



MASTERS ATHLETICS WA Inc

MINUTES OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

SUNDAY 15 SEPTEMBER 2024

SCOUT HALL PERRY LAKES

1. WELCOME

Meeting Opened 9.45 am – Rochelle Airey as Chair

2. ATTENDANCE/APOLOGIES

As per attendance book – 66 members present.

Apologies received from:

Karyn Tolardo, John Fisher, Silke Peglow, Lynne and Clive Choate and Margaret Saunders.

3. MINUTES OF 2023 AGM

The minutes of the AGM held on 1 October 2023 have been on the MAWA website and a copy made available for reading at the AGM.

Moved to accept minutes by Paul Hughes, seconded by Andrew Cuthbertson and passed by a show of hands.

4. MATTERS ARISING

None.

5. REPORTS

All reports were published on the Website and a copy made available at the AGM for viewing.

5.1 President (Rochelle Airey)

- Thanks to the Committee for their work during the year.
- Thanks to Richard Blurton for his mentoring.
- Congratulations to all our Gothenburg Athletes and especially those who came back with a medal/s.

No questions. Report tabled and received by the meeting.

5.2. Secretary (Gillian Young)

Thanked all those who put their hand up whenever the call goes out for help. Encouraged those present to spread the word that helping the Club can be very rewarding.

No questions. Report tabled and received by the meeting.

5.3 Treasurer (Gary Fisher)

Another stable year financially. All on track.

No questions. Financial Report tabled and moved for acceptance by Bob Schickert, seconded by Keith Miller and accepted unanimously by a show of hands.

6. STATISTICIAN REPORT (Barbara Blurton)

- Report not available at the meeting. Will be added to the 'About Us' tab under 'Our Club' shortly.

7. PRESENTATION OF TROPHIES

7.1 Achievement Award – Road - Awarded to Stephen Grannells.

Stephen reduced his average 10km time from 74.08 minutes to 66.30 minutes. A reduction of nearly 8 minutes.

Stephen was closely followed by Susan Sanders, Melanie Montgomery, Paul Hughes and Mark Comber who all reduced their average 10km time by over 6 minutes.

Thanks to Kirsty Peddie and Milton Maverick for the data for the most improvement at Sunday Events.

Trophy presented by our Patron, Bob Schickert.

7.2 Achievement Award – T & F - Awarded to Jenn Parker

Jenn's best performance figures show improvements in all her events and her average performance figures show improvement in most events.

Other notable improvements were by Brian Waldhuter, Ruth Johnson, Paula Kennedy and Janne Wells.

Thanks to Steve Weller who provided the data for the most improved in Track and Field.

Trophy presented by our Patron, Bob Schickert.

7.3 Jim Barnes Trophy - Awarded to Alan Stabler.

This trophy is presented to the best age-graded result in the Club Half-marathon. Alan Stabler achieved an age graded percentage of over 80%. Second was Mitch Cleasby with 77.15% and third Keith Miller with 75.46%

Thanks to Barbara Blurton for providing the data for the age graded percentages.

This trophy will be presented at a later date.

7.4 Handicap Trophy

With one event still to take place this trophy will be presented at a later date.

7.5 President's Pin

Rochelle Airey awarded her Pin to Delia Baldock for all the work she continues to do for the Club. Delia currently looks after uniform samples and sales, lost property, new and replacement barcode tags, Sunday run maps and much more, and always with a smile.

Pin presented by Rochelle Airey.

7.6 John Gilmour Trophy

This trophy was awarded to **Melissa Foster** as the Athlete of the Year. Melissa achieved a world record for W45 long jump and an Australian record for W45 triple jump.

Her mother accepted the trophy on her behalf.

Trophy presented by our Patron Bob Schickert.

