

Annual Report 2009

**ACT Veterans Athletic Club Inc. /
ACT Masters Athletics**

Annual General Meeting

Tuesday, 19 May 2009



MISSION STATEMENT OF THE ACTVAC INC.

“The ACTVAC Inc., is a state controlling body for veterans athletics in the Australian Capital Territory and surrounding districts. The aims are to provide opportunities for participation in a wide variety of athletic pursuits. As a club we represent the interest of members of government, other sporting organisations and to the Australian Masters Athletics.”

2008/2009 CLUB ADMINISTRATION

Patron:	Jack Pennington
President:	Christopher Lang
Vice-President:	Rosemary Parker
Secretary:	Miranda Rawlinson
Treasurer:	Paul Archer
Committee:	Kevin Chamberlain Jack Thackray Wendy O'Brien Rachelle Ellis-Brownlee Brad Osborn Craig Wisdom

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ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

7:30 PM, Tuesday 19 May 2009
Southern Cross Club Wests, Catchpole Street, Macquarie, ACT

AGENDA

1. Welcome
2. Apologies
3. Adoption of Agenda
4. Minutes of the 19/5/2008 Annual General Meeting
Minutes of the 29/6/2008 Special General Meeting
5. Reports
 - ~ President's report
 - ~ Secretary's report
 - ~ Treasurer's report
6. Election of Office Bearers and Committee for 2009-2010
 - ~ Patron
 - ~ Public Officer
 - ~ President
 - ~ Vice-President
 - ~ Secretary
 - ~ Treasurer
 - ~ Committee
7. Special resolution, as follows:
"That, in accordance with s34 of the Club's constitution, this general meeting amends the constitution by special resolution so that "club" means the 'ACT Masters Athletics Incorporated', and 'Masters' replaces 'Veteran' or 'Veterans' where they occur."
8. General Business
9. Close

(Miranda Rawlinson)
Secretary

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

In 2008-09 the club successfully conducted its full programs of track and field and monthly walking, running and throwing handicap events. The AIS athletics stadium and lower throwing fields at Bruce were venues for the spring/summer weekly track and field program. The Masson Street throwing grounds in Turner hosted the monthly throwing handicaps and various off-road venues were the sites for monthly walking and running handicaps. The club used Stromlo Forest Park for the first time in March 2009. In December 2008, the club had 528 members.

The real achievement of the club's 2008/09 year in review continues to be its vitality as a dynamic, community based athletics organisation for individuals who are 30 years and older, with members planning and managing their programs and events. Athletics is primarily a matter of detail, and the club manages to do this well. The club's sub-committees harnessed the efforts of both experienced and new members, and further details of their activities are in their reports. Many, many members gave their time freely and worked together to make the club one of the most successful masters athletics organisations in the nation. In doing so, they have built on the legacy of their predecessors and set the standards for posterity.

The Treasurer's Report shows that for 2008/09 the club had a small operating surplus and a net worth of some \$100,000. For 2009/10, the Treasurer proposes that membership fees remain unchanged, and that the club support an indicative expenditure budget of \$60,000 against estimated income of \$51,400, with a projected deficit of some \$8,600. The club usually fails to achieve annual deficits.

The club's Committee met 12 times in 2008/09, with the records of meetings posted on the club's website (<http://www.actvac.com.au>). The spirit of the membership shone through when Miranda Rawlinson and Paul Archer responded to calls to take on the roles of secretary and treasurer.

'*Vetrunner*' remained a very credible publication of record for members for news and views. Its high standard is a testimony to the passion and skill that Narelle Blackaby brings to the editor role. '*Vetrunner*' is also proof of the enduring capacity of club members working together to get a good outcome: members writing stories and reports, members entering data from events and providing it to the editor, members taking photographs for '*Vetrunner*'. The photographs on the club's website also provide enduring visual record of the vitality of the club.

The club successfully conducted its signature events in 2008/09: the Half Marathon in August; the Winter Throwing Championships in October; the Sprint Marathon Relay in February; the monthly Weight Pentathlons; the ACTMA Cross Country Championships in June. The club assisted and provided medals for the Women's and Girls' Fun Run in April.

The 2008 AGM decided that the club use the title of 'ACT Masters Athletics' to align its activities with national and international athletics for people 30 years and older, and asked the Committee to recommend any constitutional changes to the 2009 AGM. The Committee recommended that the club change its name to 'ACT Masters Athletics Incorporated' and advertised a special resolution for the 2009 AGM.

The club's website development continued in 2008/09 and members can view the new look and feel at <http://www.actvac.com.au/index.php>. The next steps include members' feedback for refinement and finalisation. One interesting aspect of the site is the archive of '*Vetrunners*' from 1999.

Christopher Lang
President

SECRETARY'S REPORT

As at 31 December 2008 (end of membership year), the club had 528 members. This compares with 589 at the same time the previous year.

The Committee met every month (except January), and held an extra meeting in April to discuss policy on sponsorship. The Committee relied heavily on the hard work of the sub-committees, and supporting volunteers, to keep events running smoothly during the year. Some initial efforts were made by the Committee to try and document the work done by these groups to capture the knowledge of our processes – something that is not so easy for newcomers to pick up quickly. There is still some way to go on this, however, and it may be an issue for the new Committee to address.

Some key matters occupying the Committee's attention during the year were:

- Need for greater coordination of out-of-stadia events.
- IT website redesign and upgrade.
- Process of membership renewal, use of RegisterNow.
- Issues regarding implementation of name change for club.
- Sponsorship policy.
- Acquittal of grants from the ACT Government, and Case Management Meeting with ACT Government authorities.
- Conditions of Membership policy (now on club website).
- Member Inclusion, Support & Protection policy (now on club website).

Some of this work (last 3 points) was critical to ensure we remained compliant with the conditions of the annual grant received from the ACT Government.

ACTMA Committee Meeting Attendance

<i>Name</i>	<i>Meetings Attended</i>
Christopher Lang (President)	12
Rosemary Parker (Vice-President)	11
Paul Archer (Treasurer)	12
Miranda Rawlinson (Secretary)	12
Kevin Chamberlain (Member)	11
Rachelle Ellis-Brownlee (Member)	6
Wendy O'Brien (Member)	7
Brad Osborn (Member)	7
Jack Thackray (Member)	9
Craig Wisdom (Member)	7
Total of Committee meetings held	12

Thanks very much to Narelle Blackaby for her great help and expertise in the production of this Annual Report. I would also like to thank my fellow committee members for their tolerance and patience. It has been an interesting year and I wish the future committee all the very best.

Miranda Rawlinson

TREASURER'S REPORT

I am pleased to advise that the ACT Veterans Athletics Club continues to enjoy a very healthy financial position. The accounts for 2008/2009 Financial Period disclose an operating surplus of **\$298.55** and as a consequence, the Members' Equity (i.e. the Club's worth) has grown to **\$100,622.15**.

Performance against Budget during the financial period

A surplus of \$298.55 was achieved compared to an anticipated deficit of \$12,659. The prime reasons for this are:

Revenue

Revenue was \$564 higher than budget mainly due to higher revenue from the AMA Winter throwing championships (\$857) and the Half Marathon (\$832) being offset by lower than anticipated revenues from Bank interest (922).

