

MINUTES OF THE WESTERN PROVINCE ATHLETICS ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING HELD
TUESDAY 15 OCTOBER 2019 AT THE TSOGO SUN, NEWLANDS AT 19:30

Present:	President	:	Lester Cameron
	Vice President	:	Jakes Jacobs
	Chairperson Cross Country	:	Candyce Hall
	Chairperson Road Running	:	Francois Gouws
	Chairperson Track & Field	:	Mariana Meyer
	Finance	:	Allen Barnes
	Additional	:	Michael Schouw
	Chairperson Technical Officials	:	Gavin Burgess
	Chairperson Coaches	:	Waleed Donough
	Office Manager	:	Zena Erasmus
	WPA Representatives	:	Pearl Schouw Barbara Davis Salma Alexander Bianca Ferreira Harold Johannes

ArcelorMittal, ARD, Atlantic, ATC, Bellville, Bo Kaap, Bonteheuwel, Bottelary, Boxer, Brackenfell, Brimstone, Itheko, Camissa, Carbineers, Celtic Harriers, Central, Century City, Cliffe Dekker Hofmeyr, DRDLR, Durbac, Easterns Kraaifontein, Edgemoed, Elsie's River, Fish Hoek, Goodwood Harriers, Helderberg Harriers, Hewat, In Touch Walk/Run, K-Way Vob, Khayelitsha, Kuilsriver, Langebaan Strandlopers, Mazars, Midas Spartans, Mitchells Plain Titans, MSA Multisports, Murray & Roberts, Nantes, Observatory, Old Mutual, Ommiedraai Friends, Phoenix, Pick n Pay, Pinelands, Ravensmead, RCS Guguletu, Retail Capital Langa, Run/Walk for Life, SANDF, South Peninsula, Spartan Harriers, Stragglers, Strand, Top Form, Tygerberg, Ultra, UCT, UWC, Velocity, Walmers, Wild Runner, Two Oceans and Trail WP

Apologies: Farnese, Herbalife, Namaqua, ORAK, Sanlam, Mr Bennett Bailey (DCAS), Sonia Baumann (RWFL), Dr Alan Nelson (Disciplinary) and Riël Hauman.

Absent: ACSA, Adventist, Afrika Tikkun, ASICS, Atlantis Harriers, Aurecon, Bishops, Blue Downs, Born 2 Run, Cape Multisport, Capricorn, Chaeli Sports & Rec, Correctional Services, CPUT, Eersterivier, Fit 2000, Foresters, Groot Constantia, Harfield Harriers, Hout Bay, Kenfac, Lwandle, Mamre, Mandela Park, Mates, Melkbos, Metropolitan, Multisport Maniacs, My Training Day, Nedbank, Ogilvy & Mather, Open Box, Parliament, Resbank, SACS, SAPS, Satori, Somerset Striders, Southern Striders, Thomas Mbiza, Vodacom Striders, WCSS, West Coast, WP Cricket Club,

Life Members: Harold Berman & Ben Oliver

Chairperson Masters: Rob Buck

Guests: Pieter Lourens representing ASA, Presiding Officers from DCAS Alison Leo and Christelle Parker

1. Submission of delegates' credentials.
The Council agreed they had received documentation within the prescribed period.
2. Confirmation of the date of posting of the notice convening the meeting, reading of such notice and confirmation of the presence of a quorum.
The Council agreed they had received notice within the prescribed time period. It was further agreed a quorum was present. Of those in attendance, forty three clubs were eligible to vote but two were not represented at the meeting. Eligible clubs need to be in good standing and to have been represented at four Council meetings. To change or remove this restriction will require the Constitution to be amended with Council approval.

3. Confirmation of the agenda for the meeting:
Accepted by Russell Mehl (Topform) and seconded by Wayne Hendricks (Midas Spartans)
4. Adoption of the minutes of the previous Annual General Meeting:
Accepted by Adri Jordaan (Bellville) and seconded by Alan Ryninks (Wild Runner)
5. Submission, discussion and adoption of the WPA Board report.
Accepted by Alan Ryninks (Wild Runner) and seconded by Shahmieg Allie (Ommiedraai Friends).

Comments:

Associate Member, Trail Running was omitted from the Report and so was Schools. Lester assured the meeting that the Federation is working with Schools. A combined Cross Country Championship took place and WPA provided R50 000 toward transport and accommodation expenses for the Schools' team. WPA is working to get Boland and SWD into the fold with Schools too. The new Board will continue to work for Schools to be represented on the Board.

Allegations of results tampering: The President requested an intensive investigation. The matter has been before the current Disciplinary Committee (DC) since 11 March 2019. There are seven cases before the DC at present and we urgently need the matters resolved.