8. CLUB OFFICIALS

Club Officials are appointed by the Committee and we thank the following officials who are continuing in their duties for the next year:

Patron	Bob Schickert
Auditor	Paul Hughes
Course Measurement	Steve Weller (Steve also manages the T & F database)
Editor Vetrin	Vic Waters
Handicapper	Kirsty Peddie and Milton Mavrack
Registrar	Barbara Blurton
Social	Elaine Dance
Statistician	Barbara Blurton
Website	Ernie Leseberg

9. ELECTION OF OFFICE BEARERS

All positions declared vacant and Nominations for Committee were received as follows:

President: **Rochelle Airey**
nominated by Keith Atkinson and seconded by Wendy Jones
Elected unopposed

Vice-President: **Silke Peglow**
nominated by Richard Blurton and seconded by Gillian Young
Elected unopposed

Treasurer **Gary Fisher**
nominated by Paul Martin and seconded by Paul Hughes
Elected unopposed

Secretary **Gillian Young**
nominated by Andrew Cuthbertson and seconded by Kirsty Peddie
Elected unopposed

Committee Members (4)

1. **Richard Blurton** – nominated by Gillian Young and seconded by Jason Kell
2. **John Fisher** – nominated by Jason Kell and seconded by Gillian Young
3. **Jason Kell** – nominated by John Fisher and seconded by Gillian Young
4. **Karyn Tolardo** – nominated by Andrew Cuthbertson and seconded by Kirstie Peddie

All 4 Committee Members elected unopposed.

10. LIFE MEMBERSHIP AWARDS

For Life Membership the nominee must have at least ten years of continuous membership and have made a substantial contribution to the progress of the Association.

10.1 Geoff Brayshaw

Nominated by Richard Blurton and seconded by Paul Hughes and Bob Schickert

Geoff joined MAWA in 2009. He is a talented sprinter, hurdler and jumper. He was keen to try his hand at pole vaulting as he had thoughts about a possible decathlon. So soon after joining he set up a pole vault section and arranged for some coaching and regular training sessions at WAAS. He still runs that section of the club to this day.

Geoff did eventually do a decathlon which in his own words half killed him. He said never again, but such is Geoff's nature he did another, setting 2 State Records in the process.

MAWA started preliminary work in 2010 on the possibility of a bid to host the 2015 World Championships. That work picked up pace in 2011 when Geoff came to see me and expressed an interest in joining the organising committee with a role in Contracts and Finance. Geoff has immense high level accountancy experience and I welcomed his offer with open arms and suggested it would be good if Geoff also took on the role of MAWA treasurer, which he did from 2012 to 2016.

In the end Lyon was awarded the 2015 Championships but we were awarded 2016.

During the preparations for the Championships we hit some immense problems: contractual arrangements with EventsCorp and AMA, funding for ECAC upgrade, embezzlement of WA Government money by an AMA Board member and several others. Any of these could easily have led to us withdrawing, with severe negative impact on Masters Athletics in Australia. Geoff managed all of these issues with extreme skill and found solutions acceptable to all. His tight cost management and control enabled us to deliver a 'best ever' event and still come out with a \$250,000 surplus. MAWA used its share of this surplus to purchase photofinish equipment, hurdles, electronic lap scoring and an e-gun system, enabling us now to be fully self-sufficient in running our State Championships.

Since retiring from his Corporate Roles, Geoff refuses to sit back and just enjoy a comfortable retirement. He wanted to make a real impact in helping others. He worked with Athletics West in setting up an initiative which promoted greater involvement of young First Nation people in Athletics.

Then just this year Geoff has turned his attention to the growing community problem of domestic violence particularly towards women. He has got himself involved in some important local initiatives to fight the problem and has again shown that you are never too old to make a difference.

We strongly recommend that Geoff's outstanding work for MAWA, for athletics and for the community be recognised by granting him life membership of the club.

Nomination accepted unanimously by show of hands.

Pin presented by Richard Blurton

11. GENERAL BUSINESS

11.1 Questions and Comments taken from the floor:

- Lynne Schickert, as Vice President of World Masters Athletics, thanked everyone for the work they do in the successful running of our Club. Lynne advised us that in March next year the Indoor Championships will be held in Florida in an air-conditioned stadium. The following year, 2026, the World Championships will be in Korea.
- Brian Bennett spoke of the great work Graeme Dahl has done on Sundays with his photos. He has been there come rain or shine and asked that this be acknowledged in some way.
- Geoff Vine confirmed the great work that Graeme has done during the year. He said Graeme has been very unlucky with his health and wished him well
- Response: Rochelle thanked Brian and Geoff for their comments and said it would be discussed at our next Committee Meeting.
- Rochelle, on behalf of everyone in attendance, gave a big vote of thanks to Margaret, Melissa and Jo for the wonderful morning tea they had presented.

12. CLOSE

There being no further business Rochelle thanked everyone for attending.

AGM closed 10.15 am