



Queensland Masters Athletics Assn. Inc.

MINUTES OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING - SATURDAY 29 JULY 2023

Venue: Sunnybank Hall

Time: Meeting opened 10.16 am

Present: 19 as per the attendance sheet and 5 via Teams on-line

Apologies: As per the apologies sheet – 13 apologies. Wilma Perkins moved apologies be accepted, seconded Dieter Lacko. All in favour.

Minutes from the previous AGM of 6 August 2022:

Minutes as per tabled document moved Lorraine, seconded Ros, “That the minutes be accepted as a true and correct record of the 2022 AGM.’ All in Favour. Carried.

Business arising from previous minutes: Nil

Presentation of reports:

- ***President***

As per tabled document. Bruce Bodsworth spoke to his report. Identified membership as a problem throughout Australia. Need to focus on recruiting volunteers. Need to invest into the future of regional clubs, in particular Sunshine Coast. He intends to survey members about what they want. Rob Lasker raised the issue of recruitment and retention and felt QMA should encourage raising our brand. Need broader strategy for promotion. Chris Brack felt we need to concentrate on improving the members’ experience. John Milne mentioned that he has contacts in the media and is happy to coordinate contact. Marj Burley suggested retirement villages might be a target audience. Stan Perkins stated we need to focus on developing the Regions which need to be treated separately from QMA Association. Come and Try Days decentrally eg. School tracks. The regular Winter Throwing Meets have been successful. Bruce moved his report be accepted, seconded by Don Burt.

- ***Secretary***

Ros Kerwin spoke briefly re her role which has been difficult because of personal health issues. Meetings have been on ZOOM or TEAMS which doesn’t allow members to build close relations.

- ***Treasurer’s financial report***

Lisa Chapman spoke to the tabled financial statements and Auditor’s report. Operating surplus of \$37,460. Nationals achieved a surplus. Thanks to Guy and Coral for their efforts.

Lisa acknowledged Dan Mellish our Honorary Auditor who recommends it is preferable to move to a cashless process. Square is now available which could be used at Meets. Problems with Bank of Queensland in formalizing signatories. Daniel has agreed to accept Auditor role for 2023/24.

Lisa moved that Daniel Mellish be appointed QMA Auditor for the 2023/2024 financial year, seconded by Ros. All in favour. Carried

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Regional

- ***Brisbane***

As per tabled document. Lorraine specifically mentioned the planning underway for the Australian Winter Throwing Championships being held on the long weekend 30 September, 1 and 2 October 2023 at SAF. Great event last year with over 60 entrants and appreciated the non-throwers who helped with officiating and are asking for this assistance again. Stan pointed out the excellent relationship that Wilma has developed with QSAC which enables access for Meets. Lorraine extended special thanks to Irene Davey for all her efforts over an extended time and also thanked Wilma for her efforts. John Milne has taken on the role of Brisbane Chair.

- ***Gold Coast***

No report available.

- ***North Queensland***

No report available.

- ***Statistician***

As per tabled document from Jim Quabba, Statistician, who took over the role from Heather Doherty last season. Some teething difficulties with handover. Bruce acknowledged all Heather Doherty has done for QMA in so many roles over many years. Craig Elliot mentioned some problems in the records with indoors and outdoors events.

- ***Registrar***

As per tabled document from Irene Davey, Acting Registrar. Thanks extended by Lorraine to Irene as Acting Registrar and advised Irene would be happy for someone to take this over. Heidi Storer was carrying out the role of Registrar for part of the year but had to resign for work commitments.

- ***Media, website, Newsletter***

As per tabled document from Rob Lasker, Webmaster. Rob spoke to this report. Kevin spoke to the problems he had producing The Challenge Newsletter. Currently developing a magazine for the 50th Celebrations. Acknowledged those from whom he'd received historical data. Interested in historical photos. Magazine will be in digital and hard copy format. Lorraine extended thanks to Kevin for his efforts.

- ***Out of Stadia***

As per tabled document from Irene Davey. Taken as read. Irene would like someone to take on this role.

Rob moved, seconded Don Quinn that all the reports be received. All in favour. Carried.