Expenses

Expenses were \$12,393 less than budgeted mainly due to the following:

- \$1,200 less than budgeted was expended on developing and maintaining the Club's website during the period (\$4,000 vs. \$2,800).
- Insurance was budgeted for \$2,500. However the payment for 2008/09 was paid in the previous financial year so nothing is recorded against this expense this year. The 2009/10 payment has been paid in April 2009.
- The budget for trophies and medals included an order estimate of 750 medals costing \$3,200 approx. Only 120 were ordered due to the uncertainty of the club name.
- Administration costs were below budget as the membership sub committee had budgeted \$2,000 but did not expend this. Their budget has been revised to \$400 for 2009/10.

Proposed Budget 2009/10

The proposed budget for 2009/10 is primarily based on the following factors:

- a. Membership fees remaining at their current level;
- b. Actual Expenses are based mainly on 2008/09 actuals with a 10% increase in some areas due to anticipated price rises in the next year;
- c. \$1000 being budgeted for the development of the Club's website; and.
\$2,200 being budgeted for insurance because the Club is no longer covered by the AMA policy.

An operating deficit of **\$9,129** is anticipated.

Please note that purchases/sales of clothing merchandise and purchase of new equipment are not included in the budget as these items are "asset" items, and therefore, appear in the Club's Balance Sheet at the end of each financial year, rather than in the Profit and Loss Statement. It is proposed for the Club to spend \$3,000 on competition equipment and \$1,500 on miscellaneous equipment (usually minor in cost)

While the proposed budget represents the anticipated expenditure for the next financial year it does not confer an automatic right to spend money. All expenditure needs to be approved by the main committee of the club before it is undertaken and 3 quotes should be obtained if significant work is to be done to ensure the Club gets a competitive price.

The proposed budget does not take into account the impact of any potential name change. A name change will impact uniforms, t-shirts and medals.

Appreciation

I would like to thank Audrey Gormley for producing the monthly financial reports and the proposed budget.

I would also like to thank the auditor, Ian Bowden (a club member and PNA) for his comprehensive examination of the Club's accounts and his generous advice and guidance.

Recommendations

I recommend that Club members:

- a. Accept and approve the accounts for 2008/09 as presented, detailing an Operating Surplus of \$298.55 and a revised Members' Equity of \$100,622.15; and
- b. Accept and approve the indicative Budget proposed for 2009/10, which anticipates an Operating Deficit of \$9,129 for the period, based on Membership Fees being maintained at their current level.

Paul Archer
Treasurer
6 May 2009

BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31 MARCH 2009

	2007-08	2008-09
CURRENT ASSETS		
Commonwealth Bank	\$ 13,004.96	\$ 25,725.64
St George	<u>\$ 62,208.40</u>	<u>\$ 64,168.24</u>
Total Current Assets	\$ 75,213.36	\$ 89,893.88
FIXED ASSETS		
Masson Street	\$ 324.89	\$ 276.15
AIS Shed	<u>\$ 690.76</u>	<u>\$ 822.56</u>
Total Fixed Assets	<u>\$ 1,015.65</u>	<u>\$ 1,098.71</u>
SPORTING AND OTHER EQUIPMENT		
Sporting Equipment	\$ 5,345.23	\$ 4,914.35
Other Equipment	\$ 11,343.86	\$ 10,470.15
Computer Equipment	<u>\$ 3,693.26</u>	<u>\$ 2,463.41</u>
Total Equipment	<u>\$ 20,382.35</u>	<u>\$ 17,847.91</u>
UNIFORMS		
Purchases	\$ 6,678.50	\$ 7,103.10
Sales	\$ 1,721.90	\$ -
Stock Revalue	\$ (1,291.00)	\$ (565.00)
	<u>\$ (6.30)</u>	
Total Uniform etc	<u>\$ 7,103.10</u>	<u>\$ 6,538.10</u>
TOTAL ASSETS	\$ 103,714.46	\$ 115,378.60
LESS LIABILITIES		
Creditors	\$ 3,390.86	\$ 14,756.45
NET ASSETS	\$ 100,323.60	\$ 100,622.15
MEMBERS EQUITY		
Members Equity as at 31 March 2008		\$ 100,323.60
<i>PLUS Operating Surplus 2008-09</i>		<u>\$ 298.55</u>
MEMBERS EQUITY as at 31 March 2009		\$ 100,622.15

PROFIT AND LOSS STATEMENT YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2009**INCOME**

Grants	\$ 14,000.00
Sponsorship	\$ 1,513.00
Membership Fees	\$ 15,282.00
Bank Account Interest	
St George	\$ 1,959.84
CBA	\$ 118.43
	\$ 2,078.27
Uniform Sales	
Track and Field	\$ 4,799.26
Run/Walk Handicaps	\$ 6,139.30
Throwing Handicaps	\$ 912.85
Special Events	
Half Marathon	\$ 3,381.90
Sprint Marathon Relay	\$ 144.00
Track and Field Champs'	\$ 1,971.05
Winter Throwing Champs'	\$ 3,157.00
Weight Pentathlon	\$ 202.80
Cross Country Champs'	\$ 183.00
	\$ 53,764.43

EXPENDITURE

Administration Expenses	\$ 2,181.98
Vetrunner (Printing & Distribution)	\$ 8,981.64
Bank Charges	\$ 369.83
On Line Membership Facility Fees	\$ 361.95
Trophies/Medals/Engraving	\$ 2,728.99
AMA Capitation Fees 2008/09	\$ 3,696.00
Insurance (Equipment)	\$ 662.20
Insurance - Public Liability etc	
Equipment Maintenance	\$ 1,101.88
Handicap T Shirts	\$ 775.50
Depreciation	\$ 4,285.79
Track and Field	\$ 12,547.26
Run/Walk Handicaps	\$ 6,467.22
Throwing Handicaps	\$ 350.00
Website	\$ 2,940.00
Special Events	
Half Marathon	\$ 1,575.15
Sprint Marathon Relay	\$ 175.18
Track and Field Champs	\$ 1,275.45
Winter Throwing Champs	\$ 2,653.36
Weight Pentathlon	
Cross Country Championships	\$ 153.00
Women's and Girls'	\$ 88.50
Postal Relay	\$ 95.00
	\$ 53,465.88
Operating Surplus	\$ 298.55

PROPOSED BUDGET 2009/10

Income	2009/10 Budget	Expenditure	2009/10 Budget
Grants	14,000.00	Administration Expenses	2,800.00
Donations	1,500.00	Vetrunner (Printing & Distribution)	10,000.00
Membership Fees	15,000.00	Bank Charges (incl. Register Now)	750.00
Bank Account Interest	460.00	Trophies/Medals/Engraving	4,200.00
Track & Field (Incl. Champs)	7,280.00	Handicap T Shirts	144.00
Run/Walk Handicap	6,050.00	AMA Capitation Fees 2007/08	3,640.00
Throwing Handicap	990.00	Insurance (Equipment)	700.00
Special Events		Insurance	2,290.00
Half Marathon	2,550.00	Equipment Maintenance	2,000.00
Winter Throwing Champs	3,025.00	Website Maintenance	400.00
Sprint Marathon Relay	150.00	Website Development	1,000.00
Weight Pentathlon	200.00	Depreciation	5,000.00
Cross Country Champs	185.00	Track & Field (incl Champs)	15,100.00
	51,390.00	Run/Walk Handicaps	8,240.00
		Throwing Handicaps	715.00
		Uniform Revalue	
		Special Events	
		Half Marathon	2,090.00
		Winter Throwing Championships	1,000.00
		Sprint Marathon Relay	200.00
		Weight Pentathlon	-
		Women's and Girls	100.00
		Cross Country Champs	150.00
			60,519.00
		Anticipated Surplus/Deficit	(9,129.00)

