



**Australian Rogaining Association Inc.**  
**2012 Annual General Meeting**  
**4<sup>th</sup> May 2012**

The meeting was opened by the President at 5:30pm. Paul Guard took the minutes in lieu of the Secretary.

**1. APOLOGIES AND NOTIFICATION OF PROXIES**

Apologies received: Greg Robinson, Jon Potter, Paul Szijarto, Mark Porter, David Rowlands.

Proxies advised:

- Phil Giddings is proxy for Greg Robinson (VRA)
- Craig Colwell is proxy for Mark Porter (SARA)
- Owen Horton is proxy for Paul Szijarto (WARA).

Delegates were in attendance representing all states and territories, except NTRA and RTAs:

- Paul Guard, Richard Robinson (QRA)
- Julie Quinn, David Baldwin, Glenn Bridgart (ACTRA)
- Phil Giddings (VRA)
- Alexa McAuley, Gillian Fowler (NSWRA)
- Jim Langford, Owen Horton (WARA)
- Craig Colwell (SARA)
- Michael Aylott (Treasurer)
- Mike Coleman, Adam Fletcher, Kirk Cumming (ARC 2013: QRA)

**2. PREPARATIONS FOR ARC 2013 NORTH QUEENSLAND (22-23 JUNE 2013)**

Event organiser Mike Coleman was invited to present details of preparations for the event to ARA Council:

- Mike showed a promotional video, photos of terrain and samples of the map.
- The event preparations are well advanced and organisers are hoping for 500 entrants.
- The event Hash House is between Cairns and Mareeba. There is no accommodation on site, but plenty of options in Cairns and Mareeba.
- Buses will be provided from Cairns (35min) and Mareeba on Saturday morning.
- The entry fee is expected to be from \$88-\$109, depending on the outcome of a Queensland Government grant application.
- June airfares from eastern capital cities to Cairns (one way) are usually in the range from \$139-\$340.
- Average June temperatures are 14 degrees minimum to 27 degrees maximum, with 28% humidity. Average June rainfall is 43mm.

- There will be a pre-event function in Cairns on the Friday night, in addition to the ARA AGM on Friday afternoon.
- The plan is to promote other activities in North Queensland for participants, including orienteering in Townsville.

Julie Quinn asked whether tables and chairs will be available for competitors. Richard Robinson suggested that organisers investigate hiring a marquee, tables and chairs. Paul Guard asked how the SEQ branch of QRA can provide assistance. They are already providing flags and extra Navlight equipment. Paul will liaise with Mike Coleman.

### **3. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING**

No corrections were noted to the minutes of the 2011 ARA AGM.

**MOTION:** That the minutes of the 2011 AGM be accepted as true and accurate.  
 Moved: Jim Langford, Seconded: Julie Quinn. Motion passed.

### **4. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES NOT DISCUSSED ELSEWHERE**

None

### **5. PRESIDENT'S REPORT**

Overall it has been another solid year for the ARA as evidenced by:

- Continued strong participation rates in our sport
- A significant growth of the sport outside of Australia
- Active participation by the ARA in the development of rogaining internationally
- High quality events organised by the affiliated State Associations.

ARA President Richard Robinson highlighted the following topics from the President's Report for discussion:

- The proposal tabled for an Australasian Rogaining Championship. The intention is to ensure that Asia/Oceania retains an appropriate qualification event for World Rogaining Championships (WRC). All delegates expressed support for this concept.
- IRF changes to WRC frequency. The WRC has been held every two years from 1996 to 2012. However, the IRF recently allocated a WRC in 2013. The IRF Executive is currently advocating a WRC in 2015, but has not made a policy decision in favour of annual events. The ARA has proposed that any change of IRF policy should be informed by a survey of competitors and analysis of the impact of WRCs in the three consecutive years 2012-2014. The concern is that holding the events more frequently could reduce the likelihood of elite rogainers attending all WRCs and therefore "cheapen" the title which will become more "regionalised". Within IRF, NZRA, Czech and Canada have expressed support for this view. All ARA Council delegates indicated their support for the ARA's position and ongoing advocacy of it by the ARA's representatives.

Richard Robinson had to leave the meeting early and David Baldwin assumed the Chair.

The highlights for the year as stated in the tabled President's report were:

- 2011 Australian Rogaining Championships were successfully held in Tasmania.

- Finances: The prescribed amount for State grants in 2011 was fully disbursed. No applications for IDF grants were received at the end of April deadline.
- David Baldwin and David Rowlands continue to maintain the ARA website [www.rogaine.asn.au](http://www.rogaine.asn.au). David Baldwin migrated the ARA and IRF websites to a new ISP. This arrangement is more flexible, but there are some resource constraints and reliability issues.
- Insurance: no increase in premiums for 2011-2012 for Public Liability Insurance and Association Liability Insurance.
- Technical Standards: David Baldwin, Technical Committee Chair, has been actively working with the States to develop the next update of the ARA Technical Regulations. David has also been working with the IRF Technical Convenor to attempt to unify the ARA and IRF Technical Standards. However, David indicated that the two standards are more likely to move further apart than closer together.
- Intersivity Rogaining Championship: With the continued support of the Nigel Aylott Memorial Sports Foundation (NAMSF), 2011 saw the Australian Intersivity Rogaining Championships held in conjunction with the Western Australian Championships in August 2011. 11 teams competed, representing eight universities.

