



Western Australian Rogaining Association (Inc.)

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Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held Friday 10th February 2017 at Department of Sport & Recreation, Vincent Street, Leederville commencing at 7:19pm

1. Welcome

Present:

Paul Szijarto; John Najar; Warren Smith; Paul Williams; Sue Monter; Gerard Massam; John Tanner; Mark Jones; Jim Langford; Megan Watson; Anne Austin; Emma Firth; Dick Blom; Brian Austin; John Herzfeld; Ann Smithson; Bryce Crage; Shane Lewis; Paul Harrison; Paul Mutton; Charlie Mutton; Andre Morkel; Max Beter Smithson; Sandra Keetch

Apologies

Steve Sertis; Andy Molnar; Nick Lethbridge; Debra Lethbridge; Bryan McClintock; Colin Kelly

2. Confirmation of Previous Minutes – 26th February 2016

Moved John Najar; Seconded Brian Austin

That the Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on the 26th February 2016 be confirmed as a true and accurate record. CARRIED

3. Business Arising

Nil

4. Correspondence

Nil

5. Reports:

President

WARA conducted seven events for the 2016 calendar year, competitor participation numbers was 1479 competitors and this does not include volunteers and support crews. WARA had two major roles in 2016 in addition to hosting our own events. Last July we supported the ARA who hosted World Rogaining Championships in Ross River near Alice Springs. Steve Sertis managed the hash house with the support of many WARA volunteers and Warren Smith managed the Safety and First Aid. We also had 44 WARA members competing in the WRC. Two months later WARA hosted the Australasian Rogaining Championships in Nannup. The low participation rate in the Australasian Championship was disappointing as we budgeted for up to 500 but only attracted 298 entries. Eastern States and NZ entries were very low possibly due to the events calendar pre and post the Nannup Rogaine. The previous year (2015) we attracted 1471 competitors in six events. The schedule of events for 2017 is listed on our webpage and in the newsletter and the 2018 events will be posted after the AGM.

Members would have seen some significant changes in Admin during 2016 and the investment has been substantial. (see financial report).WARA has completed the rollout of the electronic punching (E tagging) scoring system and the subsequent changes to the Admin workflow pattern. We purchased 110 E controls, 1000 wrist tags and 10000 wrist bands and two laptops.

Battery life of the E controls is expected to exceed 5 years. Pebbles, our scoring software has been totally re built and WARA is indebted to Gary Carroll for his very generous support in time and patience. Jim Langford revised Admin workflow system, excellent job Jim, thank you. The Admin tent has been replaced with a new marquee that will last us for many years. It's the same design as the Hash House marquee and accommodates the new workflow system. The net result is that WARA has a very accurate and fast scoring system and Admin is able function very efficiently with a reduced volunteer base. The E tagging system will be carefully monitored over the next several events, Admin will record all scoring data and feedback from competitors. Tagging statistics for the last two events: Oz Champs; 2629 control visits, 5908 wrist tags records and 12 mis-tags, Jarrahdale Jaunt 2365 control visits, 5595 wrist tags records and 10 mis-tags. Pebbles does not record teams who forget to tag but the intention sheet does if you record your visit.

The webpage is in the process of being upgraded and will be more proactive with news and information. Following the webpage upgrade the database and event entry will be reviewed but that will be a longer term project.

Membership /Event fees

Membership and event entry fees have been reviewed the members ship fees stay at \$40 with free membership if you have volunteered and fulfilled that role as listed on the volunteer grid. There has been some comment regarding need to be a member even if only attending one event for the calendar year. That has also been addressed by the committee. Once the event entry system has been revised competitors will not have to be a member of WARA to enter an event. However non members will have a higher event entry fee. (we still have to pay capitation and insurance fees that is normally covered by membership) Fee structure will be listed in the next newsletter.

Fee structure for 2017

Membership		Member Event fees		Non Member event fees	
Ordinary	\$40	24 Hour	\$50	24 Hour	\$75
Junior	\$15	12 Hour	\$40	12 Hour	\$60
Life	\$0	USD	\$30	USD	\$45
under 10	\$0	6 Hour	\$15	6 Hour	\$15
2016 volunteer	\$0				

Juniors 50% of adult event fees

Dept of Sport and Recreation

Dept of Sport and Recreation data shows a decline in competitor participation rates of many sporting activities particularly in the 20 to 40 year age bracket. Economics is a factor as is the choice of activities available. The exception is bicycle riding that has seen an exponential growth rate in the past ten years. WARA continues to meet Dept of Sport and Recreation funding criteria through our compliance and governance and we have demonstrated operational and financial viability so we should receive full funding for 2017. WARA has a annual strategic plan (our event and training calendar) but need to have an annual budget and develop a 5 year strategic plan to ensure future funding. The Associations Incorporations Act 2015 came into being last July. WARA has 6 current policies, all need reviewing as there are some wording alterations

necessary. There are also additional policies that need to be added. AND a revision of the constitution is required and almost complete. The constitution will be circulated for members for comment in the newsletter later this year. We have until 2019 to comply with the new Associations Incorporations Act 2015 regulations.

Earlier this week WARA personnel (myself, Paul Williams, Warren Smith and Paul Mutton) attended a meeting with representative from DSR, DPAW, Water Corp and Dept of Water, the agenda being to discuss new policies introduced by DPAW and to streamline the rogaine event application process. Initial outcomes are positive and further meetings are planned in the near future.

