



Minutes of the 2013 Annual General Meeting

Date and Time:	10.30 am - Friday, 4 October 2013
Location:	The "Big Room" - Christchurch Boys High School
Roll Call:	<p>Richard Dryden - <i>Vice President</i> Garry Marshall - <i>Vice President</i> Margaret Spooner - <i>Treasurer</i> Gavin Hubbard - <i>Executive Officer</i></p> <p>Roll Call of Members present:</p> <p>Tina Ball Keisha-Dean Soffe Jeni Ebert Richard Patterson Tony Ebert Cameron McTaggart Troy Gordon Terry Hughes Silver Sekone-Fraser Barbara Grieve Dominique Basabas Robert De Mayo Brad Jenkins Doug MacDougal Robbie Bruerton Lee Attrill Chris Groube Mark Spooner Adam Storey Tim Prendergast Katie Fogelman ##spelling?## Peter Gregory-Hunt Jules Dempsey Margaret Spooner Graham Spooner John Moss</p>
Apologies:	<p>Apologies were received from:</p> <p>Barry Rait David Hughan ##spelling?## Anton de Croos Mike Reid Philip Silverman Bruce Cameron Lynn Cameron</p>
Meeting Chair:	In the absence of the President, the meeting was chaired by Vice President Richard Dryden.

Item 1:	Presentation and acceptance of minutes from the 2012 Annual General Meeting.
Matters	<p>The Chairman explained that the minutes of the 2012 AGM had been available for public download on the OWNZ website for several months.</p> <p><i>A motion was raised that "the minutes of the 2012 meeting be accepted as a true and correct record".</i></p> <p><i>Moved/Seconded: G. Marshall & R. Dryden</i></p> <p><i>Result: Carried unanimously.</i></p>
Item 2:	Presentation of the President's Report
Matters	<p>The Executive Officer noted that an apology had been received from the President, and that due to extraordinary personal circumstances a President's Report would not be presented this year.</p> <p>The Executive Officer mentioned that the report from the Executive Officer had been prepared so that it would cover much of the material that would normally be addressed by the President's Report.</p>
Item 3:	Presentation of the Treasurer's Report
Matters	<p>The Treasurer explained that the auditor was undertaking steps to protect the Executive Group from fraud and/or misuse of the organisation's funds.</p> <p>The Treasurer noted that a lack of prompt payment of affiliation fees continued to be a major problem for OWNZ. It was particularly noted that affiliation payments were still being received until the week before the National Weightlifting Championships in October.</p> <p>Member J. Ebert asked a general question encouraging the board to examine strategies to raise the organisation's revenues. Vice President G. Marshall noted that this was a good idea and suggested that it would be best addressed by the incoming Executive Group.</p> <p><i>A motion was raised "to accept the Treasurer's Report, subject to the completion of the Auditor's Report".</i></p> <p><i>Moved/Seconded: G. Marshall & R. Dryden</i></p> <p><i>Result: Carried unanimously.</i></p> <p>Vice President R. Dyden requested that Agenda Item #7 (Setting the 2014 Annual Subscription) be moved forward for discussion at this point in the meeting.</p> <p>M. Spooner explained that the Executive Group had recommended that the subscription fees be raised to the following levels:</p> <p><i>Competition Member - \$50</i> <i>School Member - \$20</i> <i>Ordinary Member - \$30</i> <i>Associate Member - \$25</i></p> <p>A question was received from the floor about how much extra revenue would be raised by the increase in the membership fees.</p> <p>The Executive Officer replied that the revenue would rise by approximately \$3,000 (based on the current membership levels).</p> <p><i>A motion was raised "to set the subcription fees to the levels recommended by the Executive Group".</i></p> <p><i>Moved/Seconded: G. Marshall & J. Ebert</i></p> <p><i>Result: Carried unanimously.</i></p>