PERFORMANCE AGAINST BUDGET 2008-2009

Income	Budget	Actual	Expenditure	Budget	Actual
Grants	\$14,000.00	\$14,000.00	Administration Expenses	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 2,181.98
Donations	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,513.00	Vetrunner(Printing & Distrib)	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 8,981.64
Membership Fees	\$15,250.00	\$15,282.00	Bank Charges (incl Register Now)	\$ 750.00	\$ 731.78
Bank Account Interest	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 2,078.27	Trophies/Medals/Engraving	\$ 4,960.00	\$ 2,728.99
Track & Field (Incl Champs)	\$ 6,950.00	\$ 6,770.31	Handicap T Shirts	\$ 1,080.00	\$ 775.50
Run/Walk Handicap	\$ 6,600.00	\$ 6,139.30	AMA Capitation Fees 2007/08	\$ 4,200.00	\$ 3,696.00
Throwing Handicap	\$ 960.00	\$ 912.85	Insurance (Equipment)	\$ 700.00	\$ 662.20
Special Events			Insurance	\$ 2,500.00	\$ -
Half Marathon	\$ 2,550.00	\$ 3,381.90	Equipment Maintenance	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 1,101.88
Winter Throwing Champs	\$ 2,300.00	\$ 3,157.00	Website Maintenance	\$ 290.00	\$ 140.00
Sprint Marathon Relay	\$ 150.00	\$ 144.00	Website Development	\$ 4,000.00	\$ 2,800.00
Weight Pentathlon	\$ 240.00	\$ 202.80	Depreciation	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 4,285.79
Cross Country Champs	\$ 200.00	\$ 183.00	Track & Field (incl Championships)	\$ 14,000.00	\$13,822.71
	\$53,200.00	<u>\$53,764.43</u>	Run/Walk Handicaps	\$ 6,175.00	\$ 6,467.22
			Throwing Handicaps	\$ 674.00	\$ 350.00
			Uniform Revalue		
			Special Events		
			Half Marathon	\$ 2,230.00	\$ 1,575.15
			Winter Throwing Champs	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 2,653.36
			Sprint Marathon Relay	\$ 200.00	\$ 175.18
			Weight Pentathlon	\$ -	\$ -
			Women's and Girls'	\$ 100.00	\$ 88.50
			Cross Country Champs		\$ 153.00
			Postal Relays		\$ 95.00
				<u>\$ 65,859.00</u>	<u>\$53,465.88</u>
			Anticipated Deficit	\$ (12,659.00)	
			Actual Surplus		\$ <u>298.55</u>

COMMONWEALTH BANK RECONCILIATION AS AT 31 MARCH 2009**Balance as per Bank Statement as at 31 March 2009****Commonwealth Bank**

Closing balance (as per statement dated 31 March 2009)	\$25,480.31
Plus Receipts not yet banked (3)	<u>\$ 768.94</u>
	\$26,249.25
Less unrepresented cheques (6)	<u>\$ 523.61</u>
Reconciled Cash Account (as at 31 March 2009)	\$25,725.64

With interest received during the year of **\$1,959.84** the balance on the **St George** Investment account is now **\$64,168.24**

Auditor's Report



Audit Statement

Forward:

I have been requested by Paul Archer, Treasurer, ACT Veterans Athletics Club Inc, to examine the books and financial records, and the prepared Financial Statements of the Club, and to form an opinion as to whether those Statements reflect a true and fair indication of the Club's operations and financial position as at 31 March 2009.

Accordingly, I have examined the records, tested a sample of both receipt and payment transactions, verified the bank reconciliation, verified asset depreciation calculations, and checked the figures presented in the Statements.

As in past years, due to the nature of the transactions, I have not been able to verify the accuracy of cash receipts from events. On occasions the amounts banked vary from expected receipts calculated from participant numbers, but I am satisfied from the Treasurer's comments regarding the cash handling processes, and small value of variances, that there have been no material mis-statements.

Audit Opinion:

Accordingly, I state that it is my professional opinion that the Financial Statements included in this Annual Report do give a true and fair indication of the operating result for the year ending 31 March 2009, and of the financial position of the Club as at 31 March 2009.

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Ian R. Bowden.

PNA Member No. 112536

Date *1 May 2009*



Sub-Committee Reports

Member Services Sub-Committee (MSSC) Report 2008-09

Welcoming New Starters

MSSC members made a point of seeking out and greeting new participants at Track and Field on Thursday evenings and at monthly Handicap events. The information sheet we provided to all new members and prospective members in the previous year was updated, and bright fluorescent yellow beanies and caps were purchased which were worn to identify MSSC members ready to welcome, assist, and be buddies for any newcomers on that day.

Club Uniforms

The MSSC has been investigating new uniform (singlet) designs, contacting three potential suppliers and looking at options for colour and material. Follow-up has been put on hold pending a decision on name and logo after the 2009 annual general meeting. We also had a look into the design of caps which members could purchase and wear to promote the club.

Parks Week

We had a low-key involvement in Parks Week activities. Thank you to club members who participated. Contact with Parks & Conservation proved useful and we will continue our association in the future, although there will be no need to continue attending this particular event.

Membership Cards

Membership cards were produced for 2008 and for 2009 and progressively distributed to members at our competition meetings, or mailed out.

Promotional flyers

Attractive new flyers promoting ACT Masters Athletics were produced and distributed.

Come and Try It

We invited the Bilbys triathlon group to attend one of our "Come and Try It" days, a success which we can consider revisiting in the future.

The Track and Field Program was endorsed by the MSSC.

Transition to Masters

The MSSC were, a couple of years ago, given a mandate to find ways of attracting younger members. We consider, central to any future promotion strategy, is a change of name from "Veterans" to "Masters".

The MSSC has focussed this year very much on the "Masters" transition, and reported late in 2008 the wide-spread acceptance of Masters in the community at large. The members of the MSSC believe that if we are to grow as a club and recruit younger peoples as they age and as they therefore qualify to become club members and enjoy the fitness and fellowship we enjoy, then a name change is a first and necessary step towards achieving this end.

What we did

The MSSC has been instrumental in consulting members in regard to this initiative.

- We provided a feed-back box at Masters Handicaps for any comments
- We created a website where we invited comment
- We approached each Sub-Committee and asked for a response
- We produced flyers for new members where we used the new name
- We requested event directors to refer to the club as "Masters"
- We encouraged feedback via "Vetranner" and published the input received
- We used "Masters" in our dealings with outside organisations such as other sporting organisations and the media
- We made informal approaches to many individuals both inside and outside the club seeking their reactions and responses

While our views on the subject are known, the MSSC has aimed to stay objective throughout the whole process of collecting and reporting data, and has not been drawn into debates on the issues that have been raised. The straw poll at the end of the track season indicates a majority of club members support this change. We look forward to a positive response from those attending the annual general meeting, so that we can move forward with our publicity and promotion in the next twelve months.

