

# ATHLETICS AUSTRALIA

Minutes of the Ninth Annual General Meeting of Athletics Australia held at the Banks Hotel, Flinders Lane, Melbourne, on Saturday, 27th November, 1993, commencing at 9:30am.

## 1. ROLL CALL OF OFFICERS AND DELEGATES

### OFFICERS

President	D.P. Prince
Treasurer	J.Z. Makarucha
National Executive Director	N.A. King
Board Secretary	G.A. Rowe

### DELEGATES

Victoria	B. Hodgson	S. Stewart
New South Wales	G. Dyer	T. Adams
Queensland	P. O'Brien	R. Brandis
South Australia	G. Sargeant	K. Edwards
Tasmania	W. Fletcher	K. Oakey
Western Australia	B. Kernaghan	N. Cole
Australian Capital Territory	D. Wilson (VP)	B. Gleeson
Northern Territory	J. Hellwig	

### BOARD MEMBERS

B. Stanton  
S. Baker  
J. Atterton  
M. Mahony

### ALSO PRESENT

S. Fox	Australian Sports Commission
B. Moore	Aust. Secondary Schools Sports Ass
K. Farrance	Vic. Secondary Schools Sports Ass
M. Matthews	Aust. Track & Field Coaches Ass
I. Fletcher	Aust. Fed. of Race Walking Clubs
P. Bowman	Aust. Institute of Sport
D. McCann	Athletics West

### STAFF PRESENT

B. Roe	Competitions Manager
D. Culbert	Media Liaison Manager
J. McEniry	Junior Development Officer
F. Anstee	Accountant
M. Loughnan	Integration Co-ordinator
T. Folmer	Administration Officer
D. Booth	Sports Trainee
J. Tyrrell	Personal Assistant

### LIFE MEMBERS

B. Gardiner

## 2. APOLOGIES

C.D. Lee  
M. McQuiston  
B. Chung  
G. Carruthers  
B. Pearl  
P. Burke

### **3. READING OF NOTICE CONVENING MEETING**

3.1 The President read the Notice convening the meeting.

3.2 The President opened the Annual General Meeting of Athletics Australia with a warm welcome to all delegates, associates, Board members and staff with a special mention of Life Member, Bert Gardiner, and to delegates attending their first Annual General Meeting.

### **4. OBITUARIES**

The meeting stood as a mark of respect to the following:

Fred Eggleton, Jim Evans, John Marshall AM, Rick Pannell, Henri Schubert MBE, David Kitt, Ray Graham, Roma Bolton, Eric Matthews, Len Barnes, George Marshall, Noel Harrod, Vic Sharp, Jim Bell.

The President made special mention of Rick Pannell, the former Executive Director of Athletics Australia.

### **5. PRESIDENT'S ADDRESS**

In his address the President highlighted the changes and achievements of the past year which he detailed in the Annual Report.

He noted the contribution of sponsors to Athletics Australia, particularly the Queensland Sugar Corporation, MARS Confectionery, Mobil Australia and NEC.

He expressed his gratitude to the work of the Board, State Associations and the staff of Athletics Australia, with special thanks to Kathy Edwards following her decision to leave Athletics South Australia.

Resolved: That the report of the President be accepted.

### **6. CONFIRMATION of the MINUTES of the 8TH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING held in Sydney on 28th November, 1992.**

Resolved: That the Minutes of the previous Annual General Meeting be taken as a true and correct record.

**7. CONFIRMATION of the MINUTES of the SPECIAL GENERAL MEETING held in Sydney on 28th November, 1992**

Resolved: That the Minutes of the Special General Meeting be taken as a true and correct record.

**8. ELECTION OF MEMBERS OF STANDING COMMITTEES AND CONSIDERATION OF NOMINATIONS FOR AWARDS**

8.1 Track and Field Selection Committee.

Nominations:	Gerard Barrett	ACT
	Ken Gordon	ACT
	Peter Hamilton	ACT
	Mrs Valda Stanton	WA

A vote was taken and P. Hamilton was duly elected.

8.2 Cross Country, Road Running and Road Walking.

Nominations:	Roy McFadden	SA
	Brian Roe	TAS

A vote was taken and B. Roe was duly elected.

8.3 Life Membership in accordance with Article 13.

A vote was taken and it determined that Life Membership should be conferred on Justice Allan W. McDonald QC.

8.4 Merit Awards in accordance with Article 24.

A vote was taken and it determined the Merit Awards should be bestowed upon:

Murray R. Aitken  
Dr. John A. Daly OAM  
Mrs. Wendy M. Ey BEM  
Laurie A. Hutton  
Donald W. Jowett

**9. PRESENTATION OF THE REPORT OF THE BOARD FOR THE PERIOD 1ST JULY, 1992 TO 30TH JUNE, 1993**

Resolved: That the report be accepted of the Board of Athletics Australia for the period 1st July, 1992 to 30th June, 1993.

**10. PRESENTATION OF THE AUDITED BALANCE SHEET, STATEMENT OF REVENUE AND EXPENDITURE AND STATUTORY REPORTS AND STATEMENT FOR THE PERIOD 1ST JULY, 1992 TO 30TH JUNE, 1993**

Resolved: That these reports and statements be accepted.

**11. PRESENTATION OF REPORTS OF OFFICERS, STANDING COMMITTEES AND COMMISSIONS**

Resolved: That each of the reports presented in the Annual Report and at the meeting be accepted.

**12. PRESENTATION OF REPORTS OF MEMBER ASSOCIATIONS**

Resolved: That the reports as presented in the Annual Report and supported by the delegates at the meeting be accepted.

