

ATHLETICS AUSTRALIA

Minutes of the Eleventh Annual General Meeting of Athletics Australia held at the Rydges Melbourne Hotel, Exhibition Street Melbourne, on Saturday, 18th November, 1995, 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	K. Dynan	S. Russell
New South Wales	M. Harrison	S. Hampstead
Queensland	M. Macdermott	R. Smith
South Australia	G. Sargeant	R. Carter
Tasmania	T. Dwyer	K. Oakey
Western Australia	J. Hancy	
Australian Capital Territory	D. Wilson	S. Mee
Northern Territory	B. Webb	H. Jones

BOARD MEMBERS

R. Brandis	B. Stanton
S. Creighton	M. Mahony

ALSO PRESENT

C. Steffan	Australian Sports Commission
A. Rice	Aust. Track & Field Coaches Ass.
P. Bowman	Aust. Institute of Sport
G. Culbert	National Constitution Officer
P. King	Head Coach
M. Thompson	Athletics Victoria

STAFF PRESENT

B. Roe	Competitions Manager
D. Culbert	Media Liaison Manager
M. Favier	National Development Manager
J. McEniry	Development Officer
S. Llewellyn	Development Officer
F. Anstee	Accountant
T. Folmer	Administration Officer
D. Booth	Media Liaison Officer
J. Tyrrell	Personal Assistant
K. Clifford	Administration Assistant

2. APOLOGIES

M. Mathews	G. Dyer
B. Gleeson	C. Lee
S. McMinn	M. McQuiston
P. O'Brien	P. Scott
N. Cole	L. Rauert

3. READING OF NOTICE CONVENING MEETING

- 3.1 At the request of the President, the Business Manager 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, Board Members and staff, with a special mention to those delegates attending their first Annual General Meeting.
- 3.3 It was noted that with the absence of the second delegate from Western Australia (N. Cole) that J. Hancy would have two (2) votes.

4. OBITUARIES

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

C. Ronald Aitken CBE, Jack Metcalfe, Miss Nell Gould OAM BEM, Colin Smith, Bob Becker.

5. PRESIDENT'S ADDRESS

The President spoke of his report, highlighting the affect of the introduction of Olympic Athlete Program (OAP) funding, the exciting introduction of Optus as the major sponsor of Athletics Australia, the excellent results of the athletics team at the Commonwealth Games in Canada and the financial management of the organisation. He also mentioned the ongoing support of the Australian Sports Commission, and the continuing sound relationships with IAAF, AOC, ACGA, and Oceania region.

6. CONFIRMATION of MINUTES of the 10TH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING held in Melbourne on 26th November, 1994.

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

7. ELECTION of MEMBERS of BOARD OF DIRECTORS, HONORARY OFFICERS and COMMITTEE MEMBERS and consideration of LIFE MEMBERSHIPS and MERIT AWARD nominations.

7.1 BOARD

7.1.1 Director for Junior Development

Candidates: P. Kinnane, A. Launder, B. Gleeson.

Resolved: that following a ballot, B. Gleeson be declared elected.

7.1.2 Director for Finance

Candidates: J. Makarucha, R. Smith

Resolved: that following a ballot, J. Makarucha be declared elected.

7.1.3 Director for National Marketing

Candidate: G. Dyer.

Resolved: that as G. Dyer was the only nomination, he be declared elected.

7.1.4 Director for Road Running, Cross Country and Road Walking Competition.

Candidate: D. Wilson

Resolved: that as D. Wilson was the only nomination, he be declared elected.

7.1.6 Vice President

The President called for nominations of eligible Board members from the floor in accordance with the Articles for the position of Vice President. D. Wilson was the only nominee and he was duly declared elected.

7.2 HONORARY COMMITTEE POSITIONS

7.2.1 Track & Field Selection Committee

Candidate: P. Turney

Resolved: that as she was the only nomination, P. Turney be declared elected.

7.2.2 Cross Country, Road Running & Road Walking Selection Committee

Candidates: S. Iselin, J. Gilbert.

Resolved: that following a ballot, J. Gilbert be declared elected.

7.3 LIFE MEMBERSHIPS & MERIT AWARDS

7.3.1 Life Membership

Resolved: that following a ballot, the Member Associations endorsed the awarding of Life Membership to:

John Bailey (Qld)
Paul Jenes (Vic).

7.3.2 Merit Award

Resolved: that following a ballot, the Member Associations endorsed the awarding of a Merit Award to:

Roy Boyd (Vic)

8 **PRESENTATION of the REPORT of the BOARD of MANAGEMENT for the period 1st July, 1994 to 30th June, 1995.**

Resolved: that the Report of the Board of Management for the period 1st July, 1994 to 30th June, 1995 be accepted.