**MOTION:** That the President's Report be accepted.  
 Moved: Craig Colwell, Seconded: Mike Aylott. Motion passed.

## **6. FINANCIAL MATTERS**

### **a) Treasurer's Report**

The Treasurer's Report was tabled. The ARA ran an operating surplus of almost \$9800 in 2011. Levies collected from the State Associations increased due to increased membership but expenditure did not grow. This was largely because no State grant payments were made (no applications received in 2010) and the international levy was again collected with no expenditure.

**MOTION:** That the Treasurer's Report be accepted.  
 Moved: Alexa Macaulay, Seconded: Craig Colwell. Motion passed.

### **b) Setting of Capitation Fee for 2012/13**

Given the large operating surplus in 2011, a discussion took place regarding the appropriate level of capitation fees. Michael Aylott advised that the state grant allocation for 2011 was fully disbursed, and successful applications included \$1000 for a team from North Queensland to attend the 2012 Australian Championships and ARA AGM, and \$1200 to SARA for purchase of a satellite phone. David Baldwin suggested that a review of ARA financing requirements could be undertaken. It was noted that significant expenditure may be required in support of a 2016 WRC, if a Northern Territory bid was successful. David Baldwin suggested there was no reason to modify the capitation fee, given that it is already low.

**MOTION:** That the capitation fee be set at \$1.00 per member in 2011-12.  
 Moved: David Baldwin, Seconded: Jim Langford. Motion passed.

### **c) Insurance**

There will be no increase in premiums for 2011-2012. Approximately 70% of ARA expenditure is on insurance. Craig Colwell asked whether there have been any claims

and Michael stated that there have not. Craig raised the concerns of SARA that the certificates for the upcoming financial year need to be provided earlier in the year to satisfy the requirements of permit applications for events in June-July. Michael suggested that the process of insurance renewal could be started earlier, although there was a question as to when quotes would be available. Craig asked whether renewal could be changed to December when fewer events are being held. Michael suggested that renewal could be done in a timelier manner if States provide the member numbers for the previous calendar year promptly.

**ACTION:** The Treasurer will start the renewal process for insurance as early as possible and member associations are urged to provide numbers as quickly as possible when requested.

**d) ARA Grant Policy**

Michael Aylott and Richard Robinson are undertaking a review of this policy.

**e) Appointment of ARA Auditor**

**MOTION:** That Brian Austin be re-appointed as ARA Auditor.  
Moved: Julie Quinn, Seconded: Gill Fowler. Motion passed.

**7. AUSTRALIAN CHAMPIONSHIPS**

**a) ARC 2012 SARA**

- Organiser: Rob Tucker, Course Planners/Vetters: Rob Tucker, Peter Milnes, Admin: Gerry Velaitis.
- 155 teams competing in both the 24 and 12 hour event.
- University teams entered from ACT, NSW, Qld, Tas, SA.

**b) ARC 2013 QRA (North Qld)**

ARC 2013 organiser Mike Coleman spoke earlier in the meeting.

**c) ARC 2014 VRA**

Phil Giddings reported that VRA has nothing formalised for the 2014 ARC at present. He will follow this through with the VRA Committee.

**d) Next Australian Championships**

These are scheduled to be: 2015 NTRA, 2016 NSWRA, 2017 WARA.

**e) Australasian Championship proposal**

This was discussed earlier under the President's Report.

**f) Trophies**

David Baldwin is organising a second tier for the oldest trophies, which is in progress.

**8. INTERNATIONAL ROGAINING FEDERATION**

The ARA is now a member of the IRF and its two delegates have been very active during the year on various IRF sub-committees and through discussions in IRF Council.

**a) Election of ARA's second member of IRF Council**

Delegates nominated David Baldwin to continue as ARA's second IRF representative.

**b) Annual WRCs**

This issue was discussed earlier in the meeting under the President's Report. The ARA does not support the concept of annual WRCs.

**c) IRF Executive Structure**

The ARA led a review of the IRF Executive Structure which resulted in significant improvements, many of which were advocated by the ARA since 2001. There is a new position of Vice President and the Secretary/Treasurer position is split into two roles. The term of office is reduced to three years, which is the same as the ARA Executive. None of the incumbent President, Vice-President, Secretary or Treasurer may hold the same office for more than two consecutive terms (six years). The latter change is designed to prevent the key Executive members from becoming entrenched.

**d) IRF Capitation**

The ARA advocates capitation fees as the future source of funding for the IRF. A discussion on the appropriate level of capitation fees took place, and also the future of the ARA's International Development Fund. After discussion of several possible options, Owen Horton suggested that \$0.25 per member capitation fee could be paid to the IRF and \$0.25 per member capitation could continue to be paid into the International Development Fund. The amount that was raised in 2011 could be divided evenly between the IRF and IDF.