Item 4:	Presentation of the Executive Officer's Report
Matters	<p>The Executive Officer apologised for not having printed copies of his report to distribute, and then read his report.</p> <p>Note: A copy of the Executive Officer's report is attached at the end of these minutes.</p> <p><i>A motion was raised "to accept the Executive Officer's Report".</i></p> <p><i>Moved/Seconded: G. Marshall & J. Dempsey</i></p> <p><i>Result: Carried unanimously.</i></p>
Item 5:	Presentation of the Referee Liaison Officer's Report
Matters	<p>The Referee Liaison Officer G. Marshall spoke briefly about the ongoing need for International Category referees and emphasised the need for OWNZ to encourage new referees to start on the referee development pathway. He noted that the Crossfit community would have a role in providing new referees as they moved towards hosting their own Weightlifting competitions at the club level.</p> <p>G. Marshall gave thanks to Bruce & Lynn Cameron and Tony & Jenni Ebert for their work as international referees over the previous year. He then wished all of the officials well for the upcoming National Weightlifting Championships.</p> <p><i>A motion was raised "to accept the Referee Liaison Officer's Report".</i></p> <p><i>Moved/Seconded: R. Dryden & T. Ebert</i></p> <p><i>Result: Carried unanimously.</i></p> <p>The chairman noted that the Referee's Report and Anti-doping Officer's report would be posted on the OWNZ website.</p>
Item 7:	Roll Call
Matters	<p>The Roll of Attendees was accepted by the Chairman and passed to the Executive Officer for inclusion in the minutes.</p>
Item 8:	Election of Officers to the Executive Group
Matters	<p>The Executive Officer explained that the North Island and South Island Representative positions were unopposed. The successful candidates were:</p> <p>North Island Rep #1: John Moss North Island Rep #2: Keisha-Dean Soffe South Island Rep #1: Jim Eddy South Island Rep #2: Jules Dempsey</p> <p>The Election Scrutineer Chris Groube was asked to present the results of the election for Vice President. C. Groube mentioned that from the 278 eligible candidates on the electoral register, a total of 96 votes were received - a turnout of 34%. The votes received were as follow:</p> <p>Richard Dryden: 41 Richie Patterson: 55</p> <p><i>A motion was raised "to appoint the elected candidates to the Executive Group".</i></p> <p><i>Moved/Seconded: G. Marshall, M. Spooner</i></p> <p><i>Result: Carried unanimously.</i></p> <p>R. Dryden thanked the OWNZ membership for the opportunity to serve on the board.</p>

	<p>G. Marshall thanked to R. Dryden for his involvement over the last few years, and thanked him specifically for his leadership.</p> <p><i>A motion was raised "to thank R. Dryden for his service to the sport of Weightlifting".</i></p> <p><i>Moved/Seconded: G. Marshall, M. Spooner</i></p> <p><i>Result: Carried unanimously.</i></p> <p>It was suggested by G. Marshall that R. Dryden remain as Chairman for the remainder of the meeting.</p> <p><i>A motion was raised "that R. Dryden remain as Chairman for the duration of the meeting".</i></p> <p><i>Moved/Seconded: G. Marshall, M. Spooner</i></p> <p><i>Result: Carried unanimously.</i></p> <p>G. Marshall noted the low turn-out in the elections.</p> <p>P. Gregory-Hunt commented that the voting process was complicated by the need to print and submit documents and recommend that the electoral process be moved onto an online system. P. Gregory-Hunt also recommended that the registration process for the National Championships be improved to ease the burden on the organising committee.</p> <p>The Executive Officer replied that he supported the idea of online voting but he noted that the constitution specifically required voting papers to be signed, and that a constitutional amendment would be required before the voting system could be replaced with an online system.</p> <p>G. Marshall asked the two candidates for Vice President if they accepted the outcome of the vote. Both of the candidates gave their assent.</p> <p><i>A motion was raised "that the voting papers are destroyed by the scrutineer".</i></p> <p><i>Moved/Seconded: G. Marshall, R. Dryden</i></p> <p><i>Result: Carried unanimously.</i></p>
Item 8:	Appointment of the Auditor
Matters	<p>M. Spooner suggested that the auditor would ideally be located in the same city as the new Treasurer (who was yet to be appointed by the Executive Group).</p> <p>C. Groube suggested that the current auditor (Hounsell Accounting) be re-appointed and asked if there were any grievances or concerns. M. Spooner replied that there were no issues of grievances with the current auditor.</p> <p><i>A motion was raised "that Hounsell Accounting be re-appointed as the Auditor for OWNZ".</i></p> <p><i>Moved/Seconded: M. Spooner, J. Dempsey</i></p> <p><i>Result: Carried unanimously.</i></p>
Item 8:	Amendments to the Constitution
Matters	<p>The Executive Officer explained that the Constitution had been updated to include the amendments passed at the 2012 AGM, and had been updated to fix several small formatting errors.</p> <p>He then noted that the Executive Group had recommended that the updates to the constitution be accepted, and that copies of the documents had been circulated to all OWNZ members by email.</p>