The future

Some of the activities we could be involved in from June onwards are:

- input to website appearance to help make it attractive and interesting and informative
- promotion of the website widely not only within the club but also outside the club
- involvement with the design and sourcing of new Masters uniforms
- marketing in general
- continuing to review the services provided to club members
- sending out renewal letters to those who have not yet rejoined from last year

Subcommittee members

Many thanks to the members of the MSSC for their participation and contributions this year
- Ruth, Rachele, Peter, Roger and Phil.

Geoff Moore
Chair

Competition Sub-Committee Report

The Competition Sub-Committee is very pleased with the outcome of the Track and Field season. The feedback from a large number of people was that the season was an enjoyable one. Participation numbers would back this up. The average numbers for this season were 83 per night (75 for last season).

A Member survey was conducted in July, 2008 which resulted in 93 responses. The feedback included a number of suggestions for improving the club's track and field competition activities. The Committee used this information to assist with the preparation of the season's program.

It was great to see that the changes in the program resulted in increased participation. For example, the change in having the Adler series at the commencement of the program and having the 3000/5000 metres at the end of the program resulted in increased numbers for both events.

This season we conducted our own Track and Field Championships in February. Numbers were up with 144 athletes competing across all events (101 last season).

I would like to thank Val, Robin, Kevin, Cory, Jayne, Jack and Raylea for their terrific contributions to the running of the Sub-Committee over the last twelve months. Their experience enabled a novice like myself to quickly learn the ropes. It has been a pleasure to work with them this past year. The Track and Field season would not run smoothly without the assistance of a number of people. As is the case every season, our demand for volunteers exceeds the numbers available to call on. This is potentially a serious OHS issue and needs further consideration from the Club. Thank you to all the volunteer officials and Meet Directors who assisted throughout the season (in effect every track and field athlete who assisted on at least one night throughout the season).

I would like to make special mention of several people; Neil and Kerry Boden, John Sutor, Norm Mackie, Alice Scott, Jane McGlew and Linda Taylor. All turned up nearly every week to assist with officiating. I believe the season would not have been as enjoyable (certainly for myself) without their input. Thank you very much.

Finally, thank you to Stuart Reid (and Mick Corlis in Stuart's absence). Stuart's knowledge of statistics, event requirements and all things IT made my life so much easier.

I wish the new committee all the best for the coming season.

Regards

Paul Considine

Annual Report of Awards Sub-Committee for 2008/09

The Awards sub-committee, established April 2001, aims to identify members worthy of consideration for our prestigious “club-person” type of awards that recognize and acknowledge outstanding service.

Current members of the sub-committee are: Bryan Thomas (chair), John Alcock, Cory Collins, Mick Horan, Frank Nugent, Maureen Rossiter and Margaret Taylor.

Contributions made by the sub-committee in 2008/09 have been:

1. **Described all annual club awards**, their history, criteria and previous recipients in *Vetrunner* at least a month prior to being presented.
2. **Promoted presentations** of *End of Year* and *Track and Field* awards by regular announcements and displaying notice boards.
3. **End of Year Trophies.** Selected recipients, prepared secret citations for announcing winners and citations published in *Vetrunner* for both the *Encouragement Award* (2008 winner Michael Freer) and the *Clohessy Trophy* (2008 winner Duncan Macnicol).
4. **Track and Field Awards.** (a). Invited Neil Boden (statistician), John Hunt and Trish Thomas to select the 2008/09 winners of the *Fristad Awards* for track and field excellence. (b). Selected recipients, prepared secret citations for announcing winners and citations published in *Vetrunner* for both the *Heart Foundation Trophy* (2009 winner Gary Maher) and the *Johnson Trophy* for track and field club person of the season (2009 winner Kevin Chamberlain).
5. **Annual AMA Awards.** Bryan Thomas and Neil Boden (statistician) submitted to committee recommendations of members worthy of nomination for annual AMA track and field awards announced at AMA Championships. (2009 winners Jackie Fairweather for distance athlete of the year and Margaret Taylor jumper of the year).
6. Nominated “*Masters Sportspersons of Month*”. Identified outstanding performers for nomination for Clubs ACT Sportstar of the Year Awards (all sports eligible). Jackie Fairweather (January and April 2008), Rad Leovic (March 2008), Margaret Taylor (August 2008) and Don Fraser (February 2009). Jackie Fairweather was honoured as ACT 2008 Masters Sportsperson of the Year (all sports).
7. Implemented Deceased Member Policy. Club member Alison Ide died February 2009 and well known runner/athletics administrator Ian MacKenzie died March 2009. Arranged for announcement of their passing at soonest appropriate club event and an obituary in the next *Vetrunner*.

Bryan Thomas (chair).

Handicap Subcommittee Report to the AGM 19 May 2009

Participation at Handicaps

Participation in the year from April 08 to March 09 was marginally down on last year. Details are in the table below.

	Thomas	Frylink	Waddell	Total
Men	697	289	184	1170
Women	391	302	204	897
Total	1088	591	388	2067
Last year	1164	545	373	2082

Course changes from 2008

The Handicap Subcommittee proposed several changes to the courses from 2008. The reasoning behind these decisions is given below:

- It was proposed that Stromlo Forest Park replace Kowen Forest. The Kowen course is generally very good and the parking and meeting areas excellent. However, the distance from Canberra and the state of the access road were the cause of complaints from club members.
- The Oakey Hill course is very rocky and rough in parts, particularly towards the finish, and has been replaced by West Stromlo which has not been used since the 2003 fires.
- Goorooyaroo was considered as an alternative to the Parkway which may not be available as the suburb of Molonglo is developed. The Parkway was considered superior to Goorooyaroo from the distance and parking aspects.
- There is a possible out-and-back course at Weston Park which will be investigated for use in the November event, and a decision made later.
- There will be a major downhill bike event at Stromlo Forest Park 1-5 September 2009: hence we choose not to use Blewitts on 30 August. The half marathon will be on 23 August, hence the handicap will be on 30 August. The swapping of Blewitts for Mt Taylor will keep the King and Queen of the Mountain series continuous through the colder months.

Issues for courses in 2010

- While Stromlo Forest Park (SFP) proved to be very popular, there is a safety issue if the cycling track is being used at the same time. Further, SFP management was unimpressed with the number of vehicles we positioned on the grass near the track. Negotiations with management will continue in the lead-up to next year. We are charged \$2 per head for use of SFP.

- We will not be charged \$2 per head for use of West Stromlo this year, but may be charged in future. If this happens it will reduce its attractiveness. The main Committee will be asked to decide on future use.
- The main access road into Kowen Forest has been fixed, so it will be available again.

Change of name from Age Standard Percentage

For the last three years the Club has been using world age records as the basis for calculation of age standard percentages. The description 'age standard percentage' is a hangover from the days when we used WAVA standards. To more accurately reflect the method of calculation, the Subcommittee has changed the name from 'age standard percentage' to 'world age record percentage'. Note the details of the calculation have not changed – only the name.

The Subcommittee updates the list of world age records each December for use in the following year. Last December seven new age running and walking records that were posted on the WMA website during 2008 were included in our lists for use this year.

Report on ACTVAC Uniform Sales for 2008/2009

In the Financial Year ending 31st March 2009, uniform sales amounted to \$558. This amount is down on previous years, presumably due to the possibility of a name change for the Club which would require a new logo for future uniforms.

Sales consisted mainly of long sleeved training tops and bucket hats. Some singlets/tops were sold to members who required them for the Australian Masters Athletics (AMA) Championships.

