



Australian Rogaining Association Inc. 2020 Annual General Meeting

Online meeting
27 August 2020
Minutes

The meeting was opened by the President at 7:30pm AEST.

1. APOLOGIES AND NOTIFICATION OF PROXIES

Apologies received: Mike Dunbar, Stephen Goggs, Andrew Morkel, Richard Robinson

Proxies advised: Julie Quinn is proxy for Stephen Goggs

Executive: David Rowlands, Paul Guard, Mike Aylott

Delegates:

ACTRA: Julie Quinn, David Baldwin

NSWRA: Trevor Gollan, Gill Fowler

NTRA: Shani Bryceson

QRA: Paul Guard, Sue Clarke

RT: Gary Carroll, Ciara Smart

SARA: Craig Colwell, Zara Soden

VRA: Karen Robinson, Andrew Baker

WARA: Peter Trenaman

2. INTRODUCTIONS

Each delegate was invited to introduce themselves and their role in their state/territory association, and briefly describe any current activities of their association.

NSWRA

- NSWRA had a good year in 2019 with 9 events.
- Only one official event this year due to Covid and bushfires. The NSW Championship was cancelled recently due to movement restrictions.
- NSWRA trialled some MapRun events.

NTRA

- Shani has joined the NTRA committee this year.
- NTRA held one event this year in February with 100 competitors. There is a Metrogaine next weekend.

QRA

- So far this year QRA have held a 4hr Paddlegaine and a 6hr Metrogaine with no mass start.

- The 3hr MapRun event was cancelled due to planned burn, but some did it as a training run.

RTas

- Ciara Smart has recently joined the RTas Committee and was previously on the NSWRA committee.
- RTas ran a metrogain event in February and are running another metro event next weekend.

SARA

- SARA's trial of the MapRun system has been successful.
- SARA have a Flinders Ranges 15hr event coming up in 2 weeks, followed by two metrogaines.

VRA

- The CBDgain was the only event held this year, with not much happening now due to the lockdown in Victoria.
- A series of online zoom training courses and discussions were held over a number of weeks in August.

WARA

- WARA membership is stable.
- There were 397 competitors at the WA State Championship held in August.
- Currently planning a 12hr in October and 6hr in November.
- 70 sessions of online training were held during April/May.

3. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING HELD 2019

MOTION: That the minutes of the 2019 AGM be accepted as true and accurate.
 Moved: Gary Carroll, Seconded: Gill Fowler. Motion passed.

4. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES NOT DISCUSSED ELSEWHERE

Nil

5. PRESIDENT'S REPORT

The President's Report was tabled, which outlines the activities of the Association since the last AGM in November 2019. The key themes were the impact on the sport of bushfires and the pandemic. The President asked for any updates or corrections for state activities. Sue Clarke noted one QRA event had been missed. The President undertook to correct the report.

6. FINANCIAL MATTERS

a) Treasurer's Report

The Treasurer's Report for 2019 was tabled. The Treasurer gave a brief summary of the ARA's financial status. The ARA is in a solid position to support the sport and Member states through the current pandemic and potential economic downturn.

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

b) Setting of Capitation Fee for 2021

The Treasurer's report presented a proposal for the 2021 Capitation fees. In 2021, the capitation fee is proposed to remain at \$1 per member/participant, but that collection of the fee for 2021 would again be waived.

MOTION: That the capitation for the calendar year 2021 be set at \$1 per participant/member, but that the collection of the fee be waived.
Moved: Mike Aylott, Seconded: Karen Robinson. Motion passed.

c) International Development Fund (IDF) Levy

The Treasurer in his report recommended that the default position become one of zero levy for the International Development Fund, since the IRF is now in a stronger position to support international development of the sport. He also proposed that the ARA enter discussions with the IRF regarding how to assist with the development of the sport internationally.

MOTION: That the IDF capitation fee for 2021 be set at \$0 per participant/member.
Moved: Mike Aylott, Seconded: Sue Clarke. Motion passed.

d) National Liability Insurance

The national liability insurance is in two parts: third party public liability, and directors and officers insurance. Insurance cost per member increased by 25% per head, due to a re-rating of cycling events and slightly reduced membership.

Mike requested that the states send participant numbers for the year to date (by end of September) to use as the basis for the insurance renewal for next year. The reduced membership and participation is expected to lead to reduced premiums next year.

e) Volunteers Injury Insurance

Mike tabled a proposal for the ARA to provide volunteers' injury insurance as an additional level of cover. Injury cover for volunteers would provide support and protection for volunteers as they perform the roles required to implement rogaining events. The original proposal arose from VRA, but the potential is for Australia-wide coverage.

Julie questioned whether most volunteers would already be covered by personal or default insurances (e.g. workers' compensation, Medicare). Craig pointed out that many self-employed or retired volunteers won't have any other cover in place. Peter asked Mike to make sure that travel to and from site is included.

