



## Minutes 2019/20

### Annual General Meeting of Athletics Bendigo Incorporated

Monday 13 July 2020

OPEN 6.03pm

Present

Craig Burnett, Ross Johnson, Peter Barrett, Lisa Lawson, Vanessa Milne, David Heislars, Claire Murphy, Nic Story, Steve Ryan, Terry Hicks,

- 1) Welcome and Introduction (President – Craig Burnett)
- 2) Call for apologies (President – Craig Burnett)
- 3) To elect 8 delegates (Full Members) as full voting members who shall have the right to be present, debate and vote at General Meetings including this meeting. The 8 elected delegates will consist of:
  - I. One (1) delegate from each of the affiliated Athletics Bendigo clubs being South Bendigo, Bendigo University, Eaglehawk and Bendigo Harriers.
  - II. Four (4) delegates from Little Athletics Bendigo

Eaglehawk – Steve Ryan, Bendigo university – David Heislars, Bendigo Harriers – Craig Burnett, South Bendigo – Peter Barrett Bendigo Little Athletics – Ross Johnson, Claire Murphy, Nic Story, Vanessa Milne

- 4) Acceptance of Minutes of the previous Annual General Meeting

M Peter Barrett, S Vanessa Milne

- 5) To receive from the Board reports upon the transactions of Athletics Bendigo and its affiliates Bendigo Region Athletics and Bendigo Little Athletics during the 2019/20 financial year.

III. President's Report

M C Burnett S R Johnson

IV. General Manager Report

M T Hicks S S Ryan

- V. Financial Reports - including Treasurer Statement, Cash Flow Statement, Balance Sheet (Treasurer – Ross Johnson)

M R Johnson S L Lawson

- 6) Elect the Board Members of Athletics Bendigo subject to Clause 14.5

- I. As per Clause 24.2, Four Board Members will remain incumbent and at least 2 positions shall be declared vacant. *In this instance the 3 Board Members positions that are vacant on rotation are Lisa Lawson, David Heislars & Ross Johnson who will all seek re-election for a further 3 year term.*

The 3 retiring members are returned with no other nominations

M C Burnett S C Murphy

7) To appoint Birchgrove Accounting as our auditor for the forthcoming year (Treasurer – Ross Johnson).

M R Johnson S T Hicks

8) To elect a sub-committee of the Athletics Bendigo Board representing the Flack Advisory Bendigo Region Track and Field Athletes as follows

- I. One (1) representative from each of the affiliated Athletics Bendigo clubs being South Bendigo, Bendigo University, Eaglehawk and Bendigo Harriers.
- II. The Competition Manager
- III. The General Manager of Athletics Bendigo
- IV. One (1) Board Member representing the Athletics Bendigo Board on this sub-committee.

9) To elect a sub-committee of the Athletics Bendigo Board representing Flack Advisory Bendigo Region Winter Competitions/Events as follows

- I. One (1) representative from each of the affiliated Athletics Bendigo clubs being South Bendigo, Bendigo University, Eaglehawk and Bendigo Harriers.
- II. An independent member of Athletics Bendigo
- III. The General Manager of Athletics Bendigo
- IV. One (1) Board Member representing the Athletics Bendigo Board on this sub-committee.

Peter Barrett appointed as Competition Manager with club representatives to be appointed.

10) To elect any life members of Athletics Bendigo as per clause 5.2. No Nominations

11) General Business – None received

12) Closure of Meeting

6.26pm



## **President's Report**

### **Athletics Bendigo 2020 Annual General Meeting**

Welcome to our 2020 Annual General meeting. It is certainly a year that none of us will forget as Covid-19 has had a profound effect on our family, personal, sporting and business lives.

All of the reports presented to you tonight reflect the impact of Covid-19 on Aths Bendigo activities, with a number of events both on the track and cross country cancelled or postponed for the foreseeable future. This has had an effect on both senior and little athletics.

Ross Johnson's Financial Report reflects the financial impact of the year's events or lack thereof, while Terry Hick's Report talks of the opportunities lost for our senior and junior athletes at regional, state and national levels.