The Club did not purchase any new stock in the Financial Year 2008/2009 due to the uncertainty surrounding the Club's name.

The value of current uniform stock is approximately \$6,400.

Rosemary and Bob Parker
Former Uniform Officers

30th April 2009

2008/09 Annual Report – Records Officer/Statistician

Club members participated in a range of athletic competitions conducted by our dedicated and enthusiastic volunteers during the reporting period including weekly Track & Field meets at the AIS, monthly Run/Walk and Throwing handicaps, AMA Winter Throwing Championships, annual Half Marathon and Sprint Marathon, T&F Championships and Cross Country Championships. 33 members competed at the Oceania Masters Athletics Championships in Townsville (July/Aug 2008) and 36 at the AMA National Championships in Adelaide (Easter 2009).

The 2008-09 T&F season showed an increase in participation numbers with the weekly average around 83, an improvement on the 2007/08 figure of 75. Once again the Records Officers was kept busy with members breaking or establishing 90 ACT and 20 Australian individual and relay records.

The highlights of the year included:

- **Ewen Drummond** establishing and breaking an amazing eighteen (18) records in throwing, jumping, sprinting and multi-events since moving into the **M85** age group in May 2008 – he is our oldest current T&F athlete and what a fine example he sets!
- **Gwen Gleeson** becoming our first **W80** T&F athlete in February 2009 and establishing and breaking records in the 60m, 100m, 200m and Long Jump – setting a wonderful example for the ‘younger’ members of our club!
- **Margaret Taylor** superb efforts in breaking no less than twenty three (23) ACT records, including ten (10) Australian records, in a variety of sprinting, hurdling, jumping and relay events.
- **World Records** for our W40 4x1500m Relay Team of Jackie Fairweather, Amanda Walker, Jane Zeller and Sarah Fien with their brilliant performance of 21:17.01s and also our M70 team of Tony Booth, Michael Freer, Bob Chapman and Roger Abbott running an excellent 27:58.81s.
- **Leo Kennedy’s** high quality performances at the 2008 Oceania Championships and 2009 Nationals where he remained undefeated in the M50 60m, 100m and 200m events.
- **Bruce Graham** confirming that he is the best middle/long distance runner the club has seen for many years by remaining unbeaten over all distances from 1500m and Mile to 10000m and the One Hour run. He showed his class by easily winning the M45 age group in the 5000m, 10000m and Cross Country events.
- **Volunteers** from Athletics ACT, Linda Taylor and Jane McGlew (electronic timing and results processing) and Norm Mackie (Starter) who demonstrate their expertise in a friendly yet professional manner.
- **Ann Jugovic** (nee Staunton) making a triumphant return to the track after a break of over 6 years and breaking W45 records in the 800m, 1500m, 2000m, 3000m and 5000m Walk.
- **Don Fraser’s** return to the track as an M70 early in 2009 where he proceeded to break records in 8 different events including a massive total of 6,762 points in the Decathlon at the AMA Multi-event Championships in Brisbane.
- **Kevin Chamberlain’s** tireless efforts in organizing the weekly T&F meets during the 2008-09 season resulting in him winning the Johnson Trophy for ‘Club Person of the Year’.
- **Relays** were again a very popular and successful part of the T&F program with an amazing sixteen (16) records broken or established – with ten (10) of those coming in the 4x800m and 4x1500m Relays.

Throwing Handicaps 2008/09

Throughout the year we conducted 10 monthly handicaps (February through to November) at the Masson St, Turner, throwing field. Fine weather predominated for all handicaps. During the last reporting year we maintained our numbers competing on a regular basis and welcomed some new faces to this competition

- We are averaging over 30 per competition.
- In season 2008/09 one 150 HCP top, one 100 HCP shirt and one 50 HCP shirt, were awarded.
- The Club's computer is used to calculate the results at the monthly handicaps and continues to be a valued asset.
- Many thanks are extended to Jayne and Raylea for continuing to keep the container in order. This container is proving to be a great asset with nearly all members confident of packing and unpacking the container.
- Thanks to Bjarne Kragh from Southside Physiotherapy and Sports Injury Clinic for his continued support of our handicaps. Bjarne donates a fine bottle of red wine each month and also conducted a most informative stretching seminar at one of our handicaps.
- Thanks are extended to the Scout Association for the continued use of their hall, particularly the toilets.
- Our scheduled duty roster is working well with many members pitching in to assist Jayne, Raylea, Trish and rostered members each month. Many thanks to Jayne and Raylea who month in and month out, work hard to assist the rostered members set up and pack up for the handicap competition
- Many thanks to our photographer, Tanya Colyer, for the great photos she takes.
- Particular thanks to our informal committee of Bryan, Jayne, Raylea, Jen and Wendy, for their continued assistance throughout the past year.

Trish Thomas
Organiser and Handicapper

Equipment Report 2008/09

The equipment sub-committee has had a very productive period between 2008 & 2009.

We have passed over some of the responsibilities to the main committee who then sub-divided the area so that one person did not have to be responsible for all the equipment for the club.

This meant that there was a person to look after each of the following areas:

- the throwing container at Masson Street Turner,
- the shed at the AIS,
- the running handicap trailer,
- the catering trailer,
- the clubs assets.

From my point of view, the following information outlines what I was involved with. The upgrade and repairs to the hammer cage at Masson St – ¼ of the cage was replaced with new chain mesh and a plastic cover.

The new slab of concrete for the javelin run-up at Masson St was expertly covered with old AIS track rubber – laid out and glued down by members of the club.

We could not have completed this without the help of Greg Gilbert.

Greg was also actively involved with repairs & maintenance to a lot of the throwing equipment and implements.

With the drought affecting Canberra so badly, it has taken its toll on the throwing gear and this is why we need to keep replacing the implements.

Another member of the club who has offered his services is Mario Larocca. Mario has also played a major part in designing some fantastic gear that allows me to measure & weigh the gear we have so it stays within the specifications. The 'hammer stand' is nicknamed 'Mario' now!!

I hope the club continues to grow and with it the involvements of more people in such areas as equipment – the more the merrier!

Jayne Hardy

MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

ACTVAC Annual General Meeting Minutes 19 May 2008

Minutes of the AGM held on 19 May 2008 at Western District Rugby Union Club, Catchpole Street, Macquarie, ACT.

Present: See Attachment A. Office Bearers: President – Christopher Lang; Vice President – Rosemary Parker; Secretary – Rod Lynch; Treasurer – Audrey Gormley

Welcome

The President opened the meeting at 7.35pm and welcomed members to the Club's 2008 AGM.

Apologies

Motion: That the list of apologies (Attachment B) be accepted.
Moved: Raylea Rudov. Seconded: Jane Hardy.

The motion was carried.

Adoption of Agenda

Motion: The draft Agenda as circulated be accepted.
Moved: Rod Lynch. Seconded: Geoff Sims.

The motion was carried.

Minutes of 2007 AGM

Motion: The 2007 AGM minutes as distributed be accepted as a true record with the following minor corrections:

P 24 Public Officer Candidate should read Chris Mahe; and

P24 under the heading of President should read 'Geoff Sims read an email from Christopher Lang....'.

Moved: Rod Lynch. Seconded: John Hunt.

The motion was carried.

Reports

President's Report

Christopher Lang presented the President's Report.

Motion: The President's Report be accepted.

