

OCEANIA MASTERS ATHLETICS INC.

DRAFT MINUTES OF THE OMA ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING HELD ON FEBRUARY 8 2015 AT TWIN TOWNS RESORT, GOLD COAST AUSTRALIA

The President Lynne Schickert opened the meeting at 2.04 pm and welcomed those present mentioning it was very pleasing to see that most Pacific Island OMA Affiliates are represented. This is the first time there has been such a high representation.

1 ATTENDANCE

OMA Affiliates - Delegates;

American Samoa; Deanna Sanitoa- Fuimaono

Australia; Hazel McDonnell, Irene Davey

Cook Islands; Ina Marsters, Billy Foster

Federated States of Micronesia; Charles Edwin

Fiji; Albert Miller, Paul Yee

Kiribati; Maata Yetzes

Marshall Islands; Eunice Borero

Samoa; Tommy Stancil, Tutoatasi Setu

Nauru; Hansome Adumur

New Zealand; Mike Weddell, Trevor Spittle

Norfolk Island; Brentt Jones, Geoff Gardner

Northern Marianas Islands; Ray Tebuteb

Palua; Peoria Koshiba

Papua New Guinea; Monica Henao

Polynesie Franciase; Titaua Juventin/Maurin, Francoise Aubry

Solomon Islands; Martin Rara, Casper Pule

Tonga; Semisi Fonua

Tuvalu; Tovia Tovia

Vanuatu; Jansen Molisingi, Reynolds Alatoa

OMA Associate Member representative

New Caledonia Sandra Lambrani

Geoff Gardner OAA President, IAAF Council Member

Matthew Mahon Vice President Athletics Australia, OAA Council Member

Yvonne Mullins OAA Executive Director, OAA representative to OMA Council

Stan Perkins WMA President

OMA Council Members

Bob Banens (BB)

David Lobb (DL) Vice President

Wilma Perkins (WP),

Lynne Schickert (LS) President

Bob Schickert (BS) Secretary,

Mike Weddell (MW),

George White (GW).

2 APOLOGIES

Lord Sebastian Coe IAAF Vice President

Stewart Foster OMA Treasurer

3 VOTING RIGHTS

The OMA Secretary announced that each Affiliate has a maximum of two delegates and each delegate present has one vote. OMA Council members have one vote. OMA Council members can be a delegate but cannot then have a vote as a Council Member.

4 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

Moved BS seconded BB that the minutes of the Annual General Meeting held at Bendigo AUS January 4 2014 previously circulated are correct. Moved BS seconded BB that the minutes be accepted as correct. Carried.

5 BUSINESS ARISING The OMA Championships awarded to Dunedin New Zealand for 2017 and shown in the minutes to be held November/December 2017 will now be held in January 2018 following discussions with the Dunedin LOC.

6 PRESIDENT'S REPORT

The report had earlier been issued. LS spoke to her report thanking Wilma Perkins for her work over the previous six years as OMA President and Yvonne Mullins for her assistance in promoting cooperation between OAA and OAA.

The Oceania region stands tall having the IAAF Female Athlete of the year, Valerie Adams NZL, and the IAAF Female Masters Athlete of the year Lavinia Petrie AUS.

7 SECRETARY'S REPORT

The report had earlier been issued. There is a busy year ahead with WMA Championships in Lyon France in August and OMA Championships in the Cook Islands in October.

8 TREASURER'S REPORT

In the absence of the Treasurer BS provided details of the previously issued OMA audited financial statements to August 31 2014 mentioning the OMA development funds. A procedure is to be set up by the OMA Treasurer for affiliates to apply for funds for projects and/or equipment to assist in the development of master's athletics. Details will follow. Moved LS/WP that the financial statements be accepted. Carried.

A procedural motion was put forward by BS. Moved BS seconded MW- *That Lynne Schickert replace Wilma Perkins as an authorized person (Trustee) to sign documents for the OMA Bank Account.* Carried.