Cedric Van Wyk (South Peninsula) felt the report was thin with regards to T&F and Glen Bentley's (UWC) view is that the report is not detailed enough.

There was discussion with regard to the lack of availability of Green Point Stadium. The President responded that he has held a number of meetings to try and resolve the issue. WPA is advised that, per the Rules of Engagement drawn up in 2010, if there is a soccer meeting at Cape Town Stadium, no other meetings can take place in the area.

6. Discussion of the Income and Expenditure statement for the current financial year:
Allen Barnes (Finance) presented the Actual Income and Expenditure Report to end September. The new Board will consider a new strategy in terms of the report of the financial situation.
Accepted by Morris Kaplan (Bellville) and seconded by Alan Ryninks (Wild Runner)
7. Recommendations for Licence fees and Subscriptions:
In line with ASA, WPA will not increase the Licence fees. Seniors remain at R140 and Juniors R30.
Accepted by Irwin Rencken (Edgemoed) and seconded by Zahid Ebrahim (ARD)
8. Motions to amend the Constitution
None were received

The President thanked clubs and the Board for allowing him the privilege to lead such a professional outfit. Vice President, Jakes Jacobs thanked the President for a job well done

9. Election of office bearers:
Bennet Bailey, Deputy Director of DCAS, was invited to be the Presiding Officer. In his absence, he sent assistants Christelle Parker and Alison Leo. Pieter Lourens of ASA assisted. Clubs eligible to vote were called up to collect their ballot papers.

Following voting, the results were as follows:

President

Jakes Jacobs

Vice-President

Achmat Jacobs

Cross Country Chairperson

Russell Mehl

Road Running Chairperson

Malikah Meyer

Track & Field Chairperson

Sharief Jefferies

Finance Officer

Allen Barnes

First Additional Member

André Rix

Second Additional Member

Norma Nonkonyana

Cross Country Commission

Nazema Abels

Irene Burgess

Makhosonke Fika

Mario Philander

Road Running Commission

Bertie Cloete

Chris Goldschmidt

Adnaan Mohamed

Nancy Will

Track & Field Commission

Mervin Daniels

Waleed Donough

Adri Jordaan

Cedric van Wyk

Presiding Officer, Alison Leo, handed the meeting over to the new President Mr Jakes Jacobs. Jakes thanked Pieter Lourens (ASA), Alison Leo and Christelle Parker (DCAS) as well as the six students from UCT for counting the votes. He congratulated the new incumbents and promised to serve the athletes of WPA.

10. Acceptance of the Fixture List for athletic meetings for the forthcoming year.
Francois Gouws (Road Running) said it will be finalized by end October 2019. Charlotte Kettlewell (K-Way Vob) asked why no Walking Leagues appear on the calendar. The Board will take this up.
Accepted by Irwin Rencken (Edgemead) and seconded by Shahmieg Allie (Ommiedraai Friends)
11. Confirmation of the names of any athletes not granted clearance in terms of Schedule B
This is the "Open" period when athletes wishing to move to a different club can do so. It is important the prospective "new" club contact the athletes' existing club to ensure he/she is in good standing before any transfer takes place. Athletes may not change clubs until their existing club has released them. Athletes with contracts, must honour their contract to the end.
12. Appointment of a Legal Advisor and an Auditor for the forthcoming year:
Legal Advisor: At present we have a Disciplinary Committee. It was requested that the engagement of a Legal Advisor be discussed at the December 2019 Council meeting.

Auditor: Currently we use Peter Heger of 14C Chartered Accountants. Allen Barnes (Finance) requested that we continue to engage his services next year.

Accepted by Alan Ryninks (Wild Runner) and seconded by Irwin Rencken (Edgemoor)

Technical committee. As was stipulated at the last Council meeting, TOs is a group of people who offer a service and, in terms of the structure of WPA, the TO Committee elects their committee to do their administration and advise WPA in terms of technical support. The chairperson of TOs will go through the process of election. TOs held a meeting but a letter of complaint was received by a TO alleging that procedure was not followed as per the Constitution. TOs were invited to attend via *WhatsApp* and the requisite fourteen day notice was not followed. The WPA Board investigated and found that the allegations were indisputable. Notice of any official meeting does not include using *WhatsApp*. Further, the 14 day notice period applies to Standing Committees. In light of these facts, the Board had no choice but to declare the TO meeting null and void. A fresh process will begin. The previous Board proposed that, upon concurrence of the Council meeting, the new Board will manage a process whereby Mr Burgess (Technical Official Chairperson) will continue to serve as Chairman for the next thirty days until a new TO Committee is formed. There were no objections to this process.

13. Closure: There being no further business to discuss, the meeting closed at 22:35.