



Athletics Australia
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Minutes of 31st Annual General Meeting of Athletics Australia held on 27 November 2015, at Athletics House, Catherine Freeman Room, 31 Aughtie Drive, Albert Park Victoria commenced at 1.30pm

Ordinary Business

1. Apologies and obituaries

The Chair opened the meeting and welcomed Directors, Delegates, Life Governors, Life Members and observers.

Present

David Grace QC
Matt Mahon
Nick Moore
Peter Bromley
Anne Lord
Brenda LaPorte
Jan Swinhoe
Nathan Deakes

Position

President and Chair Athletics Australia
Vice President, Athletics Australia
Vice President, Athletics Australia
Director, Athletics Australia
Director, Athletics Australia
Director, Athletics Australia
Director, Athletics Australia
Director, Athletics Australia
CEO, Athletics Australia
Company Secretary, Athletics Australia

Delegates

Neil Boden
Mal Harford
Desmond Johnson
Kevin Mulvahil
Heather Ridley
Brian Roe
Joe Stevens
Sean Scanlon

President, Athletics Australian Capital Territory
Director, Athletics Western Australia (for David van der Walt)
President, Queensland Athletics
President, Athletics Northern Territory
President, Athletics Victoria
Director, Athletics Tasmania (for Mike Gunson)
President, Athletics South Australia
President, Athletics New South Wales

Director candidates

Mark Arbib
Geoff Nicholson

External Auditors

Tony Rose
Archana Kumar

Director, Lachlan Nielson Partners
Audit Manager, Lachlan Nielson Partners

Apologies

Rob Fildes OAM
Ronda Jenkins OAM
Margaret Mahony OAM
Geoffrey Martin OAM
Brenda Peal OAM
David Prince OAM
Dennis Wilson AM

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Lorraine Morgan	Life Member
Mike Gunson	President, Athletics Tasmania
Ben Sellenger	Director candidate, Athletics Australia

The Chair noted the obituaries listed in the 2014/15 Annual Report, together with those who had passed away since 1 July 2015.

2. Minutes of the previous Annual General meeting

The minutes of the 30th Annual General Meeting of Athletics Australia held on 24 October 2014 were adopted and signed by the Chair.

3. President's Report

The President's Report on the affairs of the Company was tabled.

The Chair provided the meeting with the following highlights and acknowledgements:

- A national roadshow had been undertaken to help shape a 15-year vision for athletics and the development of a revised 4-year Strategic Plan;
- The sport had received the Buchanan and Glasgow 2014 reports during the year. Many of the recommendations contained in these reports had been implemented already and others were underway;
- A new President and Board will be in place post the 2015 AGM;
- A new executive team was finalised during the year;
- The Chair thanked Phil Jones who had initially joined the organisation as the Interim CEO in December 2014 and was appointed CEO in June 2015;
- The Chair thanked the Board for their contributions;
- The Chair acknowledged the importance of maintaining the company's reserves. \$1 million is set aside from working capital needs in a longer term deposit and an investment property valued at over \$1 million; and
- The Chair wished the new board success and that they receive everyone's support.

4. CEO's Report

The CEO's Report on the affairs of the Company was tabled.

5. Financial Statements and Reports

The financial statements of the Company and its controlled entities and the reports of the directors and auditor for the financial year ended 30 June 2015 were tabled.

6. Election of Directors

The Chair reported that directors David Grace QC, Matt Mahon and Nick Moore would retire at today's AGM. Each had advised that they did not seek a further term under the provisions outlined in the company's Constitution.

The Chair outlined the process undertaken by the Nominations Committee to seek and recommend three candidates to join the board.

The Chair reported that pursuant to clause 25.1 of the Athletics Australia Constitution it had unanimously been agreed that:

Mark Arbib, Geoff Nicholson and Ben Sellenger be elected as directors of the company in accordance with Clause 28.3 of the Company's Constitution.

The Chair provided the meeting with an overview of the new directors backgrounds and congratulated them on their appointment. Mark Arbib and Geoff Nicholson were presented to the meeting.