The year is not without its highlights with a number of activities coming to fruition:

- Our track lights are up and running and have been used on a number of occasions during the summer season. The cost of these to Aths Bendigo was \$35 000, with the City of Greater Bendigo picking up the majority of the cost. The opening of our new lights will take place in the future.
- The shade sail that covers the front of our admin, meeting and storage building is a welcome addition to the infrastructure at the Flora Hill track.
- Our next major project is to re-develop the original shade structure to the north of the Glasshouse meeting Room. I share the frustration that Terry has expressed at the lack of progress on this project, however all good things come to those who wait, and we will continue to negotiate with the City of Greater Bendigo on this project.
- Our website has had a revamp over the past 12 months and I'm sure you will all agree that it is looking good in its new streamlined form. Thanks to Peter Barrett and Vanessa Milne for their early work on this project and Nigel Preston for his contribution to the success of this project.

The Financial Report as presented, outlines our strong financial position and our ability to continue to fund equipment upgrades and infrastructure to benefit all athletes involved with Bendigo Athletics. Our infrastructure spend totalled \$150 000 for this year.

A big thank you to all of our sponsors who continue to give us great support. Without you athletics in Bendigo would not function quite so well.

I would also like to thank all of our board members for your work in the administration of athletics in Bendigo.

A thank you as well to our Little Aths Committee, the club committees and our chairs of competitions and those officials who help on Saturdays both at the track and on Cross country. Without your input athletics in Bendigo would be all the poorer.

Craig Burnett

President, Athletics Bendigo



**Manager's Report**  
**Athletics Bendigo 2020 Annual General Meeting**

With the Athletics Bendigo financial year running April to March, we almost made it to an unaffected year. We missed out by a couple of weeks and in the process lost about \$12,000 in profit. Things closed down the day before the Victorian Masters event followed by a couple of big school carnivals.

Despite that loss, in financial terms Athletics Bendigo had a successful year as the financial report shows. Better school carnival returns and a strong Bendigo Region competition underpinned the year along with strong sponsorship support.

Our two competitions ran well with good numbers participating in the Bendigo Region competition both winter and summer. The core team of officials and administrators led by Peter Barrett continue to produce a competition the equal of anything in the state. Little Athletics numbers continue to fall across the state and we were in line with the trend. The Little Athletics competition improved delivery by the committee and officials who turn up week in and week out made the product delivered more appealing while still being held back by the issues with the timing system we are required to use by LAVIC.

The shade structure finally reached construction with the design and practicality of the cover meeting approval from most. Unfortunately, the final pieces of the project are yet to be completed being the seats. The project that has been listed as the next priority by the Board, the redesign and construction of the original cover, has not progressed due to no interest in moving the initial investigation on viability of the design by CoGB. This has been with council for two years with the offer for Athletics Bendigo to fund the project which has been frustrating considering we committed to improving the venue with our funds and cannot get the project accessed.

Once again Athletics Bendigo has improved the facility and in particular made purchases for the centre to provide the very best equipment for our members. New Little Athletics hurdles, a second photo finish camera and many other pieces of equipment to maintain our status as a venue where athletes want to compete and where peak bodies want to hold events.

Flack Advisory as our major sponsor and our other valuable sponsors have helped to make this possible along with good management by the Board. George Flack has continued his incredible generosity and support for our sport and Athletics Bendigo's members.

Members of Athletics Bendigo clubs and Bendigo Little Athletics members have once again raised the profile of our region. With A.V. XCR winter teams performing extremely well with great commitment from the athletes and carrying on into the Track & Field season with dominating Country Championship results from Bendigo clubs, the profile of the region continues to grow. Unfortunately, the Little Athletes who performed very well at the NCR championships did not get to have a state championship to cap their year. Likewise, a number of our top Region athletes did not have a national championship event in these unprecedented times.

What lies ahead for 20/21? Who knows? As of now there is great uncertainty around school competitions, our major source of revenue, and even what a track season will look like now that cross country has all but disappeared without a start. Little Athletics looks a little better for the underage athletes but there is no positive news coming our way at the time of writing this report.

Financially Athletics Bendigo remains in a strong position with the path set in place by the Board. All of the peak bodies have been made aware of Athletics Bendigo's willingness and ability to host major events when some normality allows. We have strong school bookings for August/September if carnivals proceed which will require additional attention to cleaning and general planning to meet the moving set of restrictions in place at the time but



if that does not eventuate strategies will be put in place to continue along the strong management path of the Board in difficult circumstances .

Terry Hicks  
General Manager, Athletics Bendigo