9 WMA PRESIDENT STAN PERKINS

The WMA President addressed the meeting regarding activities in Masters Athletics around the world. He encouraged affiliates to have some events even if there are only a few masters athletes in their nation. Other people will notice the activities and the numbers will rapidly grow.

10 WMA DELEGATE'S REPORT

Was included in the OMA President's report.

11 AFFILIATE'S REPORTS

AMERICAN SAMOA

Do not have a masters association but there is a person who promotes masters. Will try to get events going.

AUSTRALIA

Hobart Tasmania was the venue for the 2014 AMA Championships in early March. About 500 athletes attended.

In late March the largest ever team (54) to represent AUS at a WMA Indoor Championship went to Budapest Hungary.

Following five years as President Steve Lance did not stand for reelection. Wilma Perkins is now AMA President.

COOK ISLANDS

Preparations are in hand for the OMA Championships October 5-10 at Rarotonga. All are invited to attend.

FIJI

Trying to get masters athletics reestablished. Targeting the military, police and prison officer ranks. There has been an improvement in facilities.

MARSHALL ISLANDS

There is no active masters program but there are events such as 10 K and 5 K road events in which masters participate. Hoping to get a masters program in operation.

NAURU

Yvonne Mullins spoke on behalf of the Nauru delegate. Constitution Day events are held over a week or month and all ages are included – young to masters. Two athletes from Nauru competed in the OMA Championships in Bendigo January 2014.

NEW ZEALAND

NZMA conduct North Island and South Island Masters Championships and then national Championships which are held the first weekend in March. New Zealand was well represented at the most recent OMA and WMA Championships.

The magazine VETLINE magazine which is published in NZ is now the official newsletter for Oceania Masters Athletics and is sent to all affiliates. **Contributions from island affiliates would be very welcome.**

OMA Secretary note- The Vetline editor is John Campbell and his email address is admin@nzmastersathletics.org.nz

NORFOLK ISLAND

No structured masters competition. There is road running with the around the island relay being age graded. Ian Anderson OMA President 2002-2008 is no longer competing but is a sponsor. OAA President Geoff Gardner is still competing. NFI Athletics President Brentt Jones is the OMA M30 hammer record holder.

PALUA

No separate masters events but masters age athletes compete in road events - marathon, 10 K and 5 K. Hoping to build some masters events.

PAPUA NEW GUINEA

No masters events. It will be a big challenge to get masters going.

POLYNESIE FRANCIASE

Masters athletes are involved in competition. Masters have events twice a week and have their own medals.

SAMOA

This meeting is an eye opener for Samoa. Look forward to being involved in masters athletics.

SOLOMON ISLANDS

Does not yet have a masters Committee but there are people looking after masters/veterans athletes. Will have some athletes at Cook Islands for OMA Championships in October.

TONGA

Is becoming aware of masters athletics. Masters events held with school and open competition and there are a good number of athletes. It is hard to get the masters athletes to register beforehand they just turn up on the day to compete.

TUVALU

No formal masters athletics but recognize there are masters age people. The 5K fun run has categories for masters. Will try to establish masters athletics in Tuvalu.

VANUATU

Will have one athlete attending OMA Championships in Cook Islands.

NEW CALEDONIA

Sandra Lambrani has been appointed by French Athletic Commission to oversee athletics and will need help from others in the Oceania region. Trying to introduce masters athletics events.

12 GENERAL BUSINESS

OMA Vice President David Lobb spoke to the meeting regarding athletics being a "Sport for Life" mentioning that each of the OMA Council members are still actively competing even though they have all past sixty years of age. The inclusion of master's events in athletics competitions in all the Pacific Islands will enable many more people to compete and enjoy athletics from junior ranks through open age groups and to masters.

No other general business

13 MEETING CLOSE

The President (LS) thank everyone for their attendance and closed the meeting at 3.59 pm.

Bob Schickert
OMA Secretary
February 20 2015