

**Minutes of the 28th Annual General Meeting of Athletics Australia
held at Athletics House, Lakeside Room, 31 Aughtie Drive, Albert Park
on Wednesday, 5 December 2012 at 2.30pm**

1. Welcome – Rob Fildes

Welcome to everybody, a very interesting and productive year in athletics.

2. Roll Call of Officers and Delegates

Directors

President:	Rob Fildes OAM
Vice President:	David Grace QC
Vice President:	Nick Moore
Director:	Matt Mahon
Director:	Eddie McGuire AM
Director:	Peter Bromley
Director:	Anne Lord
Director:	Melissa Babbage

Delegates

ACT:	Neil Boden (for Alex Gosman)
NSW:	Sean Scanlon
NT:	Kevin Mulvahil
QLD:	Des Johnston
SA:	Tony Keynes
TAS:	Brian Roe
VIC:	Ian Jones
WA:	David van der Walt

Observers

ACT:	Wendy Pinkerton
NSW:	Greg Meagher
NT:	Richard Welsh
QLD:	David Gynther
SA:	Adam Bishop, Joe Stevens
VIC:	Nick Honey
WA:	Wayne Loxley

Athletics Australia Staff

Dallas O'Brien	Chief Executive Officer
Joe Brugliera	Chief Financial Officer
Rebecca Culley	Executive Assistant to the CEO
Andrew Matthews	Competition Manager
Andrew Wilson	Marketing Executive
Carol Grant	High Performance Administration Coordinator

Cody Lynch	Media & PR Executive
Daneesha Fonseka	Accountant
Eric Hollingsworth	High Performance Manager
Jill Taylor	Coaching Development Manager
Kylie Williams	High Performance Administrator – Junior Programs
Melissa Broekhoff	Receptionist
Michelle James	Event Manager
Nicky Frey	National Junior Administrator – Junior Programs
Rosie Ditton	Target Talent Coordinator
Sara Mulkearns	National Junior High Performance Manager
Tim Klar	Participation Manager

Also Present

Peter Minchin (Australian Sports Commission), Paul Jenes (Life Governor), Hamish Beaumont (Athletics Victoria), Regina Khart

3. Apologies:

Alex Gosman (President - ACT), John Bailey AM (Life Governor), Ronda Jenkins OAM (Life Governor), Jackie Byrnes OAM (Life Member), David Prince OAM (Life Governor), Penny Gillies (Life Member), Max Debnam (Life Member), David Tarbotton (Life Member), Denis Wilson AM (Life Governor), Tony Rice (Life Member), Dave Cundy (Life Member), Janelle Eldridge OAM (Life Member), Peter Hamilton (Life Member), Alessandro Bisetto (Life Member), Trevor Vincent OAM (Life Member), Glynis Nunn-Cearns OAM (Life Member), Lorraine Morgan AM (Life Member), Wayne Fletcher OAM (Life Member), Allan McDonald QC AO (Life Governor), Bob Lay (President - Athletics International), Roy Boyd OAM (Life Member), Lynette Foreman (Life Member), Margaret Mahony OAM (Life Governor)

4. Obituaries

2011-2012 Report Year
Eric Arnold OAM (NSW) – NSW Life Member and National Technical Official
Daniel Batman (NSW)/ACT) – Olympian, Australian Representative, National Champion
RH (Reg) Brandis OAM (Qld) – AA Life Governor, QA President, International Technical Official
Lola Britton (SA) – ASA Life Member
Maxine (Johnson) Corcoran (Vic) – Commonwealth Games Representative, National Champion
DK (Keith) Donald (NSW) – NSW Life Member
Jacqui Dufall (WA) – AWA Life Member, National Team Official
Bill Dunn (NSW) – NSW Life Member
Gerald Hayes (NSW) – National Technical Official
Kevan Hook (WA) – AWA Life Member, National Technical Official
Donald Jowett OAM (Qld) – AA Life Member, International Technical Official
Betty (Robbie) Kempster (SA) – National medallist
Roy McFadden (SA) – Coach and official
Ted McGlynn (NSW) - Olympian
Laurie Moore (NSW) – National Technical Official
Peter Mullins (NSW) – Olympian, National Champion
Harold Rennie (Tas) – AT Merit Award Holder
Alan Robinson (NSW) – National medallist
Harold Stevens OAM (Vic) – AV Life Member

Natasa Urbancic (Vic) – National medallist
Barbara Westcott (Tas) – AT Merit Award Holder
John Willams (NT) – President, Athletics NT

Since 1 July 2012

John Cheffers – coach and former AIS Director
John Gray (Tas) – AT Merit Award Holder
Robin Hood AM (Tas) – AA Life Member and National Technical Official
Chris Perry (Vic) – Commonwealth Games Representative and Stawell Gift champion
John Treloar AM (NSW) – Olympic finalist and ANSW Life Member

5. Minutes

Minutes of the 27th Athletics Australia Annual General Meeting held on Tuesday 29th November 2011 at 2.30pm as tabled were taken as true and correct. Moved by: Tony Keynes and seconded by: Brian Roe

6. President's Address

The President spoke to his report as tabled in the 2011-2012 Annual Report.

