

AGM 2017 Minutes

Australian Time Trials Association Inc (ATTA)

Annual General Meeting; 29 July 2017

Scout Hall, 399 Rokeby Rd, Subiaco

Meeting opened at 14:00 with 19 members present.

Apologies: Phil Gyford; Martin Cope; Neil McRae; Travis George.

Present: Peter Meyer; Lorraine Schutz; John Healy; Alison Ramm (chair); Jo Blacker; Sue Challen; David Equid (minutes); Jeff Usher; Ben Madsen; Sally Churchill; Louise Mofflin; Dave Nangle; Shaun Mahony; Kim Van Amerongen; Steff Van Amerongen; Steve McKiernan; Troy Coulthard; Stu Helm; Stuart Gee.

Presentations of Trophies:

BAR – Steff VanA (Female) & Stu Helm (Male). Distributed *BAR* medals to qualifiers.

Hilly Classics – Steph (Fastest, women), Stu Helm (Fastest men) and Stuart Gee (Age Standard)

Minutes of 2016 Minutes:

Minutes of the previous AGM, having been posted on the ATTA web site, were submitted for acceptance.

Moved – Lorraine, seconded Alison

Reports:

President's Report

Peter summarised the content of his report, previously posted on the ATTA web site, with some amplification.

The ATTA *Rules*, updated to align with the new Act, required only limited changes to comply.

The number of ATTA members remained steady with respect to the 5-year running average but there was a noticeable drop in rider participation—an average decrease of 9 riders per event; more in the *Hilly* series although the number of series qualifiers was only marginally lower. Participation by women was sustained during the season (up to 35%) which was excellent. The winter series events are still drawing in new riders to ATTA events.

Some changes to our available courses were outlined; several will be abandoned.

Reference was made to a recent update of commercial timing software (with reference to succession planning), refurbishment of transponders; new medals and ongoing testing of a manual backup timing system that is totally independent from the principal timing system.

The Championships perpetual trophies, in future will be retained by ATTA and displayed at the event rather than handed over to the winners.

Acknowledgements: farewell to Fred Cottier who has retired from racing; reiterated thanks to all support from committee through past year.

Acceptance of report—moved John, seconded Sue.

Treasurer's Report

ATTA is in a generally good position financially even though there was a negative cash flow this season, with the club maintaining a strong financial position overall. Race entry fees are the largest portion of the overall income. Payment to marshals & helpers was the largest outgoing; traffic management next, then trailer storage and insurance. Lower participation numbers are the main reason for the lower income. There are limited opportunities to reduce expenditures given the way the club runs with a lean organisation that's well managed. We are reinvesting in the club using savings from prior years; the savings balance has been fairly constant over the past 5 or so years. Suggest: hold race entry and membership fees at their current level and monitor the trend.

Acceptance of report—moved David, seconded Stu.

Election of Office Bearers:

Peter was nominated for office of President and elected, unopposed.

Committee members confirmed, most previously having expressed their willingness:

Alison Ramm

David Equid

Jeff Usher

Greg Swensen

Lorraine Schutz
Troy Coulthard
John Healey
Sue Challen
Neil McRae
Kim Van Amerongen
Craig Beeching
Louise Mofflin (email list)

Other Business:

Nothing was submitted prior to the meeting.

Date of Next Year's Meeting:

28 Jul 2018 proposed with agreement that another afternoon session is preferred.

Meeting closed at: 14:50

Post meeting discussions; non-AGM Items:

Extensive discussion about race-day 'no-shows'. Possible solutions proposed

- Pre-payment of a non-refundable portion of the event fee (\$5 suggested) when pre-registering
- Rolling forward of a debt, say \$5 to be paid next time the person competes.
- Allowing payment of entry fees in advance e.g.: for the entire season; reconcile if any events are cancelled.

It was suggested that ATTA is one of the few local events organisers that do not require upfront payments.

- While the current system is not ideal, using a third party for fees collection imposes an additional burden in race management at a number of points.
- The staggered opening of events for pre-registrations: does it help reduce the number of people who sign-on early then don't show?
- Consider messaging to members to emphasise the importance of showing at the event if they have entered.
- Habitual offenders?
- Calls on the day are of limited help: courteous but often it's too late to reallocate their starting slot. How about those that do not call/apologise or do so very late get listed as no-shows on the final results list?
- Proposed: that we try pre-payment for, say the *Hilly Series*. This approach already happens at *Early Birds*, *Championships* and 'Mark Webb' (and, previously the *Bibra Lake Good Friday '16'*).

Peter to evaluate and provide feedback for discussion and some action at next committee meeting.

Calendar clashes were also discussed .

White front lights — possibly follow the same approach as used previously with rear lights: recommendation to riders this year moving towards mandatory future use?

It was noted that some of the rear lights that people have been using were inadequate: lights on stays or not mounted firmly under seats and tending to point to the sky; others have lights with inadequate output for daylight use. Lights should be visible from 200m. and used at all times riders are on the road, including warm-up and wind down.