Election of office Bearers

All positions on the management committee declared vacant. Bruce Bodsworth vacated the chair and Stan Perkins conducted the election. Stan extended thanks to Bruce and the retiring Committee for all their efforts. He expressed the view the relationship with NQ and financial status needs to be reviewed. Nominations for positions were as per the attached list.

- **President**

One nomination received - Bruce Bodsworth. No objections. Duly elected

- **Vice President**

No nomination. Nominations called from the floor.

Matthew Teale nominated by Ros, seconded Lisa Chapman. No other nominations. No objections. Duly elected

- **Secretary**

No nomination. Nominations called from the floor.

Lorraine Birtwell nominated by Ros, seconded Wilma. No other nominations. No objections. Duly elected

- **Treasurer**

One nomination: Lisa Chapman. No objections. Duly elected. Her commitment acknowledged.

- **Committee Members – 4 positions**

One nomination received - Joseph Begley. No objections. Duly elected

Nominations called from the floor for the remaining three positions.

Ros Kirwin nominated by Lorraine, seconded Rob

Karen Lakin nominated by Wilma, seconded Stan

Alf Lakin nominated by Wilma, seconded Marj

Rob Lasker nominated by Ros, seconded Lisa. Rob withdrew his nomination as only three Committee member positions required.

No further nominations. No objections. Ros, Alf and Karen all duly elected. All in favour. Carried.

Stan welcomed Bruce as President and he resumed the chair.

Special Resolution

Joe Begley spoke to the previously tabled document re the Constitution. Joe Begley moved “That this annual general meeting of Queensland Masters Athletics’ Association rescinds the special resolution passed at the Association’s 2021 annual general meeting relating to changes to the Association’s Constitution (rules)”. Don Burt commented that there is some flexibility within the Constitution. Discussed, seconded John Milne. All in favour. Carried.

General Business

Membership fees

It has been recommended that fees stay the same as last season with the addition of the QA fee when known. Lisa moved that our base fee of \$53 remain the same with the addition of the QA fee when known for the 2023/2024 season, seconded Ros. All in favour. Carried. Wilma mentioned that QSAC has increased the training fee to \$7/person from \$6 from July.

Appointment of Auditor

Addressed previously in Treasurer's report.

Other Business

Insurance

Stan queried the insurance issue as to whether we should be paying insurance to QA. Bruce advised AMA looking at covering all of Australia. Wilma advised this had been raised at last year's AGM and was not really addressed. Craig asked what is covered by Public Liability. Issue needs to be clarified. Await outcome from AMA review. Email re insurance received from AA regarding Certificate of Currency. The Committee needs to establish what the insurance coverage is exactly and by whom.

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QMA 50th anniversary

Lorraine reported that plans are in place to celebrate QMA's 50th year in 2023 with a Celebratory Magazine being put together by Kevin Ryall who'd very much appreciate historical photos or information. Wilma is planning a special Meet on Saturday 21 October at QSAC and Tamara Paterson is working with Peta Dunne and Jess Veurman to organize a celebratory lunch in the Track and Field Room at QSAC following the meet. Don Quinn and Irene Davey are attempting to identify from past records any past members who should be invited to these celebratory events. Any assistance would be appreciated. Stan recommended that we subsidise all members for the dinner. For consideration by the Committee. Dieter suggests a display of when people were younger and then older. Commemorative booklet will be available for free.

Cessation of the use of singlet numbers by QMA

Lorraine reported a recommendation and decision had been taken at the last Committee meeting on Irene Davey's recommendation to no longer use singlet numbers. As Registrar for a number of years, a lot of difficulty has been experienced in providing singlet numbers and many never claimed. No longer being used in some other States. Hip numbers for distance events could be used. Members could use their National ID for national meets. Chris Brack supported the cessation of singlet numbers. Col Buyers expressed some concern in identifying sprinters.

WMA Championships for 2030 or 2032

Stan recommended that QMA consider conducting the World Masters Athletics Championships in either 2030 or 2032. For consideration by Committee in conjunction with members.

REV-Sport

Stan asked that the Committee look at replacing Rev-Sport with another system as other States have done. For Committee consideration.

Bruce thanked all for their attendance and invited members to remain for lunch.

Meeting closed: 12.05 pm