	<p><i>A motion was raised "that the proposed ammendments to the Constitution be accepted".</i></p> <p><i>Moved/Seconded: G. Marshall, R. Dryden</i></p> <p><i>Result: Carried unanimously.</i></p>
Item 8:	Setting of the Honoraria
Matters	<p>G. Marshall mentioned that the Executive Officer had declined the honorarium for 2013.</p> <p>The Executive Officer stated that it was his intention to decline the honorarium again in 2014.</p> <p>R. Dryden suggested that an honorarium still be set, even if the Executive Officer intended to decline it.</p> <p><i>A motion was raised "that an honararium for the Executive Officer be set at the previous level of \$4,000 per annum".</i></p> <p><i>Moved/Seconded: G. Marshall, J. Moss</i></p> <p><i>Result: Carried unanimously.</i></p>
Item 8:	General Business
Matters	<p>The Executive Officer invited the members present at the meeting to raise any issues or question the Executive Group.</p> <p>J. Ebert raised the issue of Masters Weightlifting and noted that many Masters athletes feel excluded from competitions and events that are run by OWNZ. She expressed the opinion that Masters sport needs to be recognised if OWNZ wants to build a broad base of support for Weightlifting. T. Ebert noted that an international movement is taking place to encourage masters to participate in sporting activities as a matter of public health.</p> <p>The Executive Officer spoke about the upcoming World Masters Games in 2017 and agreed that the issue needed to be addressed given the poor turnout at the recent Masters Postal event, and the low levels of participation for Masters athletes.</p> <p>G. Marshall noted that the incoming Executive Group should address the issue, and suggested that a sub-committee be appointed to investigate ways of increasing Masters participation in Weightlifting events.</p> <p>J. Ebert mentioned that the Malaysian model of combining Senior events with a Masters event might be worth emulating. G. Marshall agreed but noted that the Malaysian model had hte drawback of increasing the costs for athletes and officials (since it increased the length of the competition).</p> <p>G. Marshall congratulated J. Ebert and T. Ebert for their recent performances at the 2013 World Masters Games and noted that J. Ebert had broken several world records at the event.</p> <p>T. Prendergast commented that the supported Masters Weightlifting but noted that the National Weightlifting Championships were becoming lengthy and would be difficult to host if their length stretched beyond two days. G. Marshall suggested that the Youth Competition be combined with the NZSSC event.</p>
Meeting Closed	The meeting closed at 11.40 am



2013 OWNZ Executive Officer's Report

Attn: All OWNZ Members

Dear Members,

On behalf of the Executive Group of Olympic Weightlifting New Zealand, I would like to thank you all for your participation and involvement during the past year. I would also like to thank everyone who has volunteered their time to coach, referee, or assist at our events.

The Executive Group is aware of the critical roles occupied by volunteers at all levels of our sport, and of the great importance of their contributions. Our sport could not function without their continued support.

The past year has seen an increase in both overall membership and the number of affiliated clubs. These increases are — to a large degree — due to the explosive growth of the Crossfit community and its promotion of the Olympic lifts. The Executive Group recognises that the Crossfit community offers the potential for several exciting opportunities and we intend to build a relationship that will provide benefits to both sporting codes.

New Zealand continues to be a major force in Oceania and Commonwealth Weightlifting, and the recent success of our Youth and Junior men's teams in winning the 2013 Oceania Championship Team Titles was a recent highlight. This competition — which also marked the beginning of the official Commonwealth Games qualifying period — saw some significant achievements by our senior men and women. It now seems quite possible that 2014 will be the first occasion since 1974 that a full men's team will be selected to represent New Zealand at the Commonwealth Games.

Our athletes have continued their proud tradition of training and competing without the use of illegal substances or banned methods. Our partnership with Drug Free Sport NZ has been very successful and there have been no adverse analytical findings or evidence of sports doping within the New Zealand Weightlifting community during the last ten years. I believe that this is a reflection of the high level of integrity of our athletes and coaches.

Access to funding for our core athlete support and development programs continues to be a significant issue for OWNZ, and the lack of financial support for our international and elite level athletes as they prepare for the Glasgow 2014 Commonwealth Games is of particular concern. However I am pleased to report that the careful financial management by our Treasurer has enabled OWNZ to maintain its financial position despite the severe reductions in funding. Nonetheless, the Executive Group must continue to explore and expand other avenues of raising our revenues.

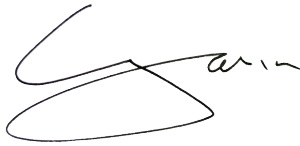
The Executive Group recognises that communications and membership services such as online registration continue to be an issue for many of our members. I am therefore pleased to report that an agreement has been reached with the Australian Weightlifting Association to license some key features of the AWF website. We believe that this development will provide significant benefits for our members and resolve many long-standing issues.

I would like to thank the members of the Executive Group for their work throughout the year, and for contributing their expertise, advice and time so freely. I would also like to record my appreciation of the tremendous amount of work undertaken by our member associations and clubs, and thank them for their support.

There is no doubt that our sport faces a number of important and significant challenges. However I fully expect that with all members working together our membership numbers, participation at international events, and public profile of our sport will continue to grow.

I look forward to the exciting times that lie ahead.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Gavin', with a large, stylized flourish underneath.

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