Moved: Alice Scott. Seconded: Bryan Thomas.

There were no questions from the floor and the motion was carried.

Secretary's Report

Rod Lynch presented the Secretary's Report.

Motion: The Secretary's Report be accepted.
Moved: Trish Thomas. Seconded: Jack Thackray.

There were no questions from the floor and the motion was carried.

Treasurer's Report

Audrey Gormley presented the Treasurer's report.

Motion: The Treasurer's Report as circulated be accepted, including:
The 2007-08 accounts detailing an operating surplus of \$6,168.22 and a revised Members' equity of \$100,323.60; and

Proposed indicative 2008-09 Budget which anticipates an operating deficit of \$12,659 based on membership fees being maintained at the current level..

Moved: Audrey Gormley. Seconded: Rosemary Parker.

Neil Boden asked about the AMA capitation fee and insurance costs now being paid separately by ACTVAC. Audrey Gormley answered that this was an issue that needed to be raised directly with the AMA. Alice Scott commented that there was only a single capitation fee and it was broken down into different parts. Christopher Lang noted that this issue was a matter for the incoming Committee and would need to be raised at the AMA AGM. Bryan Thomas commented that he wasn't sure the capitation fee included payment for insurance. John Hunt noted that the Little Athletics had very generous insurance coverage and ACTVAC may wish to investigate similar coverage. Geoff Sims outlined that in order to be covered by the AMA insurance, state veterans/masters athletics needed to be affiliated with their state branch of athletics. Christopher Lang provided further background on the issue from the last AMA AGM and that state branches would be consulted before decisions were made on insurance and this didn't eventuate. He also explained that the Committee looked at a number of options such as a similar arrangement to the Little Athletics and joining with the cross country/mountain running clubs for insurance purposes. He also outlined the Committee's response in terms of paying AMA capitation fees and that they would be based on audited membership numbers.

Alice Scott congratulated Audrey Gormley on the Treasurer's Report and noted the deficit generated as a result of the track and field season. Audrey Gormley noted that ACTVAC was in a good financial position and while the deficit due to track and field was discussed by the Committee, it was agreed to maintain the current entry fees and examine the next season' (2008-09) outcome in proposing a 2009-10 budget. Christopher Lang noted that ACTVAC provided a range of activities to be as inclusive as possible for a reasonable cost. Peter Cullen commented that ACTVAC being in such a good financial position was what allowed the Club to hold the range of events at the prices it currently did.

Trish Thomas commented on the need to realign ACTVAC's financial year to a calendar year which is how the events are handled. Christopher Lang suggested that this be referred to the new Committee for consideration.

Bryan Thomas noted that the model of a Treasurer and assistant worked well and thanked them both for their efforts during the year

Christopher Lang also thanked Audrey Gormley for her work throughout the year.

The motion was carried.

Subcommittee and Other Reports

The following Subcommittee and other Reports were noted and the President thanked each of the subcommittees and other officials for their contributions throughout the past year:

Competition Handicap;
Member Services.
Throwing Handicap;
Awards;
Equipment;
Administration and Finance;
Record Officer/Statistician Report; and
Uniform Sales.

A special note of thanks from ACTVAC was extended to the work of Mike Adler who over the past 15 years has been the starter for track and field, but would not be undertaking the role next season.

Motion: Acknowledgement of the contributions and work over many years of the retiring Chairs of the Competition (Alice Scott), Handicap (Stuart Reid) and Equipment (Jane Hardy) Subcommittees.

Moved: Geoff Sims. Seconded: Rosemary Parker.

The motion was carried.

Motion: Acknowledgement of the contributions of ongoing Chairs of Subcommittees and other convenors.

Moved: Geoff Sims. Seconded: Christopher Lang.

The motion was carried.

Election of Office Bearers and Committee for 2007-08

The following is the result of the election of Office Bearers and Committee for 2007-08.

Patron

Candidate	Nominated	Seconded	Elected
Jack Pennington	Dave Mackenzie	Narelle Blackaby	Elected

Public Officer

Candidate	Nominated	Seconded	Elected
Chris Mahe	Jane Hardy	Mary Wahren	Elected

President

Geoff Sims took the Chair for the election of the President

Candidate	Nominated	Seconded	Elected
Christopher Lang	Bryan Thomas	Jack Thackray	Elected

Christopher Lang resumed the Chair.

Vice President

Candidate	Nominated	Seconded	Elected
Rosemary Parker	Jack Thackray	Audrey Gormley	Elected

Secretary

Candidate	Nominated	Seconded	Elected
Jack Thackray	Rosemary Parker		Candidate declined nomination
Rod Lynch	Audrey Gormley		Candidate declined nomination
Wendy O'Brien	Bryan Thomas		Candidate declined nomination
Christopher Yardley	Alice Scott		Candidate declined nomination
			Vacant

Treasurer

Candidate	Nominated	Seconded	Elected
Audrey Gormley	Trish Thomas		Candidate declined nomination
Brad Osborn	Audrey Gormley		Candidate declined nomination
			Vacant

The following suggestions were made:

Trish Thomas – consideration be given to a paid position

Peter Cullen – in response to a paid position – it needs to be outside of the Club or ask why it can't be undertaken as a volunteer

Dave Mackenzie – has Ian Bowden been approached. Audrey Gormley responded that both she and Geoff Sims had approached Ian and he declined

Peter Cullen – suggested that Audrey Gormley may continue in the position. Audrey Gormley replied that she would happily do the bookwork, but not attend Committee meetings

Kevin Chamberlain – suggested that there was a possibility of getting someone, but not at the moment and so the position should remain vacant

Committee

Candidate	Nominated	Seconded	Elected
Craig Wisdom	Trish Thomas	Val Chesterton	Elected
Kevin Chamberlain	Paul Considine	Fran Harris	Elected
Brad Osborn	Rachelle Ellis-Brownlee	Craig Wisdom	Elected
Rachelle Ellis-Brownlee	Brad Osborn	Alan Duus	Elected
Jack Thackray	Kathy Sims	Marian Blake	Elected
Wendy O'Brien	Rosemary Parker	Bryan Thomas	Elected
Peter Cullen	Craig Wisdom	Candidate declined nomination	
Fran Harris	Alice Scott	Jane Hardy	Nomination withdrawn
Geoff Sims	Craig Wisdom	Candidate declined nomination	

9 candidates were nominated for 6 positions. 2 Candidates declined, 1 candidate withdrew and the remaining 6 were elected to the Committee.

Special Resolution

The following motion (abbreviated - see Attachment C for the full motion) was received by the Committee and previously distributed to members:

Motion: That **Canberra Masters Athletics – Athletics for '30s and over** be implemented as the new brand name, the Committee to assess the need for amendments to the constitution and report no later than 31 March 2009 for advising of any changes in time for consideration at the 2009 AGM and the Member Services Subcommittee collect information on the impact and effect of the use and report its findings to members in October 2008 and March 2009.

Moved: Geoff Moore, Chair, Member Services Subcommittee. Seconded: Rachelle Ellis-Brownlee, Member, Member Services Subcommittee.