MOTION: That the Treasurer continue to pursue the proposal for volunteers' injury insurance and put the final proposal to the ARA Council.
Moved: Paul Guard, Seconded: Sue Clarke. Motion passed.

f) ARA Grant Policy and Status of 2020 Grants

SARA made a successful grant application for a new marquee, which will be seen at the next Australian Championship.

g) Auditing of ARA Accounts

The Treasurer has reviewed the unaudited accounts from 2010-2014 in preparation for technical review by John Gavens. Mike cautioned that John may not be qualified to perform a formal audit. Paul Guard said that the ARA's requirements will depend on the act under which we are incorporated.

ACTION Mike Aylott: Complete the reviews of the accounts with John Gavens. Check the requirements for incorporation in South Australia regarding audits.

7. ELECTION OF OFFICE BEARERS

The last election for the Executive was in 2017. All executive positions were declared vacant. Nominations from the floor were requested, but none were forthcoming.

MOTION: That David Rowlands be elected President for a 3 year period
Moved: Paul Guard, Seconded: Craig Colwell. Elected unanimously.

MOTION: That Paul Guard be elected Secretary for a 3 year period
Moved: David Baldwin, Seconded: Julie Quinn. Elected unanimously.

MOTION: That Mike Aylott be elected Treasurer for a 3 year period
Moved: Peter Trenaman, Seconded: Zara Soden. Elected unanimously.

8. AUSTRALIAN CHAMPIONSHIPS

a) 2021 Australasian Championship: SARA

ARC 2021 will be held on 29-30 May 2021 (postponed from 2020). Event coordinator: Craig Colwell. Course setters: Jenny Cassanova, Mark Corbett, Zara Soden, Steve Cooper. Location is north of Burra in the lower Flinders Ranges. The map will be printed on Teslin waterproof paper, 1:50,000 scale. A minor issue is that the trophies have already been engraved with "2020".

The event will be accessible by all vehicles. The AGM will be hosted at the hash house site. Accommodation is available at Burra, 70km from Hash House. 2000 litres of water will be brought to site.

Concern remains for potential ongoing Covid restrictions. David Baldwin raised the question of whether it will be considered an Australasian Championship, and whether it will be financially viable, if some states are not able to attend the event. Andrew asked about current caps on numbers at events in SA: Craig responded it is currently 1000.

ACTION ARA Executive: Monitor the Covid situation in 2021 and confer with Council regarding status of the event. The ARA Executive may consider an appropriate go/no go date for Championship status in consultation with SARA.

c) 2022 Australasian Championship: VRA

Andrew Baker advised the event date will be 8-9 October 2022. Location: the Pyrenees Ranges near Avoca. This will be a new area for the Australasian Championships, separate from ARC2006 at St Arnaud. Organiser: Greg Robinson. Vic Sedunary and Merv Trease are the course setters, Duncan Brooks is assisting. Steven and Sarah Goyen are doing the vetting and mapping.

d) 2023 Australian Championship: NSWRA (Australasian Champs in NZ)

Gill advised that there is no update from NSWRA at this stage. NZ will host the Australasian Championship in November.

e) 2024 Australasian Championship: WARA

Peter said that WARA is aware of the event, likely to be held in August, and have already identified four possible location. NZRA will probably host the WRC in November 2024.

f) Next Australasian Championships

The following planned sequence of ARC hosts is as follows, however this can be varied, given sufficient notice.

2025: ACTRA, 2026: QRA, 2027: RTas

NTRA is encouraged to nominate to host an ARC when resource availability allows.

g) Trophies

Arrangements have been made to deliver all the perpetual trophies to the 2021 ARC. Plaques need to be updated by winners, who will be reimbursed by the ARA.

9. INTERNATIONAL ROGAINING FEDERATION

a) WRC 2021 USA, WRC 2022 Czech Republic

IRF Vice President Julie Quinn reported that the IRF has been discussing the risks and contingencies for the WRC 2021 in USA. IRF is very keen to hold WRC2021 in USA, and would like to find a way to make it happen. A constraint is that it is being held in conjunction with an orienteering championship carnival. The Czech WRC cannot be moved forward from 2022 due to landholder agreements. If USA cannot hold the WRC in 2021, there is a significant financial liability, and could be a call on the ARA IDF for a loan. The IRF Executive plan to reappraise the situation closer to the event, with a decision by March 2021.

b) IRF Capitation

ARA currently pays around US \$250 per annum to the IRF, plus a fee per competitor at the Australasian championship.

c) IRF Technical Regulations

A proposed IRF motion was discussed that would change the date at which a competitor's age is calculated for the age categories. This issue arose due to the postponement of the European Championship, changing the eligibility for some teams. The proposal is to alter Rule C15 to replace the current delineation of age categories based on the day of the event, to age categories based on the year of birth.

David Baldwin suggested that we should support the change in the age calculation because it would enable us to avoid storing date of birth information, which is a privacy risk.