9. **PRESENTATION of the AUDITED BALANCE SHEET, STATEMENT of REVENUE & EXPENDITURE and STATUTORY REPORTS & STATEMENTS for the period 1st July, 1994 to 30th June, 1995.**

Resolved: that the Audited Balance Sheet, Statement of Revenue and Expenditure and Statutory Reports and Statements for the period 1 July 1994 to 30 June 1995 as presented in the Annual Report be accepted.

10. **PRESENTATION of REPORTS of OFFICERS, STANDING COMMITTEES & COMMISSIONS.**

Resolved: that the Reports of Officers, Standing Committees and Commissions, as presented in the Annual Report, be accepted.

11. **PRESENTATION of REPORTS of MEMBER ASSOCIATIONS.**

Resolved: that the Reports of the Member Associations, as presented in the Annual Report and to the meeting, be accepted.

12. **NOTICES of MOTION to amend the MEMORANDUM & ARTICLES of ASSOCIATION, BYLAWS & RULES.**

12.1 The following Notice of Motion was moved by Queensland and seconded by Western Australia:

"That Article 14 be deleted".

M. Macdermott spoke to the motion

The motion was lost 2-14

12.2 It was determined that the following Notice of Motion should be dealt with in conjunction with Item 13.1

"That Article 15(a) be deleted and the following new Article inserted in its stead:

All official and competing athletes, irrespective of age must be registered members of the Association of their permanent place of residence. The Federation may in General Meetings prescribe Registration Fees for the following financial year based on the actual number of audited registrations with each State or Territory Association at 31 March in each year. During the ensuing year, the Federation shall request payment on the first days of July, December and March and the fees are payable within 30 days of receipt by the respective Associations of such request".

12.3 The following Notice of Motion was moved by Queensland and seconded by Western Australia:

"That Article 17 be amended by deleting the words:

.. shall entail the automatic suspension of the Member or Associate in default. Thereafter the Federation may, on payment of the money in arrears and of such fine or fines as may be deemed applicable by the Board of Management, set aside such suspension and restore the defaulting party to membership.

and insert in their place the following:

.. shall entitle the Federation to recover such fees or levies in a Court of competent jurisdiction".

M. Macdermott spoke to the motion.

The motion was lost 2-14

12.4 The following motion was moved by Queensland and seconded by Western Australia:

"That Article 36 (a) be deleted and the following new Article inserted in its stead:

The Board shall not consist of more than fifteen (15) Directors:

- (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 and Road Walking Competition

- (vii) Director for Track and Field Competition
- (viii) Director for Special Projects and Events
- (ix) Director for New South Wales
- (x) Director for Victoria
- (xi) Director for Queensland
- (xii) Director for South Australia
- (xiii) Director for Tasmania
- (xiv) Director for Territories

M. Macdermott spoke to the motion

The motion was lost 4-12

12.5 The following Notice of Motion was withdrawn

"That as Article 38 is at present vacant, insert a new Article 38:

- (a) The NSW Amateur Athletic Association shall have power to appoint a person who is a resident of NSW and a member of that Association to be the Director for NSW. Such Director shall hold office until another person is appointed to such Office by the NSW Amateur Athletic Association.
- (b) The Victorian Athletic Association Incorporated shall have power to appoint a person who is a resident of Victoria and a member of that Association to be the Director for Victoria. Such Director shall hold office until another person is appointed to such Office by the Victorian Athletic Association Incorporated.
- (c) The Queensland Athletic Association Limited shall have power to appoint a person who is a resident of Queensland and a member of that Association to be the Director for Queensland. Such Director shall hold office until another person is appointed to such Office by the Queensland Athletic Association Limited.
- (d) The Athletic Association of South Australia Incorporated shall have power to appoint a person who is a resident of South Australia and a member of that Association to be the Director for South Australia. Such Director shall hold office until another person is appointed to such Office by the Athletic Association of South Australia Incorporated.
- (e) The Amateur Athletic Association of Tasmania shall have power to appoint a person who is a resident of Tasmania and a member of that Association to be the Director for Tasmania. Such Director shall hold office until another person is appointed to such Office by the Amateur Athletic Association of Tasmania.
- (f) The Athletic Association of Western Australia (Incorporated) shall have power to appoint a person who is a resident of Western Australia and a member of that Association to be the Director for Western Australia. Such Director shall hold office until another person is appointed to such Office by the Athletic Association of Western Australia (Incorporated).
- (g) The Australian Capital Territory Athletic Association Incorporated and the Northern Territory Athletic Association Incorporated together shall have power to appoint a person who is a resident of one of those Territories and a member of

one of those Associations to be the Director for Territories. Such Director shall hold office until another person is appointed to such office by joint agreement of the Australian Capital Territory Athletic Association Incorporated and the Northern Territory Athletic Association Incorporated.

