

South Australian Athletic League

AGM Minutes

TUESDAY 4TH JUNE 2024

CLUB MARION, 262 STURT ROAD, MARION 7.00pm

Members were welcomed and the meeting was declared open at 7.07pm by Chairperson and President Kym Steer.

Members present – Corey Baker, Shane Bewry, Gordon Brimble, Michael Buckler, Jesse Cordoma, Hayden Crowe, Phil Daws, Chris Dimitrak, Shane Grimwade, Brian Hart, Luke Hildyard, Mark Howson, Liberato Icolaro, John LeRay, Dennis Letton, Sarah Manning, Kevin McAnaney, Trish McHendrie, Frank McHugh, Trevor Mules, Jordan McMillan, Katanya Nitschke,, David Palmer, Michael Papanotis, Jenny Poole, Scarlett Poole, Xavier Poole, Brett Richards, Luke Rigby, Lisa Skipworth, Kym Steer, Ruby Sulicich, Bernie Tippens, Anthony Tohl, Paul Young

In attendance – John Brown, Kristi McMillan, David McMillan,

Apologies – Paul Sutcliffe, John Turner, Brett Hayes, Gary Thompson, Ian Gore, Brian Curtis, Ray Mules

- Annual General Meeting was opened at 7.07m
- Receive and confirm the minutes of the last Annual General Meeting held on 28th of June 2023.
 - Moved – Dennis Letton
 - Seconded – Ross Hill-Brown
 - Carried
- The Annual Report was presented and summarised.

President Kym Steer was happy with the progress we have made over 2 years however we still have a way to go. It is time to reflect, celebrate and seek further improvement. We have achieved stability, system improvements, improvements to the Bay Sheffield. We have been success with grants and funding but need to improve sponsorship levels due to the risk involved if grants are not available.

There are lots of ways we can improve. In particular we need to focus on further improvement in culture and stamping out behavioural issues as well as recruiting more athletes and volunteers. We need to educate further on handicapping as there is still a lack of understanding in the community.

Kym thanked our volunteers and reminded members that our committee are volunteers also and they always try their best. There was a thank you to the committee with a particular thanks to outgoing committee members Lisa Boyce and Gordon Brimble.

We have good relationships with Local Councils and Government and have an upcoming meeting with the Premier's department.

We are very proud of the development of the Para Athletic program in SAAL.

- Moved – Frank McHugh
- Seconded – Sarah Manning
- Carried

Jenny Poole summarised the Executive Officer’s Report expressing particular thankyou to the officials, coaches, handicappers, athletes and the community.

Receive and accept the Executive Officer’s report

- Moved – Michael Buckler
- Seconded – Dennis Letton
- Carried

- The Audited Annual Accounts and financial report were presented and summarised. Kym asked the floor for questions

Receive and accept the Financial Report and Audited Annual Accounts

- Moved – Mickey Buckler
- Seconded – Gordon Brimble
- Carried

- Election of Office Bearers was conducted

Shane Bewry, Shane Grimwade, Jordan McMillan, Ross Hill- Brown, Ruby Sulich spoke to the floor regarding their history with the League and interest in being on the Committee

Jenny Poole read from Brett Hayes and Phil Daws nominations

President (2 years) – Kym Steer was the only nomination for President and was re-elected for his second term

3 Committee Members were elected for 2 years

- Shane Bewry
- Jordan McMillan
- Shane Grimwade

1 Committee Member was elected for 1 year

- Phil Daws

- Moved – Mark Howson
- Seconded – Dennis Letton
- Carried

➤ Appointment of Patrons and Vice-Patrons

It was moved and accepted that Patron Bruce McAvaney remain in his position for the upcoming season.

- Moved – Dennis Letton
- Seconded – John LeRay
- Carried

It was moved and accepted that Vice Patron Peter Noblet remain in his position for the upcoming season.

- Moved – Frank McHugh
- Seconded – Brian Hart
- Carried

➤ Appointment of the Auditor

It was moved and accepted that Amin Chehade be appointed as Auditor for the 2023/24 season

- Moved – Jordan McMillan
- Seconded – Shane Grimwade
- Carried

➤ Fix the Annual Registration Fees

It was moved and accepted that there be a 5% increase for all registrations fees for the upcoming season.