**13. NOTICES OF MOTION TO AMEND THE MEMORANDUM AND ARTICLES OF ASSOCIATION**

Resolved: That the following amendments to the Memorandum and Articles of Association Bylaws and Rules as submitted by the Board or by the Secretary as noted be approved.

13.1 Article 36 (a) be amended by the deletion of sub-articles (viii) and (ix) and their replacement by:

".... (viii) Director for State Development  
(ix) Director for Group Operations".

THE ARTICLE would then read:

36. (a) The Board shall consist of not more than nine Directors who shall be elected by the Members in general meeting to the following portfolio persons:

- (i) President
- (ii) Treasurer and Director for Finance
- (iii) Director for National Marketing
- (iv) Director for National Development
- (v) Director for Junior Development
- (vi) Director for Road Running, Cross Country & Road Walking Competition
- (vii) Director for Track and Field Competition
- (viii) Director for State Development
- (ix) Director for Group Operations

13.2 Article 68 be amended by the insertion of the following words after, "steeplechasing,":

"mountain running," ✓

THE ARTICLE would then read:

#### JURISDICTION

68. The Federation claims absolute jurisdiction throughout the Commonwealth of Australia, and in such other Territories controlled by the Commonwealth of Australia as the Federation in general meeting may determine, in the following:

- (a) running, including hurdling, steeplechasing, mountain running, cross country running and road running; ✓

13.3 Bylaw 9 be amended by the insertion of the following words after the words "employment of staff",

", final ratification of teams and individuals chosen by the Selection Committees to represent Australia".

THE BYLAW would then read:

#### 9. EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

The Board at its first meeting following each annual general meeting shall appoint from amongst its members an Executive Committee comprising the President, the General Manager and two others. In addition to any duties specified elsewhere, the Executive shall have responsibility for conditions of employment of staff, final ratification of teams and individuals chosen by the Selection Committees to represent Australia, and for any matters delegated by the Board in accordance with Article 57.

13.4 Bylaw 31(3)(a) be amended by the deletion of the words "Australian Open Record" and their replacement by:

"Australian Allcomers Record".

THE BYLAW would then read:

31. (3) Australian Records shall be of the two following classes:

- (a) an Australian Allcomers Record shall be one established by a person or relay team at an accredited meeting in Australia;

13.5 Article 13(f) be amended by the deletion of the words "thirty first day of December in each year" and their replacement by:

"thirtieth day of June in each year".

THE ARTICLE would then read:

13. (f) A nomination for the bestowal of honorary life membership may be made by a Member Association by notice in writing to the Federation, accompanied by a statement of the qualifications of the nominee, deposited at the Office by not later than the thirtieth day of June in each year.

13.6 Bylaw 24(2) be amended by the insertion of the following words after the words "Member Associations":

"or the Board".

THE BYLAW would then read:

24. MERIT AWARD

The Merit Award of AA may be conferred on any person who has rendered distinguished service to the athletic movement in Australia.

- (2) nominations which may be made by Member Associations or the Board shall be in writing and shall be accompanied by a statement of the qualifications of the nominee. Nominations shall close with the Secretary forty-two days prior to the date of the annual general meeting and shall be mailed by the Secretary to each Association at least twenty-eight days before the annual general meeting;

**14. OTHER NOTICES OF MOTION**

Resolved: That the following notice of motion as submitted by the Secretary be approved.

The Australian All Schools Cross Country & Road Walking Championships be restructured in accordance with the following principles:

- (a) The Australian All Schools Cross Country Championships be combined with those of the Australian Schools Sports Council on a permanent basis to be held on the first or second week in August.
- (b) The Road Walking Championships be discontinued and be replaced by U14 and U16 Australian Road Walking Championships to be held in conjunction with the existing Australian Road Walking Championships.
- (c) The age for all Australian Schools Championships (Cross Country and Track and Field) to be determined as at 31st December in the year of competition.
- (d) The age groups to be contested and regulations for conduct of championships to be determined by an Athletics Australia / Australian Schools Sports Council Working Group by 31st January, 1994.

## 15. ADOPTION OF THE BUDGET FOR PERIOD 1ST JULY, 1993 TO 30TH JUNE, 1994

Resolved: That the proposed Budget for the period 1st July, 1993 to 30th June, 1994, be adopted.

## 16. ALLOCATION OF NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS

Resolved: That in accordance with Bylaw 30(6) the National Championships for 1994 be confirmed as follows:

Open & Under 20 Track & Field	Sydney, NSW	10-13 March
U14, U16, U18 Track & Field	Hobart, Tas	24-27 March
Short Walks	Brisbane, Qld	24th April
Mountain Running	Canberra, ACT	7th May
Half Marathon	Lake Macquarie, NSW	26th June
Long Walks	Adelaide, SA	10th July
Marathon	Gold Coast, Qld	17th July
Schools Cross Country	Melbourne, Vic	13-14 August
Cross Country	Nowra, NSW	3rd September
All Schools Track & Field	Brisbane, Qld	December/date TBA

## 17. GENERAL BUSINESS

### 17.1 Insurance

Resolved: That the matter be taken up by the Athletics Australia office.

### 17.2 Synthetic Tracks

Noted: That new lower priced synthetic tracks provided an acceptable alternative to higher cost tracks.

### 17.3 Privacy Legislation

Noted: That the concern from delegates in dealing with the requirements of Privacy Legislation, all associations to note.

### 17.4 AA News

Noted: That early in 1994 AA News would be integrated into the existing Australian Runner magazine.

### 17.5 K. Edwards Farewell

The meeting noted the work of Kathy Edwards as a Board member and delegate and wished her well in her new position.