Geoff Moore spoke for the motion. Background and rationale provided as per the notice of motion. Other main points were:

'Athletics' is what we are about

'Masters' is known worldwide and 30-40 year olds relate to 'Masters' and not 'Veterans'

'Veterans' had a general meaning in the community of 'old'

'Canberra' decided upon because it is better known outside the area compared to 'ACT' and

'ACT' is a mouthful

Rachelle Ellis-Brownlee spoke for the motion. Main points were:

'Masters' is an inclusive term for novices and those with a history in athletics

The new brand would be more easy to market in attracting new members

John Hunt spoke against the motion. Provided history on ACTVAC and previous motion to move to 'Masters'. Other main points were:

Concerned about previous long-serving members and how they would view a change to 'Masters'

Found the term 'Masters' sexist

Likelihood of confusion with the 'Masters Games' and the negative sentiments associated with that organisation

We are an 'Athletics Club'

Kevin Chamberlain spoke for the motion. Main points were:

Thought it time to let go of the term 'Veterans'

The authority applied to the state/territory and not a city and so could not support 'Canberra' in the title, but would support 'ACT Masters Athletics'

The following amendment to the notice of motion was moved:

Motion: That 'ACT' replace 'Canberra' in the notice of motion.

Moved: Alice Scott. Seconded: Dave Mackenzie.

The following motion regarding the standing orders for the conduct of the AGM and the notice of motion was moved:

Motion: That the standing orders for the conduct of the AGM be suspended to allow for in-committee discussion of the notice of motion and proposed amendment to the notice.

Moved: Trish Thomas. Seconded: Craig Wisdom.

The motion was carried and each member was allowed to speak on the notice of motion and/or the proposed amendment for a maximum of 2 minutes.

Trish Thomas commented:

Did not believe that the members present at the AGM provided an accurate representation of the membership of ACTVAC

There had not been sufficient time to consider the notice of motion

Richard Sutton commented:

Agreed with the comments of Trish Thomas

The notice of motion appeared to be rushed and a 'back door' approach

Insufficient members at the AGM to consider such an important issue

Geoff Sims commented:

The Club's constitution allows for such a decision to be made

Audrey Gormley commented:

Was surprised at the lack of interest as gauged by the low attendance at the AGM

Craig Wisdom commented:

What had changed in the 10 years since the previous motion to change to 'Masters'

If one of the key reasons for a name change is to attract a younger membership, what research supported this and how could a name change guarantee to attract new and younger members

Geoff Moore commented:

The proposed name change 10 years ago was as a result of the change from 'Australian Veterans Athletics Club' to 'Australian Masters Athletics' and an expectation that all the state/territory bodies would also change. This was not supported in the ACT

Rachelle Ellis-Brownlee commented:

Her experience with the Queensland Masters Athletics is that the name change had been worthwhile in attracting new and younger members

General reaction she received to 'ACTVAC/Veterans Athletics' was negative, while receiving a more positive reaction to 'Masters Athletics'

Wendy O'Brien commented:

Believed that there should be wider canvassing of the motion

Supports use of 'ACT' instead of 'Canberra' in name change

Raylea Rudov commented

Wondered whether it was a lack of publicity/understanding of ACTVAC regarding new members rather than the use of 'Veterans' in the title

Geoff Moore commented

Conceded that 'ACT' was the equivalent to the proposed use of 'Canberra' in the title

Dave Mackenzie commented

Supported the use of 'Masters' as the ACT is the odd one out of all the members of the AMA

Supported the use of 'ACT' in the proposed name change as it is more likely to be accepted and 'Canberra' is associated with politicians and has a 'bad' name around the country

Brad Osborn commented

Felt the name was irrelevant, but 'Masters' is positive in that it can be associated with mastering health

Trish Thomas commented

Attracting new/younger members was more about the 'Club' and promotion than a name change

Young people have a wider variety of activities to choose from nowadays and changing a name will have no affect on that, it is more to do with how the Club undertakes the activities

Richard Sutton commented

The Club is well known in the ACT as 'Veterans'

Having completed in-committee discussion of the notice of motion and of the proposed amendment to the notice Chair ruled the resumption of normal procedures for consideration of the notice of motion and the proposed amendment.

The mover (Geoff Moore) and seconder (Rachelle Ellis-Brownlee) agreed to the amendment to the notice of motion that 'ACT' replace 'Canberra' in the notice.

Stuart Reid questioned whether such an amendment was constitutional. The Chair ruled that it was and that the amendment is accepted.

Alice Scott spoke for the amended motion. Main points were:

- Majority present at the AGM are over the age of 60. There are very few present who are under 60 years of age
- The last time a name change was debated, it was defeated because of long-standing feelings
- If the Members Services Subcommittee believe that a name change will attract new /younger members, especially for the track and field season, then they should be supported in changing the name

Main points in the right of reply by the mover of the motion (Geoff Moore) were:

The Club has a long and proud heritage and this will not be lost

However, survival of the Club relies on attracting new and younger members

'Masters' is widely known

Debate concluded. Motion (amended) carried on a show of hands (30 for, 14 against, 4 abstaining).

General Business

Jayne Hardy raised the issue of first aid officers for the monthly throwing handicaps. The President referred this issue to the new Committee for consideration.

Trish Thomas asked what was going to happen regarding equipment, uniforms etc now that there had been agreement to the name change? The President referred this issue to the new Committee for consideration.

Jayne Hardy asked about the availability of the throwing areas at the AIS during the next track and field season. Paul Considine provided some background and commented that he was awaiting further information from the AIS.

Close

The meeting closed at 10.10pm.

ATTACHMENT A

ACTVAC Members Present at the AGM

First Name	Surname	First Name	Surname
Roger	Abbott	Dave	Mackenzie
Jennifer	Baines	Geoff	Moore
Nick	Blackaby	Peter	Neill
Narelle	Blackaby	Wendy	O'Brien
Marian	Blake	Brad	Osborn
Neil	Boden	Rosemary	Parker
Diann	Bramwell	John	Parker
John	Burns	Stuart	Reid
Kevin	Chamberlain	Raylea	Rudov
Val	Chesterton	Alice	Scott
Cory	Collins	Richard	Scutter
Paul	Considine	Geoff	Sims
Peter	Cullen	Kathy	Sims
Alan	Duus	Graeme	Small
Rachelle	Ellis-Brownlee	John	Suiter
Gwen	Gleeson	Jack	Thackray
Audrey	Gormley	Trish	Thomas
Jayne	Hardy	Bryan	Thomas
Frances	Harris	Mary	Wahren
Peter	Hogan	Robin	Whyte
John	Hunt	Kent	Williams
Christopher	Lang	Lynn	Williams
Rad	Leovic	Craig	Wisdom
Rod	Lynch	Christopher	Yardley

ATTACHMENT B

Attendance Apologies from ACTVAC Members

First Name	Surname	First Name	Surname
Emma	Adams	Cheryl	Gratehead
Geoff	Barker	Ray	Green
Kerry	Boden	Mick	Horan
Graham	Burke	Connie	Lamont
Jen	Burke	Peter	McDonald
Jackie	Fairweather	Mathew	Newell
Richard	Faulks	Jill	Nldoo
Doug	Fry	Maria	O'Reilly
Jen	Galvin	Monika	Short
Sharon	Gibbons	Ken	White

ATTACHMENT C

ACTVAC Annual General Meeting 2008 – Notice of motion – ‘Canberra Masters Athletics – Athletics for ’30s and over’

The Members Services Subcommittee has given due notice of the following motion to be placed on the agenda for the club's Annual General Meeting on Monday 19 May 2008.

