

South Australian Athletic League

AGM Minutes

TUESDAY 9TH JULY 2025

CLUB MARION, 262 STURT ROAD, MARION 7.00pm

Members were welcomed and the meeting was declared open at 7.00pm by Chairperson and President Kym Steer.

Members present – Shane Bewry, Gordon Brimble, Michael Buckler, Brayden Davidson, Phi Daws, Shane Grimwade, Brian Hart, Ross Hill Brown, Mark Howson, Liberato Icolaro, Dennis Letton, Sarah Manning, Frank Mchugh, Madeline McNeil, Ray Mules, Scarlett Poole, Jenny Poole, Kym Steer, Jo Sutton, Michael Sutton, Rex Thompson, Tony Tohl, Paul Young

In attendance –

Apologies – Anton van Bavel, Chris Dimitrak, Jordi McMillan, Trevor Mules

➤ Receive and confirm the minutes of the last Annual General Meeting held on 4th of June 2024.

- Moved Shane Bewry
- Seconded Ross Hill Brown
- Carried

➤ The President's Report was presented and summarised annual report.

What we did well

- Stability has increased
- Community building with common goals
- Registrations and nominations are up
- Excellent job by Peter Brennan setting up system was noted. Improvements to the system have now made it more user friendly. VAL have adopted our data system.
- Bay Sheffield was run well and our relationship with the Government is good

7.07pm Anthony Tohl arrived

- sponsorships levels maintained. We cannot just rely on grants
- race series went well
- social media ramped up has had great results with increased numbers.

7.09pm Sarah Manning arrived

- Working with VAL has been great and the sharing resources has been good

Focus for next year

- Culture
 - Athletes do this magnificently
 - Coaches still need work. Working closely with stewards to work on this.
- There are a number of Coaches that lack some interest in being responsible in ensuring the coaches obligations are being addressed to their athletes & parents. Coaches should

be aware of their responsibility towards athletes, parents & friends, other coaches & more especially towards the Rules & Handicapping & Stewarding policies/rules.

- Coaches will be offered further education in this regard.
- Athlete numbers
 - Social Media & Marketing
- Sustainability
 - Financial
 - Volunteers
- Sponsorship
- Jenny Poole was thanked for her efforts as Executive Officer.

Frank McHuch was impressed with the financial management of the League. The support of Gordon Brimble and Ian Gore was acknowledged.

Receive and accept the President's report

- Moved Phil Daws
- Seconded Gordon Brimble
- Carried

A brief review of the Draft Program for the 2025/2026 season was undertaken. We have, as always, had continual consultation with Athletic SA (ASA) and Little Aths to ensure our calendars work together to provide the best offerings for athletes. Thank you to Lisa Attenborough in particular at ASA.

Jenny Poole thanked Kathy Nelson for her outstanding contribution as Carnival Coordinator for the City of Port Adelaide Carnival over many years.

Draft race cards will be published in the near future .

Receive and accept the Executive Officer's report

- Moved Dennis Letton
- Seconded Paul Young
- Carried

Kym Steer reported that Trevor Mules had advised that he would not continue as Chief Steward for the upcoming season. Kym acknowledged the work that he had done in his time in his role. He will write a note of thanks from the League to express this.

- Moved Kym Steer
- Seconded Dennis Letton
- Carried

- The Audited Annual Accounts and financial report were presented and summarised. Kym asked the floor for questions

It was noted that we had focused on investing in our future with significant investment in the website, Handicapping and Meet Management System and Trailer. The rescheduling of the Mort Daly Running Foundation Carnival affected our income.

Receive and accept the Financial Report and Audited Annual Accounts

- Moved Micheal Buckler
- Seconded Gordon Brimble
- Carried

- Election of Office Bearers was conducted

Vice President (2 years) – Shane Grimwade was the only nomination for Vice President and was elected, vacating his committee position which has one year remaining.

Brian Curtis's application was read by Kym Steer

Ross, Sarah, Frank spoke to the floor regarding their history with the League and interest in being on the Committee

2 Committee Members were elected for 2 years

- Brian Curtis and Ross Hill Brown

1 Committee Member was elected for 1 year

- Frank McHugh
- Moved Mark Howson
- Seconded Dennis Letton
- Carried

- Appointment of Patrons and Vice-Patrons

It was moved and accepted that Patron Bruce McAvaney remain in his position for the upcoming season.

- Moved Kym Steer
- Seconded Dennis Letton
- Carried

It was moved and accepted that Vice Patron Peter Noblet AM remain in his position for the upcoming season.

- Moved Kym Steer
- Seconded Paul Young
- Carried

➤ Appointment of the Auditor

It was moved and accepted that Amin Chehade be appointed as Auditor for the 2025/26 season

- Moved Kym Steer
- Seconded Frank McHugh
- Carried

➤ Fix the Annual Registration Fees

Annual Registration fees were presented.

It was agreed by majority that there be an increase as presented for all registration fees to cover increasing costs. The approximate amount of the increase being \$25 per person for each category.

- Moved Kym Steer
- Seconded Shane Bewry
- Carried

➤ Appointment of Life Memberships

Anton van Bavel was proposed by the Management Committee for Life Membership. Jenny summarised the nomination and his notable contribution.

- Michael Buckler noted Anton's admirable support including his ongoing commitment to painting the track on Boxing Day. Asset to the League who has joined esteemed starters Brenda Pearl and Brian Hart as Life Members. Thoroughly endorses the nomination.
- Sarah Manning noted Anton's energy and passion as a Starter. Anton voiced needs of the officials. A very deserving nomination.

A vote was conducted and the nomination was carried unanimously

➤ Other Business

Mort Daly Running Foundation

- Frank McHugh provided a summary of the Mort Daly Running Foundation actions and benefits to the League.
 - Big changes have occurred in the Foundation
 - Brian Hart resigned after many years as a Trustee. Thank you!
 - Russell Freeland after 35 years has stepped down as chair person.
 - Frank acknowledged Russel's outstanding contribution
 - Chris Dimitrak has been nominated and will take Brian's place.
 - Frank McHugh will be Chair Person
 - Phil Daws will be secretary and treasurer
- Continuing Trustees: Shaun Ryder, Michelle Burckhardt, Russell Freeland and Jenny Poole & Office Holders.
- The Foundation's has committed \$14,000 to SAAL for the 25/26 season (up \$2000 from last season)
- Mort Daly Running Foundation will support Under 18 Series
- Kym Steer - Good team. Protect from cowboys in the future.

- Michael Buckler thanked Russell Freeland and Brian Hart for their efforts noting that the Reddaway Estate had also gone to the Mort Daly Running Foundation. He is pleased with the governance of the Foundation and SA Athletic League and Mort Daly Running Foundation working together.
- Kym thanked those that attended.
 - The Management Committee will meet in the near future, bring on Season 2025/26.

The meeting was closed at 8.30pm