



**Athletics NSW Ltd  
2015 Annual General Meeting**

***Minutes of the twentieth Annual General Meeting of Athletics NSW  
Limited held on August 27, 2015 in the "Grand Prix" Room at Sydney Olympic Park  
Athletics Centre.***

**CHAIRMAN:** Sean Scanlon opened the meeting at 7:36pm and welcomed the gathering and confirmed a quorum (22 clubs) present.

**ATTENDANCE**

**Delegates:** *Tim Jessup (ANL), John Murray (ASW), Cathy Gardiner (ASW), Wayne Crandell (ASW), Andrew Watson (BLM), Matthew Whitbread (BAN), Michael O'Mara (BAN), Colin Whitbread (BAN), Lindsay Watson (BAN), Dave Archbold (BLA), Matthew Joyce (CHE), Phillip Lamperts (CHE), Elizabeth Jones (CHE), Hank Huston (HIL), Ron White (HIL), Robert Creswick (HIL), John Thompson (ILL), Ian Lister (ILL), Evelyn Stark (NEP), Annette Tillman (NEP), Paul Buckley (NEV), Rod Gibb (NOW), Jan Gibb (NOW), Simon Bergfield (RYD), Betty Moore (RYD), Andrew Atkinson-Howatt (RYD), David Beck (SGD), Colin Wilson (SGD), Terry Ross (SGD), Peter Hutton (SGD), Carol Hall (SYP), Jo Cowan (SSR), Paul Stenhouse (TGS), Brad Woods (TGS), Peter Higgins (UTN), Bob Ryan (WAL), Dan Suchy (WES), Kyle Alexis (WES), Nicholas Tslepis (WES), Angela Haynes (WOD), Neil Hinton (WYO), Jan Hinton (WYO)*

**Directors:** *Chairman Sean Scanlon (WAL), Matthew Whitbread (BAN), Tracie Edmonson (SUT), Kerry O'Keefe (PAR), Peter Higgins (UTN), Brian White (SYU), Angela Haynes (WOR), Andrew Watson (BAL), Neil Hinton (WYO)*

**Visitors:** *Sally Richardson (UTN), Ron Richter (CBT), Jeanette Richter (CBT), Heather Mitchell (SUT), Gareth Watkins (UTN), Ben Cross (SYU), Peter Bromley (AA)*

**Apologies:**

*Athletics East, University of New South Wales, Mingara Athletics Club, Tony and Judy Vecellio (SOS), Margaret Beardslee (MIN), James Matthews (ANSW staff), Brent Hayward (ANSW staff), Peter Herd (WAL), Bob Reus (SUT), David Higgins (KEJ)*

**Returning Officer:** Heather Mitchell (SUT).

**OBITUARIES:**

Mike Moroney AM (Olympic athlete)  
Colin Smith (athlete, coach, administrator)  
Jackie Gallagher (athlete)  
Eddie Dawkings (athlete)  
Fred Devlin (athlete)  
Keith White  
Reg Austin  
John Bromley

Eddie Dawkings  
Bevan Hinitt  
Peter Lindner  
Paul McCoy  
Charles Morris  
Stan Sherringham OAM  
James Slattery  
Tony J Warrener OAM  
Peter Waters  
Albert Young (WAL)  
Marie Patridge (WAL)  
Tom Heard (WAL)  
James Soutar

A moment's silence was held.

**ORDER OF AUSTRALIA MEDAL:**

Andrew John Dawes, January 2014  
Frederick O'Connor, January 2015 (EPP)

**MINUTES of the 2014 AGM:**

The minutes of the 2014 Annual General Meeting were made available to all attendees.

No concerns were raised.

Wayne Crandell (ASW) moved, Bob Ryan (WAL) seconded that the minutes of the 2014 Annual General Meeting be accepted. The vote was confirmed by a show of hands.

The minutes were accepted as a true and accurate account of the meeting.

**CHAIRMAN'S REPORT:**

Sean Scanlon, Chairman, summarised the 2014-2015 season. He brought attention to growth and increased registrations through the expansion of the recreational runner expanse and the beginnings of a crossover to track and field events. He noted the achievement of ANSW in surpassing their member target both in quantity and timeframe.

Sean welcomed new board members Tracie Edmonson and Kerry O'Keefe, and acknowledged Michael O'Mara's humbleness in withdrawing from the board in order that new members may be brought on.

Sean acknowledged the contribution and dedication of Greg Meagher, departing CEO. Sean acknowledged the positive changes Greg brought in his 7 years.

The process of recruiting a new CEO was addressed. *Sportspeople* were engaged to manage the application process in order to ensure transparency and fairness in selecting the right person. A clear job description and criteria had been provided, in order to find a professional leader who can take the organisation to the 'next step'. Many applications had been received in the past 2 weeks from a broad range of backgrounds.

Sean noted that in the interim, Athletics Australia has released Andrew Matthews to work in Interim-CEO capacity 2-3 days per week until October. This provides the board with a communication avenue to the office, as well as support and assistance for the ANSW staff.

The sponsors for 2014/2015 were thanked, as follows:

- Athletics Australia
- RunNSW
- Little Athletics NSW
- Sydney Olympic Park
- Lake Macquarie City Council
- NSW Government
- Greater Building Society
- 2XU
- NSR Australia
- King's Sport Store
- Destination NSW
- NSWIS
- Novotel Sydney Olympic Park
- Ibis
- NBN
- H Events
- Photos in a Flash

Lastly, Sean acknowledged the exceptional achievements of NSW athletes currently competing at the 2015 World IAAF Championships in Beijing, China. The highlight result thus far was Fabrice Lapierre's 2<sup>nd</sup> place in long jump.

## **ANNUAL REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS 2014-2015**

Andrew Watson, board member and member of the Finance and Audit Committee, was introduced in order to deliver the 2014-2015 Financial Report. Andrew acknowledges Michael O'Mara contributions to these reports.

Andrew stated that the reports were prepared in concordance with Australian standards and audited independently. He highlighted the healthy overall profit for the year, strong positive cash flow, and net asset worth increasing.

He drew attention to the aim of Athletics NSW to become financially self-sufficient from government grants and a desire to invest back into the sport via capital investment and growth investment. Programs highlighted for this included RunNSW, coaching and club grants, officials exchange programs, and the continued investment in staff with LAANSW.

No questions or comments were received from the floor.

Michael O'Mara (BAN) moved that the financial report be accepted, and Paul Buckley (NEV) seconded this motion.

### **ELECTION OF DIRECTORS**

There were five (5) directors to be elected from the following five (5) nominations:

- Tracie Edmonson
- Neil Hinton
- Kerry O'Keefe
- Andrew Watson
- Matthew Whitbread

Sean Scanlon noted that in accordance with section 13.10.(d).1 of the Constitution, as the number of nominations received equal the number of positions to be filled, those nominees would be declared elected by the Chairperson. Sean congratulated Tracie, Neil, Kerry, Andrew and Matthew on their re-appointment to the board.

### **CLOSING COMMENTS**

Sean Scanlon declared the meeting closed at 7.55pm and tea, coffee and light refreshments were served.