



Western Australian Rogaining Association (Inc.)

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## **WA Rogaining Association 2025 Annual General Meeting**

130pm, Sunday 23 February 2025.

Ascot kayak Club (1st floor function area),

1 Fauntleroy Ave, Ascot.

### **MINUTES**

- 1. A quorum was present and the meeting opened at 1.30pm**
- 2. Received the President's Report for 2024**
- 3. Receive and approve the audited financial reports for WARA's 2024 financial year**
  - Moved: Chris Lee                      Seconded: David Smith
  - APPROVED
  - Noted:
    - Self insurance fund of \$155k was set 4 yrs ago and should be reviewed to reflect changes in equipment value and management.
    - The cash balance has increased over time. The Committee intends to review
    - Setter and vetter fuel rebates were under claimed. There was a discussion of ways this might be improved.
- 4. Receive and approve the 2024 AGM minutes**
  - Moved: Alison Lang                      Seconded: Elena Ghergori
  - APPROVED
- 5. Elect 2025 committee**

The following 2024 committee members accepted their automatic nomination for re-election: Andre Morkel, Ann Smithson, Joe Scibiorski, Chris Ryan, Joe Tate, Elena Ghergori, Alison Lang and Shane Lewis. No additional nominations were received. There being less than 10 nominations, all were automatically appointed.

Nominations were then called from the floor. One nomination was received: Michael Maclean (seconded Joe Scibiorski). There being less than 10 committee positions filled, he was automatically appointed.

The Office Bearers for 2024 are:

**President:** Andre Morkel

**Vice President:** Ann Smithson

**Secretary:** Chris Ryan

**Treasurer:** Joe Scibiorski

The general committee positions (and additional roles being held) are:

Elena Ghergori (Locations Officer)

Joel Tate (Locations Officer)

Alison lang

Shane Lewis

Michael Maclean (First aid Coordinator)

## 6. Appoint an auditor for 2025

Brian Austin accepted nomination for the position.

Moved Joe Scibiorski

Seconded: Elena Ghergori

APPROVED

## 7. General business

- A. Resolution: That the Committee investigate the options of, and decide whether to, employ someone to assist administration for WARA.

Moved Ann Smithson;

Seconded Brian Austin

APPROVED.

Joe Scibiorski abstained.

- B. There was a discussion about increasing membership and better supporting volunteers. Points raised are outlined below.

### *Membership:*

- 15% of entries are novices but the club is not growing (ie many do not return).
  - Contact them to see what they thought and to help them feel part of community.
  - Provide induction information to new entrants (eg how to use a compass, example map, what to expect...)
  - Novice wrist band colour or arm band to identify them
  - Committee, volunteer and officials vests or shirts so novices know who to approach
  - Round of applause for new members at event briefing
- Mentoring scheme for an experienced rognier to support and go out with a novice or near novice team. Mentor would not pay event fee. (Cadets would take mentors with their teams, subject to Working with Children certification clearance)
- 6hr used to be a specific novice invite event – consider re-emphasising that
- Improve promotion
  - Adverts on social media to expand awareness
  - Pamphlet (or QR code on map) available to handout to interested public on social rognier.
  - Flyers for members to handout / post at work etc; and rock gyms; Paddy Pallin;
  - Flyers/advert that could be put in “Little Communities” of similar
- Seminar series to increase community

- Multi length rogaines (eg a 6 and 12 hour inside a 24 hour). Would a common finish time help with community feel
- Survey of participants to get feedback

*Volunteers:*

- Develop a standard (distance adjusted) rebate for setters & vettors (rather than needing to submit paperwork) to cover fuel and accommodation if camping is not possible
- Publicise land areas with approval for prospective setters and vettors to consider
- Develop a discount card with Paddy Pallin etc for volunteers
- Volunteers Australia: has support information, can assist with recruitment processes

C. James Massey of Airforce Cadets thanked WARA for the events and accommodating cadets. In 2024 there were 148 cadet entries (by 109 individuals), up from 94 in 2023.

**Meeting closed 2.46pm**