The President spoke of key highlights since July 1, 2012.

The London Olympics – a great success for Great Britain. Australia won three medals: Gold - Sally Pearson (100m Hurdles), Silver – Mitchell Watt (Long Jump) and Silver - Jarred Tallent (50km Walk).

Athletics finished 8th on medal tally and 10th on the overall results tally out of 170 competing nations.

Athletics Australia has completed a full review of our Olympic Games performances which has been submitted to the AOC. We won three medals which is in our historical range of two-four over the last eight Olympics. With our large team of 52 athletes, we were disappointed with only six top eight performances and a number of performances well short of 'A' qualifier standard and the lack of near to PBs. We have highlighted with the ASC that we had many world class performers in London but not enough world best when it mattered at the Games. This will be addressed in the next Olympic cycle with our HP Manager, Eric Hollingsworth being able to concentrate on his role as Head Coach under the new HP structure.

We had a successful Paralympics with 27 medals won, finishing fifth on the medal tally - two behind Great Britain (29) and one behind USA (28).

We won five medals at the World Junior Championships which is our best since Atlanta 1996.

We do recognise that our sport, like many Olympic and other Australian sports is under enormous pressure from the growing strength of the great professional sports in our country, including AFL and NRL. It is beholden upon our sport to survive and thrive in this highly commercial new world environment and we accept that we must try to commercialise our sport more, however, without increased Government funding in the years ahead we will continue to be under extreme pressure to hold the best potential athletes in our sport. It is very important that the Member Associations and Athletics Australia work even more closely to achieve our goals.

The Australian Sports Commission and the Australian Institute of Sport have been working closely with us since the London Olympics and we applaud the appointment of Mr John

Wylie AM as Chairman of the ASC. Athletics Australia is in agreement with the initiative of the ASC's "Australia's Winning Edge 2012-2022" plan announced on 30th November.

Thank you to all those involved in the Athletics Australia Strategic Plan 2013-16. This is a detailed and well thought out document adding to the successful 2009-12 Strategic Plan.

We look forward to a positive and productive 2012-13 Season followed by the June to September European Season culminating in the World Championships in Moscow August 2013.

The Return of Qantas, the major sponsor of the Australian Athletics Tour is an encouraging step forward for the sport. Thanks to Dallas for his work on achieving this.

The continued success of the joint venture with Little Athletics Australia is also exciting for our sport.

Lakeside stadium is working successfully. On Saturday evening we open "Athletics House", the new national HQ for Australian Athletics. For the first time the key national bodies will be together in one building. It is a significant achievement for Athletics Australia and Little Athletics Australia to be working together. Also it is very important for Athletics Victoria and Little Athletics Victoria to be sharing offices plus the Victorian Athletics League. This initiative will create enormous benefits for our sport in the years ahead.

The Australian Athletics Tour will again see Fox Sports and the Nine Network on board as our broadcast partners. We will continue to endeavour to achieve commercial viability beyond the ongoing government support of our programs.

The financial stability of our sport continues as outlined in the 2011/12 Financial Report, posting a surplus of \$84,000 against a budget of \$80,000.

The IAAF Centenary Celebrations which I attended last week in Barcelona were quite fantastic. At the Gala Dinner of around 800 people, there were over 150 Olympic and World Championship gold medallists in attendance. The induction of Betty Cuthbert into the IAAF Hall of Fame was wonderful to enjoy.

Australia was one of the 17 founding nations that met after the Stockholm Olympics in 1912 and formed the IAAF.

The question of drugs in sport was a strong topic of conversation in Barcelona. It is acknowledged that performance enhancing drugs in even more sophisticated form, will continue.

The digital review which is most important for our sport has been discussed at length over the last two days of meetings and we look forward to working with the Member Associations accepting the urgent need for this important national venture which is critical for the future of our sport. Our next meeting to take place at 11.00am on 27th February.

Communication between the Athletics Australia Board, CEO and it members needs continued improvement

7. CEO Report

It has been a challenging 12 months

Give respect to the teams hard work, our coaches and athletes, the reason we do this job is to support them in representing Australia

Looking forward to the next four years, the Rio cycle

Development of the 2013-2016 Strategic Plan has been a 12 month process involving key stakeholders, thanks the Member Associations for their contributions, this process highlights how quickly our sport expands and changes. Further operational detail of the plan needs to be developed. The Pillar of Leadership was one of the key points to come out of the process, working with our major partners, working with the Australian Sports Commission (ASC).

Thanks the ASC and Peter Minchin, thank you for his support and advice, from Eric and myself, thank you.

High Performance – key pillar again, uses up most of resources, personnel, it is where we are judged, the medals and top 8 finishes are what matters

Participation - All our activity that Member Associations are doing at club level, digital review, how do we connect with the community we currently have, but how can we also look to connect with those outside our community.

National Participation plan, club capability

Running Australia program, AWD program, outback program

Thanks to Tim Klar as head of this department, he is doing an excellent job.