Committee of 2016

President	Paul Szijarto
Vice President	Paul (wil) Williams
Vice President	John Najar
Secretary	Sandra Keetch
Treasurer	Ian Spencer / Jim Langford
Hash House Manager	Steve Sertis
Camp Organizer/ Safety Officer	Warren Smith
News letter Editor	Nick Lethbridge
Training Officer	Ann Smithson
Volunteer Coordinator	Ian Thomsett
E Tagging	Andy Molnar

Non Committee

Membership & Event entry	Sue Monter
Webpage & Database	Gerard Massam
Admin Coordinator	Jim Langford
Facebook	Sophie Giles
Partner Matching	Penny Dufty
Honorary Auditor	Brian Austin

I sincerely thank the committee of 2016 for the time and dedication they have put in to managing our sport. Also the setters, the vetters, the Admin teams, the hash house teams, the transport teams and the many helpers who assisted with the setting up and dismantling of the campsites. A special thanks goes to Steve Sertis and Warren Smith who did us proud at the World Champs. Our volunteers grid is a little empty at the moment but I expect that will be rectify itself over the next few months.

Stepping down

Several of the committee are retiring from committee duties to pursue other activities or enjoy retirement. Warren Smith will be spending more time on his Nannup property where he and Yvonne plan to enjoy country living. Warren has been on committee for longer than I can remember and his contribution to WARA's immense. Warren has had the role from dunny digger (yep back in the good old days) to president and everything in between. He leaves some pretty big shoes to fill indeed. We will continue see Warren around the campsite but not wearing 3 or 4 hats . Thank you Warren and don't join too many committees in Nannup. Sue Monter and Gerard Massam are looking forward to a bit of travel after 11 years managing WARA's event entry, database systems and webpage. The behind the scenes work is not really seen and often forgotten. With minimum of fuss Sue and Gerard sorted the entries and categories and sending the B form and posting the results and updating the database and the webpage and a multitude of administrative procedures i.e. paypal, payments ,refunds ,insufficient funds ,overpayments, team changes, dietary requests and etc. Thank you both for your work ethic and diligence. Enjoy your travels. Sandra Keetch is pursuing further teaching activities. Sandra only served for a short

time but at a time WARA was in need of a Secretary. Sandra stepped in and for that I am deeply grateful. I am sure we will see much more of Sandra in the future years. Good luck with the school kids.

Sadly Ian Thomsett is no longer with us and we thank him for the years of time and dedication he afforded to WARA. He wasn't "MR ROGAINE" for nothing, over the years he held "with distinction" most committee positions and touched each and every one of us. A troubled private life got the better of him.

Mate RIP

Paul Szijarto
President.

Warren Smith gave a word of thanks to Paul Szijarto for his work as President.

Moved Warren Smith; Seconded John Najar
That the President's Report be accepted.

CARRIED

Treasurer

Western Australian Rogaine Association 'Profit and Loss Previous Year Comparison; January through December 2016' document was presented at the AGM and discussed (see attached document). Auditor Report not presented at the AGM but to be published in the next newsletter.

Moved Gerard Massam; Seconded Paul Williams
That the Treasurer's Report be accepted

CARRIED

Equipment Officer

Volunteers thanked for their support. Notable purchases in 2016 include hardware and carry cases for new tagging system; batteries in trailer (replaced); new admin marquee; ongoing replacement of equipment such as gazebo, floor sheets and 10L bottles. Personal Location Beacons (for use by setters) were also purchased. In 2017 they will continue to replace equipment as needed such as HH tables and gazebos.

Moved Brian Austin; Seconded Paul Williams
That the Equipment Officer's Report be accepted.

CARRIED

Volunteer Coordinator

Places on the volunteer grid for 2017 currently being filled

6. Election of Office Bearers

President

Paul Williams nominated by Paul Szijarto; Seconded Warren Smith– ACCEPTED

Vice President

Place left open

Secretary

Emma Firth nominated by Jim Langford; Seconded by Paul Williams– ACCEPTANCE OF POSITION TO BE CONFIRMED

Treasurer

Jim Langford nominated by Paul Szijarto; Seconded by Sue Monter – ACCEPTED

Volunteer Coordinator

John Herzfeld nominated by Paul Szijarto; Seconded Ann Smithson – ACCEPTED

Hash House Coordinator

Steve Sertis nominated by Warren Smith; Seconded Jim Langford - ACCEPTED

Training Officer

Ann Smithson nominated by Paul Szijarto; Seconded Jim Langford – ACCEPTED

Equipment Officer

John Najar nominated by Paul Szijarto; Seconded Jim Langford – ACCEPTED

Committee:

Paul Szijarto

Megan Watson

7. Election of Auditor

Brian Austin nominated by Warren Smith; Seconded Jim Langford - ACCEPTED

8. Selection for Non-Committee Positions

Facebook- Sophie Giles

Partner Matching - Penny Dufty

Safety Officer Camp Manager - position left open

Event Entry Coordinator and Database Manager- Andre Morkel

Admin Coordinator- Jim Langford

Map Bank Manager - Paul Williams

WebMaster - Gerard Massam and Sue Monter

ARA Representatives- Andre Morkel and Paul Williams

WASF Representative - Paul Szijarto

Newsletter Editor - John Lethbridge

9. General Business

* Brian Austin acknowledged contributions of the late Ian Thomsett to WARA

* The future of the USD event was briefly discussed as a response to the event typically having lower than average numbers participating. Points raised included the possibility of moving this event to March when factors such as fire risks are lower, running it every alternate year, running it in conjunction with the 6hr event or swapping with the novelty event. It was resolved that this point be taken to the new committee for further discussion.

10. Close of Meeting

The meeting closed at 8:20pm