Moved: Geoff Moore, Chair, Members Services Subcommittee

Seconded: Rachelle Ellis-Brownlee, Member, Members Services Subcommittee

Motion

Canberra Masters Athletics - Athletics for '30s and over

This meeting

- acknowledging the common usage in Australia and internationally of “Masters Athletics” to refer to athletic activities for individuals 30 years and older, and to the associated clubs, associations and other organisations that provide services to such individuals;
- wanting to align the club and its activities with the interests of individuals born in or since 1970, as well as individuals born before 1970;
- recognising that in contemporary usage the term ‘veteran’ is increasingly equated with ‘old’, and that the notion of ‘old’ is a barrier to attracting the interest of 30 and 40-year-olds who wish to join an athletics club; and hence
- agrees from the date of this meeting to the use of “Canberra Masters Athletics” to promote the Club in public and in its day to day business with individuals and other third parties by the executive, the committee, subcommittees, and other members and authorised agents acting for or on behalf of the club; and so

directs

- the Executive and the Committee to implement the Club’s new brand name, including by advising media organisations, Australian Masters Athletics Association Inc, ACT athletic organisations, the ACT Government and other relevant bodies;
- the Committee to assess the need for amendment to the Club’s constitution and report its findings to members by no later than 31 March 2009, with a view to advising any change, should it be required, in time for consideration by the club’s annual general meeting in May 2009; and
- the Members Services Subcommittee to collect information on the impact and effect of the use of “Canberra Masters Athletics” and to report its findings to members in October 2008 and March 2009.

Background and rationale: The Members Services Subcommittee would like to see the Club and the Committee taking initiatives to move towards a name change from Veterans to Masters, with any constitutional changes put to the members at the 2009 AGM of the Club. Even if we were still to retain “Veterans” as our official club name we would like to be known as “Masters” for all activities including publicity and promotion, and we would like to see things put into place now for the transition to “Masters”. The reason we request this move is so that we can attract younger people to join the club; many younger people equate “Veterans” with “Old”, whereas “Masters” more accurately describes who we are. The change would also bring us into line with every other state club and with the AMA.

ACTVAC Special General Meeting Minutes

ACT Masters Athletics

(ACTVAC Inc)

Minutes of General Meeting of ACTVAC members Sunday 29 June 2008

Held at the site the Club's Mt Ainslie June 2008 runs/walk handicap (adjacent to southern end of Phillip Avenue, Hackett, ACT).

Present: Club members who participated in the Club's Mt Ainslie June 2008 runs/walk handicaps – see attached list.

Club President, Christopher Lang, opened the meeting at 10.45 am. He said that the Committee had convened the general meeting to elect members to fill two vacancies in the office bearers positions – the treasurer and the secretary -- of the Club's Committee, and referred to the notice to members about the time and place of the meeting (see box below). He noted that the meeting's business was to elect the two office bearers in accordance with S.15 (5) of the Club's constitution.

The President called for nominations for treasurer and secretary. He reported that Paul Archer had nominated for treasurer and that Miranda Rawlinson had nominated for secretary. There were no other nominations.

Motion: That the meeting elect Paul Archer as Treasurer.
Moved: Neil Boden. Seconded: Rosemary Parker. Carried.

Motion: That the meeting elect Miranda Rawlinson as Secretary.
Moved: Neil Boden. Seconded: Rosemary Parker. Carried.

To spirited acclamation by members, the President congratulated Miranda and Paul on their elections.

The elections concluded the meeting's business. The President thanked members for their attendance and attention, and closed the meeting at 10.53 am.

ACT Masters Athletics [ACTVAC] - Notice of Meeting – [distributed electronically 11 June 2008]

There is a general meeting of club members on Sunday 29 June 2009, 10.30 am., to elect a Secretary and a Treasurer for 2008-09.

Venue: Mt Ainslie Walking/Running Handicap Start Location, Phillip Avenue, Hackett (ref Vetranner June 2008, p 28).

The Committee invites nominations for Secretary and Treasurer. Miranda Rawlinson has nominated for position of Secretary.

Please contact club President, Christopher Lang, for more information and to lodge your nomination.

Christopher Lang
President
ACT Masters Athletics
t 6231 7353h 6261 3696w mob 0427 317 353
email: president@actvac.com

Attachment

List of attendees

Note: Not all of those listed below may have still been present for the special meeting held immediately after the conclusion of the handicap events

Name

Adam Robinson
 Adrian Krauss
 Alan Duus
 Alan Mallory
 Alice Scott
 Alison Taylor
 Amanda Lynch
 Amanda Walker
 Andrew Sutcliffe
 Anne Young
 Annette Sugden
 Audrey Gormley
 Barbara Williams
 Bernie Rogers
 Bev Breen
 Bev Forbes
 Blair Phillips
 Bob Botterill
 Bob Chapman
 Bob Parker
 Brad Osborn
 Bradley Thomas
 Brenda Ford
 Brett Morrison
 Brian Austin
 Brian Mclachlan
 Bronwyn Calver
 Bruce Graham
 Bruce Wight
 Bryan Thomas
 Carmel Lynch
 Carol Baird
 Carol Robinson
 Caroline Campbell
 Caroline Stevens
 Cathy Montalto
 Charlie McCormack
 Charlie Modrak
 Charmaine Knobel
 Christine Lee
 Christopher Lang
 Christopher Yardley
 Cilla Chapman
 Claire Perry
 Colin Farlow
 Consie Larmour
 Cory Collins
 Craig Wisdom

Daniel Buckley
 Dave Hobson
 Dave Mackenzie
 David Holmes
 David Meyers
 David Webster
 Deb Gordon
 Debbie Cowell
 Desma Butler
 Dez Wildwood
 Diana Schneider
 Diann Bramwell
 Doug Carney
 Edward Towner
 Elle Knight
 Emma Kennedy
 Ewan Brown
 Faye Todd
 Frank Nugent
 Frank Stevens
 Fred Mans
 Garry Lee
 Gary Bowen
 Geoff Moore
 George Hanzar
 George Kubitzky
 George Mason
 George Quarmby
 Graeme Small
 Graham Burke
 Gwen Gleeson
 Heather Koch
 Helen Modrak
 Henk Jansen
 Howard Hollow
 Hugh Crawley
 Ian Bowden
 Ian Lavering
 Ian MacLeod
 Ian McDonald
 Jacqueline Millard
 Jamie Macgregor
 Janine O'Flynn
 Jean Herring
 Jeffrey Symmes
 Jenny Davies
 Jenny Galvin
 Jenny Gilchrist
 Jenny Hefford
 Jenny Holmes
 Jenny Walton
 Jill Brown
 Jill Naidoo-Lees
 Jillian Clark
 Jim Short
 Jim White
 Joan Mallory
 Jodie Sims
 John Alcock
 John Bakker
 John Busted

John Dimitriou
 John Kennedy
 John Lamb
 John Littler
 John Macleod
 John McMillan
 John Suiter
 Josephine Kulesz
 Joy Hilhorst
 Judi Edwards
 Judy Forbes
 Julie Triggs
 Karen Daniels
 Kate Mokrij
 Kathleen Bleakley
 Kathy Southgate
 Katie Forestier
 Keith Johnson
 Ken Gordon
 Ken Smith
 Ken White
 Kent Williams
 Kerry Boden
 Kevin Chapman
 Laurie Cullen
 Laurie Robinson
 Linda Bone
 Linda Botterill
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