Competition - Showcase of our sport, worked hard to keep it this way, there are challenges around attracting internationals

Qantas, Channel 9, Foxsport, Asics, long term sponsor

Perth, Sydney and Melbourne World Challenge (IAAF world circuit)

National Championships to return to Sydney (NSW events support us with that event)

Commercial & Financial pillar is critical, relates to our digital strategy moving forward, only just scratching the surface of where we can go together as a sport, we are a bit behind other sports, but there is a lot of hope and opportunity

Thanks to Joe Brugliera who heads up the administration department.

Move into Athletics House, Joe Brugliera was the Project Manager for this move, breath of fresh air, great to be next to an athletics track, being so close to the other bodies, very advantageous.

Junior World Championships in Spain, 59 qualified athletes, important that we have a strong base of athletes coming through the system. Thanks to Sara Mulkearns and her team.

Thanks to the Athletics Australia staff, CEO's of the Member Associations

Thanks to Peter Minchin (ASC)

Thanks to the Athletics Australia Board, they are always only a phone call away, particular thanks to Rob, who has a great passion and love for athletics

8. Annual Report

Presentation of the Athletics Australia Annual Report for the year ended 30 June 2011, including:

- 8.1** The audited accounts comprising Statement of Financial Performance, Statement of Financial Position, Statement of Cash Flows and Notes to Financial Statements; and

CFO Joe Brugliera stated:

Page 84 – audited financial statements, meeting of directors, number of eligible meetings, change from 6 to 5.

Summary of highlights

Posting a surplus of \$84,000, \$13,000 increase from last year

Balance sheet of 4.5 million (1.1 million increase)

Total net equity position of 2.2million (85,000 increase)

St. Kilda Road and other investments

2013 will pose a challenge and we welcome this, indicates we are spending everything we are getting

- 8.2** Reports of the Member Associations

The Member Association Reports as tabled were taken as a true and correct record

9. Board of Directors' Election

9.1 Ratification of Melissa Babbage as Director

Director, Melissa Babbage requires ratification by the Members at the following AGM in accordance with clause 31.1.

'That the Members ratify the appointment of Ms Melissa Babbage to the Board'

This was moved unanimously by all members

9.2 Re-Election of Board Directors

Re-election of retiring Director, David Grace.

By rotation, Mr Grace retires at the conclusion of the 2012 Annual General Meeting. Being eligible, Mr Grace offers himself for re-election and consequently will enter a third term as Director. According to clause 30.4 of the Constitution this election will require a special majority (75%) of the Members.

'That Mr Grace is re-elected to the Board'

This was moved unanimously by all members

Re-election of retiring Director, Nick Moore.

By rotation, Mr Moore retires at the conclusion of the 2012 Annual General Meeting. Being eligible, Mr Moore offers himself for re-election and consequently will enter a third term as Director. According to clause 30.4 of the Constitution this election will require a special majority (75%) of the Members.

'That Mr Moore is re-elected to the Board'

This was moved unanimously by all members

By rotation, Mr Mahon retires at the conclusion of the 2012 Annual General Meeting. Being eligible, Mr Mahon offers himself for re-election and consequently will enter a third term as Director. According to clause 30.4 of the Constitution this election will require a special majority (75%) of the Members.

'That Mr Mahon is re-elected to the Board'

This was moved unanimously by all members

10. Life Governorship and Life Membership

As per the below Constitutional Clauses:

7.7 The Company in general meeting and on the recommendation of the Board may:

7.7 (2) confer Honorary Life Governorship on any natural person who has rendered outstanding service to the sport of athletics in Australia and confer Honorary Life Membership to any natural person who has rendered distinguished service to the sport of athletics in Australia. The suitability of a nominee for Life Governorship or Life Membership must be approved by the Special Awards Committee established by the By-Laws.

7.8 The election of:

7.8 (2) an Honorary Life Governor will be determined by a three quarters majority of votes cast.

7.8 (3) an Honorary Life Member will be determined by a three quarters majority of votes cast.

The Board of Athletics Australia supports the nominations and agreement is sought to confer the award of Life Governor on the below recipients:

Geoffrey Martin OAM (NSW)
LR (Roy) Boyd OAM (VIC)

The Board of Athletics Australia supports the nominations and agreement is sought to confer the award of Life Membership on the below recipients:

Khan Sharp (VIC)
Granton McKay (VIC)
Craig Hilliard (ACT)
Carol Grant (VIC)
Stephen Stingemore (WA)

The Presidents conferred Life Governors and Life Membership and welcomed the new Governors and Members into Athletics Australia

Brian Roe read the citations of all inductees

11. General Business

11.1 Election of the Company Auditor

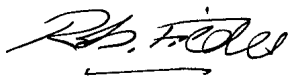
Current Partners (Lachlan Partners) were nominated for 2012-2013

This was moved unanimously by all members

Tony Keynes to Rob Fildes - On behalf of the Presidents, thank you for the continued outstanding leadership you bring to the sport of athletics

Rob Fildes to Tony Keynes – With 12 years as President of Athletics SA, Tony was formally thanked for his contribution to the sport of athletics

Meeting closed at 3.37pm



Rob Fildes OAM
President

14 December, 2012

Date