

AGM 2020 Minutes

Australian Time Trials Association Inc (ATTA)

Annual General Meeting; 01 August 2020

Virtual (online) Meeting

Meeting opened at 12:30 with 22 members present.

Apologies:

Steve Oates
Nicholas Connan
Patricia Baird

Lorraine MacLennan
Gary Ewan
Graeme Sheard

Greg Swensen

Present:

Peter Meyer
David Equid (minutes)
Lorraine Schutz
Alison Ramm (facilitator)
Kim van Amerongen
Steff van Amerongen
Paul van der Walt
Rick Churchill

Sally Churchill
David Thompson
John Healy
Anna Heitz
Troy Coulthard
Paul Loring
Paul Prottey
Shannon Arnott

Dave Nangle
Stu Helm
Hayden Long
Chris Roberts
Neil McRae

Presentations of Trophies:

There were no BAR Awards this season due to insufficient events having been held.

Hilly Classics – Steph Van Amerongen (Fastest female), David Thompson (Fastest male) and Phil Deisel (Age Standard)

Minutes of 2019 Minutes:

[Minutes of the previous AGM](#) having been posted on the ATTA web site were submitted for acceptance.

Moved: Lorraine S, seconded David E

2019/20 Reports:

had been available on the website for some time. Summaries given and comments added.

[President's Report.](#)

Despite the COVID shutdown during the second half of the season, there were some positives this year. A key change has been aligning the membership year with the financial year, something that has been suggested previously. ATTA managed to hold 85% of the planned events across the season, the loss of the 40 and 160km Championships (which have been abandoned for this season) were the biggest negatives. Since ATTA has been able to host events again post-COVID shutdown there has been renewed interest in becoming members of ATTA and participation in our events.

ATTA was able to hold enough events as part of the *Hilly Classic* series for it to be a viable competition this season. We need to find another *Hilly* event for the coming season as we are currently one short of the number required for a decent series. Most events through to the end of 2021 have been posted on the ATTA calendar – the *Early Birds* and *Champion Lakes* events have been booked and confirmed.

The *Early Bird* series completed this season was the 20th to be held at Kings Park and next year will be the 25th series held by ATTA overall.

Later this year we will be trying two new courses – *The Panther* will be held at Jarrahdale and *The Gents* will be relocating to the proposed Hennessey Rd course due to roadworks at Hopeland Rd. We have also been progressing the development of a potential Urban Hill Climb event.

Two members had retired from the ATTA committee. Peter gave recognition to the committee members and others who have helped facilitate events during the season, as per the notes in the [President's Report](#) available on the [AGM 2020 web page](#).

Peter advised that there is work underway led by Chris Roberts, to develop updates to the way ATTA results are available and displayed, tailored to suit displays on phones etc. Peter has also been working with Steve transitioning over some of the tasks currently handled by Peter such as taking over as delegate to the WestCycle Road Advisory Group meetings.

Alison thanked Peter on behalf of the members for his efforts during yet another season; he performs so many roles which are key to making ATTA an enjoyable and positive place to ride.

Acceptance of report—moved Lorraine S, seconded Stu.

[Treasurer's Report](#)

Peter advised that he has been covering the Treasurer's role, filling in for Graham Sheard.

Details of [ATTA's finances](#) are provided on the website for review by all members.

ATTA has again operated at a slight profit for the year despite the loss of income from events that were cancelled. Since May there has been a resurgence in memberships which has been a positive, it will be interesting to see if this continues (there are currently 242 members).

Largest expenditures during the season have been to event helpers and the replacement of a number of transponders. Changing away from cash transactions as part of the COVID response requirements has improved the efficiency of managing the club's finances.

Acceptance of report—moved Troy, seconded Lorraine S.

Election of Office Bearers:

All committee positions were declared vacant.

Steve Oats has offered (prior to the meeting) to take on the position of President. He has indicated that he is not planning any changes to the current club policies or approach to running events etc. A transition will now occur as Peter hands over to Steve the formal President tasks. Peter will continue with a number of his additional tasks such as setting up the timing and running of events.

The following members had confirmed their interest in continuing as part of the ATTA Committee:

Steve Oates (President)

Peter Meyer
Lorraine Schutz
Alison Ramm
David Equid
John Healy
Steff Van Amerongen
Kim Van Amerongen
Hayden Long
Neil McRae
Stu Helm

ATTA Roles will be confirmed at the next Committee meeting.

Date of Next Year's Meeting:

31 Jul 2021 proposed.

Other Business:

No items were submitted prior to the meeting.

Paul L asked how ATTA normally communicates with members, noting that there are shortcomings with the way Facebook lets people know that there has been a new post which may result in people missing out on information. John Healy explained that the ATTA website is the place where people can volunteer to assist at events, the Facebook postings asking for help are a contingency when we are short of people. Communication in relation to events is done via direct email to people who have nominated to ride. Rick explained where on the ATTA website calendar page the volunteer "button" is located. Chris suggested that it may be possible to enhance the website to show how many people have volunteered to support each event, maybe use a colour to flag if we are short of the required number.

Meeting closed at: 13:11

Post meeting discussions; non-AGM Items:

The details of the Urban Hill Climb were discussed, including the generally positive feedback from Melville Council who is responsible for the area where we are proposing to hold the event.

Dave Nangle questioned the current BAR qualification requirements, noting that they have been in place for a long time and asked if it would be an idea to revisit the qualification requirements to better align with the current suite of events that we host, the impact of losing events that may happen etc.

Peter agreed with the concerns and noted that some changes were made to the requirements a few years back. The intent of the BAR has gone from focusing on encouragement for riders where it was easier to qualify due to the number of events, to becoming harder in more recent years where there had been fewer events and fewer riders qualified.

Key absence are multiple 80km events, primarily due to the lack of suitable courses.

Chris asked about using shared bike paths along freeways/highways for ATTA events – David E explained that during a recent meeting with MRWA they advised that they would not allow us to close off access to have exclusive use of any of the paths. Similar negative view with respect to using car race tracks, expensive and not ideal for cyclists. The new Hennessey Rd is a positive move towards a new course on an open road with good access. The proposed course near Wooroloo suggested by Dave N had been test ridden by David E who thought it could be suitable and it could be progressed noting that it was not developed at the time as we had a number of events in the general Chidlow area.

Paul P suggested that there may be some options around Jarrahdale, including courses used by Peel CC – David E asked him to provide details so they can be evaluated.

David T referred to the item from last year discussing people signing up but not attending events and the suggestion that people could be required to enter and pre-pay in advance with no refunds being offered for those who later decide not ride. Peter advised that there are some technical issues with requiring people to pre-pay for events, that this concept has not been discarded and is still being worked on. Alison described how some ATTA Facebook posts had been made reminding people to advise early if they are pulling out and that these had a positive effect with fewer withdrawals. Chris described how many other events such as road races often require pre-payment on entry, and then any withdrawals require action by riders if they want a refund. Peter described the effort associated with the management of starting slots, sequencing and the impact of entrants withdrawing – he has performed a review of a number of historical events and that review did not flag an overall problem associated with rider withdrawals.

Peter asked if we should continue hosting meetings online, noting that this online AGM has resulted in an increased number of participants relative to previous meetings. Paul L described a number of benefits that ZOOM enables that could be utilised during future meetings. Overall it was agreed that this was an efficient methodology that would be used again in the future.

Meeting concluded at 13:57

Attached:

[President's Report](#)

[Treasurer's Report](#)