



2009 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

Saturday 8th 2009

Challenge Stadium Mt Claremont 12:15 pm

Present: (35)

Peter Rash, Annie Brinkworth, Sean O'Neill, Pete Minchin, Mike Gee, Justine Bolton, Geoff Amos, Helen Anderson, Steve Barrie, Mark Batten, Brian Kempson, Wade Crooks, Robert Chester, Judi Clemie, Owen Critchley, Miles Dracup, Mark Hoffman, Terry Landers, Robert Lees, Daniel Lenane, Chris Limb, Gaye McKean, David Norton, John Palmer, Robyn Scott, Robert Scott, Laura Summerlin, Frank Stapleton, Grant Tomlinson, Kim Tyler-Lees, Shaun Sleep, Nimal Wickramasinghe, Vicki Main, Shayne Dimmer, Michael Vreeken.

1. PRESIDENTS OPENING REMARKS

Welcome to all present

2. WELCOME LIFE MEMBERS

Welcome and acknowledgement of life members.

Mark Batten, Steve Barrie and Frank Stapleton in attendance

3. APOLOGIES

Stuart Fuller, Dave Budge, Phil Gregson, Ann Blatchford, Mike Blatchford, Grant Landers, Gerard Cameron, Fiona Collins, Emily Panietz, Sam Prince, Bill Armstrong, Steve Doyle.

4. CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS AGM MINUTES

Proposed by Shaun Sleep

Seconded by Frank Stapleton

5. BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS AGM MINUTES

Nil

6. PRESIDENTS REPORT

Distributed to all present. Peter Rash summarised the positive year passed and the increase in membership and participation over season. Noted TWA recognised as a significant state sporting association both on a state and national level. PR commented on constructive meeting with World Triathlon Corporation (WTC) CEO Ben Fertic and MD Asia Pacific, Murphy Reinschreiber. Noted the similar goals of both organisations in increasing participation. Expression from WTC that no significant change should take

place over the next year and positive communication that both organisations would work together for betterment of the sport.
Peter Rash thanked outgoing TWA Board for their effective and efficient contribution and voluntary time over the past year.

7. EXECUTIVE OFFICERS REPORT

Distributed to all present. Hayley Lethlean thanked Phil Gregson for assistance over the past 8 months. Noted the current programs being implemented and future potential growth and development of sport. Thanked TWA Staff, Board and Peter Rash for support and assistance over the past months.

8. TREASURERS REPORT

Presented by Justine Bolton. JB spoke to the statement of financials as prepared by auditors STA, Mark Trovato. Expressed another positive result for the finances for TWA over the 08/09 financial year. Noted that the office had been active in seeking additional grants and funding support and that expenditure was kept well within budget. Commented that the Board had developed new initiatives with the retained funds, of which one included assisting clubs to improve their functions and structure.

9. SPECIAL RESOLUTION – Changes to the Constitution

Peter Minchin gave an overview of the proposed changes to the constitution noting the Associations Incorporations Act 1984 potential changes and the best practice principles for sporting organisations as proposed by the ASC.

Discussion continued and all questions were answered appropriately. The resolution was put to the members as below:

Resolution 1 - pursuant to clause 41.1 of the Constitution

"That the proposed Constitution of the West Australian Triathlon Association as tabled to the members as part of Notices for this Annual General Meeting come into effect and supersede and replace any previously existing constitutions, rules and orders of the Association and remain in force until amended."

Proposed: Peter Minchin

Seconded: Mark Batten

Moved unanimously with no objections.

10. ELECTION OF OFFICE BEARERS

Peter Rash thanked outgoing Board Members Sean O' Neil and Mike Gee for their service to the sport over the year.

7 Office Bearers were elected unopposed.

President – Peter Rash

Vice President – Annie Brinkworth

Treasurer – Justine Bolton

General Member – Judi Clemie

General Member – Mark Batten

General Member – Sam Prince

General Member – Peter Minchin

Proposed Brian Kempson

Seconded Frank Stapleton,

Moved unanimously with no objections

11. LIFE MEMBER NOMINATIONS

Nominations for Life Membership put forward to those present to vote on. Peter Rash gave brief overview of the nominees service support to the sport over the past 10 years.

Proposed: Steve Barrie

Seconded: Mark Batten

All nominations accepted unanimously by membership present.

New Life Members are

- Judi Clemie
- Warren Milward

Congratulations to these worthy recipients.

12. APPOINTMENT OF HONORARY AUDITOR

No objections to Mark Trovato from STA Accountants being appointed our Honorary Auditor for the 2009/2010 financial year.

13. CLOSE OF OFFICIAL MEETING 12:35pm

OPEN FORUM DISCUSSION

Discussion items:

It was questioned whether state series status had been considered for the State Aquathlon and State Duathlon Championships as an opportunity to raise the profile and participation of these events. It was noted that it was the TWA mandate to grow the sports of duathlon and aquathlon concurrently with triathlon.

Comment was made that these events traditionally were run in the winter months with not much uptake in participating due to the off season; however that Race directors and clubs should consider running these events throughout the season calendar.

Comment made that the timing (Friday evening rather than Sunday morning) could possibly impact on numbers participating – noted that some preferred the calmer morning conditions.

Board confirmed they would consider these comments and noted that the Aquathlon profile would possibly be improved with the proposed Splash and Dash Series due to start in October.

Meeting closed 12:45pm