by any other persons."

The motion was lost.

- 16.3 Little Athletics Report - David Prince

- 16.3.1 The President gave an oral report on Little Athletics and expressed the hope that all States would soon be working in harmony.

- 16.4 Athletics Australia Task Force Up-date

- 16.4.1 An oral report was given by John Landy and Barry Stanton and delegates were asked to urge their States to make a commitment to the direction which the Taskforce wishes to take.

- 16.5 The President asked Tony Rice to take the thanks of Athletics Australia and Member Associations to the AT & FCA and the Rothmans Foundation for their support all coaches throughout Australia.

- 16.6 The meeting thanked the President for his efforts over the past year.

- 16.7 Tribute was paid to Graeme Briggs for his involvement with Athletics Australia over many years and it was resolved that he be made a special consultant to the Board of Directors for the next twelve months.

The meeting closed at 12.45pm.