Trevor Mules suggested that the Over 35s fee should not be higher than the Under 18 fees. It was agreed the Management Committee will look at this at the next meeting.

- Moved – Sarah Manning
- Seconded – Shane Bewry
- Carried

➤ Appointment of Life Memberships

Tony Owen and David Palmer were proposed by the Management Committee for Life Membership. Jenny summarised the nominations for the floor.

Phil Daws arrived at the AGM at 8.15pm

David Palmer left the room.

A vote was conducted and the nominations were carried by in excess of a two thirds majority.

➤ Proposed Constitutional Changes

It was moved and seconded that there be the proposed constitutional changes that had been previously sent to members be accepted. No questions were raised. See attachment a.

- Moved – Phil Daws
- Seconded – Dennis Letton
- Carried

➤ Other Business

Bay Sheffield Hall of Fame Legend Status

- - Phil Daws identified that in many sports there are Legends and raised the question that should it relate to just the Bay Sheffield or the SAAL as a whole.
- Kym Steer was keen to do something along the lines of Legend Status and thanked Phil for his council on the matter in 2023. It would be raised at Committee this year and asked the floor for their contribution.
- Dennis Letton – Thinks that being in the Bay Sheffield Hall of Fame is already a Legend status itself and would prefer legend of the SAAL instead.

Mort Daly Running Foundation

- Frank McHugh provided a summary of the Mort Daly Running Foundation actions and benefits to the League. Russell Freeland's efforts in particular since inception in 1980 was highlighted and his highly regarded way in undertaking wise investments.
 - In the last 43 years in excess of \$400,000 has been paid to the SAAL.
 - Outstanding work being attributed to Russell Freeland within the structure of SAAL and MDRF.
 - It was further noted that new Trustees to MDRF had been appointed last year, those trustees being Shaun Ryder (a previous athlete & finance person) also Jenny Poole.
 - Ross Hill Brown – suggested that a section of the AGM/Annual Report be dedicated to the Mort Daly Running Foundation. Jenny to draft & forward correspondence thanking Russell on behalf of the League.
 - Moved - Kym Steer
 - Seconded - Dennis Letton
 - Carried
- Kym briefly addressed the floor as the re- elected president.
- The Management Committee will meet in the near future, and it is all systems go for Season 2024/25.

The meeting was closed at 8.30pm

Attachment A

08th May 2024

Ms Jenny Poole
Executive Officer
South Australian Athletic League

Dear Jenny,

PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO THE SOUTH AUSTRALIAN ATHLETIC LEAGUE CONSTITUTION

I wish to put forward a number of small amendments to the SAAL Constitution at the upcoming Annual General Meeting. These changes have been discussed by the Management Committee and have their support.

2. INTERPRETATION

a) iii) Add the words "In the absence of the President the" before "Appointed etc"

To be - "In the absence of the President, the Appointed "Presiding Officer" means the person appointed by the outgoing Management Committee to preside over the election of office bearers at the Annual General Meeting".

Rule 13 - ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

13 c) ii) item 4 (Auditors Annual Accounts) to remove/delete as is covered in c) iii)

In last paragraph - first word of 2nd line - remove the word "new" as it is not needed.

To be - Only items set forth on the agenda unless otherwise decided by the Chairperson as per clause 13 c) ix) shall be discussed at an Annual General Meeting.

Rule 15 - MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

Item g) - 3rd line "one month" to be "14 days" as adopted at the 2022 AGM.

Rule 27 - NOTICES

Standing Committees and Subcommittees.

e) iv) b) - ADD "or Secretary" - then to read as - "The Presiding Officer or Secretary shall forward the notice of meetings".

Rule 29 - VOTING

Amend g) to be - In the absence of the President, the Presiding Officer shall be appointed by the outgoing Management Committee.

(consistent with proposed amendment in rule 2 a) iii)

Yours sincerely

Phil Daws
Committee Member