**MOTION:** That the IRF capitation fee be set at \$0.25 per member in 2011-12, that the ARA IDF capitation fee be set at \$0.25 per member in 2011-12 and that the \$3,218 raised in 2011 for international development purposes be split evenly between the IRF and the International Development Fund.  
Moved: Owen Horton, Seconded: David Baldwin. Motion passed.

**e) WRC Event Entry Criteria and ARA's Wildcards Policy**

The ARA developed a Wildcards Policy for WRC 2012 after the IRF decided to provide a few entries to each nation as "wildcards". It was noted that allocation of "wildcard" entries to WRC 2012 was unlikely to occur due to the high event limit of 1000 people. The policy will be carried over to future WRCs.

**f) ARA's International Development Fund (IDF) sub-committee report**

No applications for allocation of funds have been received to date.

**g) NTRA's application to organise WRC 2016**

Delegates agreed to continue to pursue the application for WRC2016 with the IRF, when the opportunity arises.

**9. TECHNICAL SUBCOMMITTEE**

Convenor: David Baldwin

**a) Review of Australian Rogaining Championship 2011**

As stated in the President's Report, the 2011 event was well organized by Rogaining Tasmania. It gave rogainers an opportunity to experience a variety of terrains and use the key rogaining skills. The area offered a good variety of technically and physically challenging terrain and had something for all levels of participant.

**b) Revised ARA Rules and Technical Regulations**

As noted in the President's Report, David Baldwin, has been actively working with the States to develop an update of the ARA Technical Regulations. David sought approval for the changes that have been made to date, acknowledging that there are some unresolved issues, including the lack of a tight process in place around event juries.

Issues discussed included:

- The need for a specified time period for all team members to punch at checkpoints
- The process for handing out Navlight tags and verification that they are attached correctly
- The wording that only States can hold Championships was changed to "States/Territories"
- Use of GPS devices are now incorporated (for later analysis only)
- Mike Aylott questioned the need for a specification of map scales.

<p><b>MOTION:</b> That the tabled changes to the Technical Regulations (version 2) be accepted. Moved: Michael Aylott, Seconded: Alexa Macaulay. Motion passed.</p>
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**10. GENERAL BUSINESS**

**a) Australian University Rogaining Championship and NAMSF funding**

- Date, location for 2013 Intervarsity Championship:  
No date or location can be confirmed at this stage. The 2013 Australian Rogaining Championships are unsuitable due to university exam timing.
- University Convenor:  
Gill Fowler has agreed to continue as University Convenor.
- Australian University Sports accreditation:  
Gill confirmed rogaining is now sanctioned at the most basic level.

**b) ASC NSO Accreditation**

There is an action item with the ARA Executive to continue this activity.

**c) ARA Website**

This was discussed earlier under the President's Report.

**d) Review of ARA Constitution Under Federal Law**

There is an action item with the ARA Executive to commence this review.

**11. OTHER BUSINESS**

**a) Promotion Video Proposal (SARA)**

Craig Colwell suggested that a promotional video for rogaining would be useful. Craig is looking for volunteers who may like to produce a video (for example, as part of a university project). Paul Guard noted that a TV story on rogaining was produced in 2009. He undertook to attempt to obtain a copy from the producers and permission to use it for promotional purposes.

**b) O-Cad Training**

Craig Colwell also raised the issue of O-Cad training. WARA is holding a map training course and information could be shared among the states/territories. Jim Langford has some guidelines he can distribute. It was agreed that mapping resources should be shared as much as possible.

## 12. NEXT AGM

Next AGM is proposed to be held from 2:00-5:00pm on 21 June 2013. This is the Friday prior to the Australian Rogaining Championship. Location will be Cairns, North Queensland.

The meeting was closed at 8:15pm.

## Tabled Documents

- President's Report: **2011-12 Presidents Report.pdf**
- Treasurer's Report: **2011 Treasurers Report.pdf**
- Minutes of Previous AGM: **2011 ARA AGM Minutes.pdf**
- Australasian Championship proposal: **2012 ARA AGM - Australasian Rogaining Championships.pdf**
- Draft Technical Regulations: **2012 Update ARA Tech Regs v2-highlighted.pdf**
- IRF Funding Options Discussion Paper: **120420 IRF Financing Options.pdf**

### ARA Council (as at 2/04/2012)

<b>President:</b>	Richard Robinson
<b>Secretary:</b>	David Rowlands
<b>Treasurer:</b>	Michael Aylott
<b>Immediate Past President:</b>	Phil Holman

#### **ACTRA**

President: Julie Quinn	Rep: David Baldwin
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#### **NSWRA**

President: Gillian Fowler	Rep: Alexa McAuley
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#### **NTRA**

President: Jon Potter	Rep: Simon Saunders
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#### **QRA**

President: Paul Guard	Rep: Richard Robinson
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#### **RT**

President: Nick Bowden	Rep: Nick Bowden
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#### **SARA**

President: Mark Porter	Rep: Andrew Murphy
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#### **VRA**

President: Greg Robinson	Rep: Derek Morris
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#### **WARA**

President: Paul Szijarto	Rep: Jim Langford
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