Members were also briefed on the IRF suggestion to review the age boundaries on some of the categories, such as increasing the lower limit of the Veteran category from 40 to 45. The meeting did not support the changing of age category boundaries, without thorough statistical analysis and rationale.

d) ARA's International Development Fund (IDF)

This item was discussed under Financial Matters.

e) ARA Representation at the IRF Meeting, 31 July 2021, USA

ARA President David Rowlands, David Baldwin and Julie Quinn are planning to attend WRC 2021 in USA.

10. TECHNICAL SUBCOMMITTEE

Convenor: David Baldwin

a) Review of Australian Rogaining Championship 2019 organised by RTas

David Baldwin noted the 2019 ARC was an excellent event, with a very high standard of mapping and course setting. David Rowlands stated that the New Zealand attendance at the Australasian Championship was impacted by a clash with the New Zealand Championship. Subsequent discussions by the ARA Executive with NZRA have sought to address what was seen as a communication issue by sharing calendars and plans for the next several years.

b) Water Planning at ARCs

The water management planning process approved at the 2016 AGM, requires the ARC organisers to formally prepare a Water Management Plan detailing water locations, volume, resources and planned replenishment procedures. David said that the process was again successfully implemented at ARC 2019.

c) Navlight and Electronic Scoring

David stated that at least two punches should be hung at all checkpoints at ARCs, in order to enhance reliability. This would mitigate against risk of failure, and ease congestion at busy locations and times. A formal proposal to include this requirement in the Technical Regulations will be forthcoming. David can supply sufficient punches to support this plan at all ARCs. Peter Trenaman said that WARA would have sufficient stock of their unique punching system for the next ARC in WA.

Peter Squires (the developer of Navlight) had a serious injury recently, but has been recovering reasonably well. The Navlight system has been progressively handed over to David, who has accumulated spare hardware to ensure the system is sustainable into the future.

Andrew Baker asked about contactless punching like SPORTident Air, but this is not under current investigation. NSWRA and ACTRA have developed a procedure to hang punches that avoids the need for handling by competitors during the event.

d) Navlight Wristbands

David Baldwin explained the ARA Executive's decision to source a better type of strong wristband for use at ARC events. A stock of 2000 will be purchased this year at about \$1 per wristband.

11. INTERVARSITY

Convenor: Brad Vallette (ACT)

a) 2021 Intersport Championship

Intersport will be held in conjunction with the ARC in May 2021.

b) UniSport Endorsement

During 2020, Brad Vallette was in the process of obtaining formal endorsement for the Intersport from UniSport. A UniSport requirement is that the organisers formally check and confirm student status (eg using student ID cards) for the event. All states will need to commence promotion of Intersport early in the year.

c) NAMSF Funding

The NAMSF funding will be revisited for 2021, due to likely changes to travel costs and options caused by Covid.

12. GENERAL BUSINESS

a) National Hosting and ARA Website

The ARA is responsible for the domain **rogaine.asn.au** and the hosting of a number of websites for ARA, IRF and several state associations. David Baldwin has migrated this to a new VPS provider (Binary Lane in Sydney), with similar costs to the previous provider. David has setup regular automatic backups. David stated that he is happy to discuss with any states/territories that wish to join the hosting arrangement.

b) Entry Systems

Paul Guard explained that QRA's entry system is available for other states/territories to adopt. NSWRA and ACTRA are currently using it with their own branding, as well as several SEQ adventure racing companies. Paul has offered to assist states who wish to trial the system.

13. OTHER BUSINESS

Paul stated that the ARA would like to encourage NTRA to host an ARC at any time in the future that suits the NT committee. There are many experienced rogainers around Australia who would be interested to fly up to the NT to support the event setting and logistics. ARA would underwrite this and support cash flow. Shani noted that lack of volunteer resources within NTRA is a constraint.

14. NEXT AGM

The next AGM is planned to be held at 2pm, Friday 28 May 2021. This is prior to the Australasian Rogaining Championship, to be hosted by SARA in the Burra area.

The meeting was closed at 9:30pm.

Tabled Documents

- President's Report – **2019-20 Presidents Report.pdf**
- Treasurer's Report - **2019 Treasurers Report.pdf**
- Minutes of 2019 AGM - **2019 ARA AGM Minutes.pdf**
- Proposal for Volunteer Injury Insurance **Volunteer injury insurance proposal.pdf**

ARA Council as at 23/08/2020

President: David Rowlands
Secretary: Paul Guard
Treasurer: Michael Aylott
Immediate Past President: Richard Robinson

Sue Clarke	QRA	President
Paul Guard	QRA	Representative
Mike Dunbar	NTRA	President
Shani Bryceson	NTRA	Representative
Stephen Goggs	ACTRA	President
David Baldwin	ACTRA	Representative
Trevor Gollan	NSWRA	President
Gill Fowler	NSWRA	Representative
Peter Trenaman	WARA	President
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Gary Carroll	RT	President
Ciara Smart	RT	Representative
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