- (h) The Directors appointed pursuant to this Article shall not be subject to Article 39 or Article 40.
- (i) The Associations set out in this Article may by notice in writing to Athletics Australia at any time cancel the appointment of the person previously appointed and appoint another person in their stead.
- (j) The increase in the number of Directors as a result of these amendments shall take effect from the date of the 1995 Annual General Meeting.

12.6 The following Notice of Motion was moved by Queensland and seconded by Victoria:

"That Article 37 be deleted and the following new Article inserted in its stead:

Each of the Directors shall be a member of a company, incorporated association or other body corporate or of an unincorporated association or body of their permanent place of residence which is, during all such times as the Director remains in office, a member of the Federation".

M. Macdermott spoke to the motion.

The motion was lost 4-12

12.7 The following Notice of Motion was moved by Queensland but lapsed for the want of a seconder

"That Article 40 (a) be deleted and the following new Article inserted in its stead:

After 1 January 1996, any person eligible to serve as a Director in accordance with Article 37 may nominate for election to the Board provided such nomination carries the approval of the Member Association of which the nominee is a member".

12.8 The following motion was withdrawn by Queensland:

"That Article 52 be deleted and the following new Article inserted in its stead:

The quorum for all meetings of the Board shall be half the number of Directors. Where that figure is a fraction the quorum shall be the next whole number above the fraction. No business may be transacted at any meeting unless the requisite quorum is present".

12.9 The following Notice of Motion was moved by ACT and seconded by Tasmania

"That Article 2 (d) which reads "To arrange for the holding of such other meetings and events as may from time to time be deemed desirable or expedient;" be deleted and the following new Article inserted in its stead:

"To arrange for the holding of such other meetings and events, including but not limited to, a grand prix series and other international events under IAAF rules as may from time to time be deemed desirable or expedient;"

The motion was carried unanimously.

12.10 The following Notice of Motion was moved by ACT and seconded by Tasmania:

"That By-Law 2 be deleted.

The motion was carried unanimously.

13. CONSIDERATION and PROPOSAL for the ADOPTION of the BUDGET for the period 1st July, 1995 to 30th June, 1996.

Following a presentation by the Director of Finance it was moved by ACT and seconded by Western Australia that the proposed Budget for the period 1st July, 1995 to 30th June, 1996, be adopted.

The motion was carried unanimously

13.1 Capitation Fees

It was moved by Western Australia and seconded by Queensland (R. Smith) that the recommendation of the Special Committee as follows be adopted:

"that no Member Association pay more than \$13 per head based on the 1994/95 registration numbers and that balance of the total Capitation Fee be applied according to the existing population based formulae with effect 1 July 1996. This method to be in place for three years subject only to CPI increases"

An amendment was moved by Queensland (M. Macdermott) and seconded by Victoria, that the following be added to the last sentence "and in the year prior to its expiry a Special Committee review the formulae"

The amendment was carried and the motion became:

"that no Member Association pay more than \$13 per head based on the 1994/95 registration numbers and that balance of the total Capitation Fee be applied according to the existing population based formulae with effect from 1 July 1996. This method to be in place for three years subject only to CPI increases and in the year prior to its expiry a Special Committee review the formulae"

This motion was carried 12-4

As a consequence the motion at Item 12.2 was withdrawn.

It was moved by South Australia and seconded by Queensland that the five alternate Member Associations to those on the original Special Committee be the Committee of Review to review the formulae. [The five are; New South Wales, Northern Territory, South Australia, Tasmania and Queensland].

This motion was carried unanimously.

14. ALLOCATION OF NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS

Resolved: that in accordance with Bylaws 30(6), the National Championships for 1996 be confirmed as follows:

Open & Under 20 Track & Field	Sydney
U14, U16, U18 Track & Field	Melbourne
Short Walks	New South Wales
Long Walks	South Australia
Mountain Running	ACT
Marathon	Gold Coast
Half Marathon	Lake Macquarie
Cross Country	Bendigo
Schools Cross Country	Queensland
All Schools Track & Field	Perth
(Concurrent with Pacific Schools Games)	

15. GENERAL BUSINESS

15.1 Special Award

Resolved that a special award presentation be made to Deborah Sosimenko.

15.2 Passing of C. R. Aitken

The meeting noted the passing of former President C. R. Aitken and requested that the National Executive Director write to each Member Association requesting ideas for further commemoration of his achievements in athletics.