It was noted that Ben Sellenger was an apology.

7. Election of Auditors

Pursuant to clause 25.1 of the Athletics Australia Constitution it was unanimously agreed that:

Lachlan Nielson Partners be appointed as the Company's auditor for the 2015-16 financial year.

8. Special Awards

Nominations made by the Special Awards Committee under clause 11.2.1(a) of the Company's By-laws were noted.

Pursuant to clause 25.1 of the Athletics Australia Constitution it was unanimously agreed that:

Life Governorship pursuant to Clause 7.7 of the Athletics Australia Constitution be conferred upon Peter Hamilton (Qld) and Lorraine Morgan (Vic); and

Life Membership pursuant to Clause 7.7 of the Athletics Australia Constitution be conferred upon Peter Donovan (SA), Ian Jones (Vic), Janet Nixon (NSW), Bruno Rizzo (QLD) and Jeanette Robertson OAM (Vic/WA).

9. Other Business

Sean Scanlon on behalf of the Member Associations thanked the three retiring directors for their contributions and welcomed the new directors.

Anne Lord on behalf of the Athletics Australia board and everyone at the meeting thanked the three retiring directors for their commitment, dedication and significant contributions made to the sport.

In response to the thank you provided by Sean Scanlon and Anne Lord, retiring directors Matt Mahon and Nick Moore both addressed the meeting.

It was noted that there was no other business of which due notice had been given or which in the opinion of the Chair of the meeting, may be expedient.

There being no further business the Chair thanked everyone for their attendance and closed the meeting at 2.35 pm.

Signed as a true and correct record.

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Chair

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Date

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OBITUARIES

DURING 2014 – 2015 REPORT YEAR

Margaret (Johnson) Arnold - Olympian
John Bartram – Olympian and National Champion
Barbara Borham (SA) - National Technical Official
John Bromley (NSW) - NSW State Champion
John Caulfield (Tas) - AT Merit Award
Ronald William 'Ron' Clarke AO, MBE – Olympian and World Record Holder
Patricia Duggan (De Glas) – Olympian and National Champion
Jackie (Gallagher) Fairweather – Commonwealth Medallist
Joan Harris (WA) – AWA Life Member
Patricia Hood (Tas) - AT Merit Award
David Howard (Tas) – National Technical Official and AT Merit Award
Larry Jacka (NSW) - National Technical Official
Ray Kerlogue (SA) – National Technical Official
Alan Launder AM (SA) - AA Life Member, National Team Official and Event Coach
Peter Lindner – National Junior Champion
Phil May – Olympian, Commonwealth Champion, Chair of Selectors
George Millar (Tas) – Coach
Michael Moroney - Olympian
Charles Morris – Olympian and National Champion
Jacob Murphy (SA) - Athlete
Brenton Norman – Commonwealth Games Representative
George Norris (Tas) – National Technical Official and AT Merit Award
Ron O'Neil (SA) - ASA Life Member and National Technical Official
DR (Des) Paul OAM (SA) - ASA Life Member and National Technical Official
Geoff Peters (SA) - ASA Life Member
Toby Schreier (SA) - ASA Life Member and Coach
Colin Smith (NSW) – Athlete, Coach, National Technical Official
Damien Smith (SA) – ASA Staff Member
Brian Wyld (SA) - ASA Life Member

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James 'Jim' Achurch – Olympian and National Champion
Phyllis Andersson (Vic) – AA Life Member
Geoff Barclay (Qld) – National Technical Official
Betty Beazley (WA) – President AWAAU (1948-52), World Record Holder, National Champion
Laurie Hutton (NSW) – AA Life Member and National Team Manager
Graeme Nicholls – National Champion
Gordon Noble (Vic) – Commonwealth Games Representative
Brian Oliver – Olympian and Commonwealth Champion
John Purdie (SA) - ASA Life Member
Andrew Willis (Tas) – AT Life Member and National Technical Official
Sylvia Abbott (Vic) – AV Life Member and National Technical Official