

## **OCEANIA MASTERS ATHLETICS INC.**

### **DRAFT MINUTES OF THE OMA ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING HELD ON OCTOBER 4 2015 AT EDGEWATER RESORT RAROTONGA COOK ISLANDS**

The President Lynne Schickert opened the meeting at 2.10 pm and welcomed those present.

#### **1 ATTENDANCE**

##### **OMA Affiliates – Delegates:**

Australia - Hazel McDonnell (HMcD), Jean Hampson

Cook Islands - Ina Marsters (IM)

New Zealand - Andrew Stark (AS), Murray Clarkson

Geoff Gardner (GG) OAA President, IAAF Council Member

Yvonne Mullins OAA Executive Director, OAA representative to OMA Council

Sandy Pashkin (SP) NCAC President, WMA Council Member

##### **OMA Council Members**

Lynne Schickert (LS) President

David Lobb (DL) Vice President

Bob Schickert (BS) Secretary

Stewart Foster (SF) Treasurer

Bob Banens (BB)

Wilma Perkins (WP)

George White (GW)

Jim Blair NZ OMA Patron

Roger Parrish AUS WMA Anti Doping and Medical Committee

##### **Visitors**

Dick Dunstan AUS

Claire Giles NZ

Noreen Parrish AUS

Fay Riley NZ

Vasyl Shuter AUS

Elizabeth Slattery AUS

Gillian White AUS

#### **2 APOLOGIES**

Stan Perkins WMA President

Mike Weddell OMA Council Member

#### **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 GW seconded BB that the minutes of the Annual General Meeting held at Tweed Heads AUS February 8 2015 previously circulated be accepted as correct. Carried.

## **5 BUSINESS ARISING Nil**

## **6 PRESIDENT'S REPORT**

The report had earlier been issued. LS spoke to her report highlighting the following;

- The now US\$5000 grant to OMA from IAAF via WMA to assist in regional development.
- The OMA online entry system successfully used for the 2015 Championships following development by an AUS Athlete.
- Also the website update by the same athlete.
- OAA Championships continuing to provide some masters events.
- 2015 Championships- NZMA held in Tauranga, AMA in Sydney.
- WMA Championships Lyon France in August.
- OMA Financially sound.
- Communication through Vetline magazine and email from OMA Secretary.
- Marie Kay AUS appointed to WMA Women's Committee.
- OMA nominations for IAAF Masters Athlete of Year Awards for 2015 are Lavinia Petrie AUS and David Carr AUS.
- OMA represented in masters events at IAAF Championships in Beijing by Liz Wilson NZ, Julie Forster, Gianna Mogentale and Alan Clark AUS.
- At the WMA General Assembly in Lyon Bob Schickert AUS was awarded a WMA Bronze Pin for services to Masters Athletics.
- Daegu Korea will host the 2017 WMA Indoor Championships.
- Malaga Spain will host the 2018 WMA Stadia Championships.
- The new WMA Constitution will take effect immediately following Perth 2016 and the location of WMA changes to Monaco.

AUS delegate enquired "why no Island affiliate athletes nominated for IAAF Masters Athlete of Year Awards" Answer by WP and SP that under the strict guidelines set by IAAF an athlete needed to have competed in World or Regional Championships ie the WMA Champs in Lyon to be nominated, as there were no OMA Championships in the qualification period. For 2016 nominations the 2015 OMA Championships in the Cook Islands will count. Not known at this time if WMA Perth October/November 2016 will fall within the next qualification period.

In response to a query from the floor of the meeting regarding derogatory statements about masters events in Beijing by at least one commentator GG advised that the problem existed of some people not accepting the inclusion of events for master's athletes. The same situation applies to Para athletes. The IAAF Council is working to improve matters.

Moved LS seconded HMcD that the report be accepted. Carried.

## **7 SECRETARY'S REPORT**

The report had earlier been issued. BS commented that it was very pleasing to have the February 2015 OMA AGM attended by the Island Affiliates.

Discussion followed regarding the difference between WMA and IAAF voting regulations. The WMA system of votes up to five per nation based on attendance by athletes at WMA Championships perpetuates the voting power of Europe. GG mentioned that although IAAF has a different system the power still rest with Europe. The new WMA constitution does not alter voting rights.

## **8 TREASURER'S REPORT**

The financial report including the statement by the Auditor had previously been issued. Moved SF seconded DL that the financial statement be accepted. Carried.

## **9 AFFILIATE'S REPORTS**

### **AUSTRALIA**

HMCD presented a written report.

- AMA Championships 2017 to be in Adelaide in April.
- Strategic Plan has been updated.
- AMA/AA working together as indicated by the three AUS athletes selected for Beijing being included in the AUS team.

The report will be sent to the Vetline editor for inclusion.

### **COOK ISLANDS**

IM reported that the Cook Island Games were held in July and the Round the Island road race in September.

### **NEW ZEALAND**

AS reported action needs to be taken by NZMA to stop the decline in membership which has fallen from about 700 to about 460. Discussions being held with Athletics NZ about the possibility of a merger. Many NZ masters age athletes do not join NZMA. NZMA has a good relationship with ANZ.

### **NORFOLK ISLAND**

GG advised the meeting he is not attending this meeting as a delegate of NI but as the OAA President. He encourages competition at all levels. However he advised that NI holds the Round the Island relay on the third Sunday in November and the Age-Graded Norfolk Island Gift on the first Saturday in December and a significant number, about 40% of competitors are master's age athletes.

## **10 ELECTION OF OFFICE BEARERS**

BS read out the nominations received:

PRESIDENT Lynne Schickert AUS Nominated by AMA  
VICE PRESIDENT David Lobb COK Nominated by NZMA  
SECRETARY Bob Schickert AUS Nominated by AMA  
TREASURER Stewart Foster NZL Nominated by NZMA  
COUNCIL – FOUR MEMBERS TO BE ELECTED  
Wilma Perkins AUS Nominated by AMA  
Andrew Stark NZL Nominated by NZMA  
Mike Weddell NZL Nominated by NZMA  
George White AUS Nominated by AMA

In accordance with the OMA Constitution 26.6 BS declared these people as elected to the positions indicated.

## **11 GENERAL BUSINESS**

A) GG provided a verbal report on IAAF matters. He is a member of two IAAF Committees – Development and Finance, and Budget. A lot of work is needed to get the Development

Committee working correctly. The Budget and Finance Committee needs to change the way it operates.

Within IAAF there is still some hesitation in regard to embracing Masters Athletics. OAA supports the cradle to grave concept of athletics and will continue to do so.

**B)** WMA Anti Doping and Medical Committee Oceania Region Member Roger Parrish advised the meeting of the different approach by Dr Stephen Peters UK the recently appointed Committee Chair. Three doctors needed for a Therapeutic Use Exemption (TUE) application. Athletes are urged to apply for a timely TUE if they are taking medication.

BS announced honorary OMA appointments as per the Constitution and thanked the appointees for their service to OMA.

Patron	Jim Blair NZ
Legal Officer	Alan Galbraith NZ
Auditor	Rob McGregor NZ
Public Officer	Jan Banens AUS
Statistician	George White AUS

In recognition of his outstanding service to the OMA Council since 2006 Bob Banens was presented with a gift by the President Lynne Schickert.

No other general business.

It is proposed that the next OMA Annual General Meeting be held during the World Masters Athletics Championships in Perth 26 October – 6 November 2016.

### **13 MEETING CLOSE**

The President (LS) thanked everyone for their attendance and closed the meeting at 3.55 pm.

Bob Schickert  
OMA Secretary  
11 October 2015