

REPORT ON AMA AGM 22-23 SEPTEMBER 2012

Attended by Valerie Millard, MAWA Secretary and Lynne and Bob Schickert (Board Members)

1. AMA Board

Steve Lance TMA, President

Peter Lyden TMA, Vice President

Hazel McDonald QMA, Secretary

Peter Dunham SAMA, Treasurer

Board members:

Bob Schickert MAWA; George White SAMA; Wilma Perkins QMA; Judy Cooper QMA; Gary Wolmsley NSWMA, Brett Kingston ACTVAC.

(Lynne Schickert MAWA stepped down from AMA Board. Tony Bradford VMA not re-elected)

2. Constitutional Amendments approved:

(a) Wording amended to incorporate NTMA as a member

(b) Time for submissions of nominations for Office Bearers and Board positions and dispersal of details to members increased by one week

3. Constitutional Amendments defeated:

Proposal that the AMA Board be comprised of at least one member from each state or territory

4. Motions Carried:

(a) The 2015 AMA Championship be held in NSW over the 2015 Easter period;

(b) That no decision be taken to modify either the program and the timing of future AMA Championships until a thorough evaluation of the 2014 AMA Championships has been carried out and the results sent to all Council members prior to the 2014 AGM.

5. Remits to WMA from AMA

W65-74 Javelin – introduction of 500gm rather than official 400gm

6. Reports tabled:

- Board Reports: President; Vice President – Coaching; Secretary; Treasurer; Merchandise; Competitions; Technical; Communications: handbook; International Entries
- Member Reports from each State and Territory.
- Additional Reports: WMA Championships Perth 2016.

7. AMA National T&F Championships:

(a) the 3-day 2014 Hobart Championship is a 1 year trial only. The existing commitment to a 4 day championship has not changed. A thorough evaluation of the 1 year trial at Hobart will be done and the results circulated to all States prior to the AMA AGM 2014. Every State to have input

(b) Competition Director George White recommends that future T&F championships be a 4 day program with 1 day (first or last) being purely for the 2 pentathlons. This will satisfy those who only want the 3 day program and will still cater for the pentathletes.

(c) 2015 T&F Championships will be held in NSW (not necessarily Sydney as Homebush is not available and too expensive) at Easter. Unless evaluation of 2014 Champs indicates otherwise, Easter will continue.

8. 2014 Championships Update. TMA delegates went to great pains making it clear that they had agreed to conduct a 3-day trial only in Hobart. The Pentathlons were not part of that agreement and were a separate competition organised by Northern Tasmanian Athletics. TMA

were not issuing medals for that competition; AMA would have to provide them. TMA agreed to make available some information on accommodation in Launceston. Bus transport to Hobart is not being provided by TMA; athletes will have to catch regular Redline service, departing hourly, cost about \$30, seats can be prebooked.

9. AMA Championships outside the main T&F Championships – suggestions for greater participation included rotation between States and to combine with Athletics Australia Championships. Further dialogue with AA.
10. Postal Relays will continue, with an extended period (1 November to 31 March) to conduct them in; not mandatory for a state to participate. Competition director will produce rules. Results to be sent to AMA and published; states to issue certificates.
11. Coaching grants of \$500 are available for courses that hold National Coaching Accreditation Scheme recognition. AA accredited coaches are covered by public liability insurance. Application forms available from Peter Lyden, TMA.
12. AMA New Uniform - proposed changes to Australian uniform presented to meeting, with samples modelled. Thanks went to NSW for their assistance. Delegates provided constructive views on colourways and style and agreed to proceed, with the old uniform being phased out over 2-3 years. By 2016 only the new uniform will be accepted. The tracksuit will be changed in the future.
13. AMA Website hosting continues to pose problems.
14. EoI for team managers for World Indoors, Budapest 2014 to be circulated.
15. AMA Tour Director. Some athletes were not happy with the service provided by Roy Skuse and the Board asked to investigate other options.
16. MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING
Draft Memorandum of Understanding circulated to delegates for discussion at meeting. Purpose of the MoU is to forge a closer relationship with Athletics Australia. This is a better operating model for AMA, more cost effective and crucial for AMA to move forward in the future. By engaging with AA, AMA will be able to tap into their considerable financial resources, obtain assistance with hosting events (provision of officials) and with the official sanction of AA, will become eligible for government assistance. There is no suggestion that AA take over the administration of AMA in any way. Also, each state may want to have discussions with their own state AA body on registration, eligibility, insurance so as to have some local context to take to their members. Motion put and carried that AMA proceed with the Memorandum of Understanding to an agreement in principle with Athletics Australia..
17. Future accommodation at AMA Meetings – To reduce the cost of attendance at the AMA AGM, delegates will be required to share a room, for which AMA will bear the accommodation cost. If a delegate wishes to have a room to themselves, they/their State will have to pay 50% of the room cost.
18. Next meeting to be held in Sydney (not CBD) 20/21 September 2014

Valerie Millard
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