



Minutes of the 2016 Annual General Meeting of Olympic Weightlifting New Zealand

Date & Time

Friday 14th October at 6.30pm

Location

Commonwealth Room, AUT Millennium, Rosedale, Auckland

Roll Call

E Pilkington, K Chapman, R Patterson, G Marshall, S Kent, J Dempsey, J Moss, R Everest, B Lovett, M Taranavanua, B Stennard, D Nemani, J Mason, J Bolton, B Cameron, L Cameron, C Helms, K Soffe, J Edwards, N King, T Ball, A Jameson, T Blair, J Millar-Power, B Grieve, V Capes, M Dyson, G Paulley-Beazley, M White, T Ebert, D Sekone-Fraser, A Barakauskas, S Gregory-Hunt

Apologies

M Reid, S Allan, L Hubbard, L Attrill, R Mann, G Cavitt, P Silverman

Life Members Acknowledged

T Ball, L Cameron, B Cameron, J Bolton, G Marshall, T Ebert

Approval of 2015 AGM Minutes

The minutes of the 2015 AGM which had been posted on the OWNZ website were accepted as a true and correct record. Moved G Marshall seconded by B Grieve.

Receiving of Reports

PRESIDENTS REPORT

In the absence of the President, R Patterson read the report. As this was M Reid's final report he highlighted some of the achievements our sport enjoyed in 2016. Namely, our success in having two representatives at the Rio Olympics, increasing number of clubs and members resulting depth for international selection and increase in number of qualifying athletes to our national championships. The report also identifies important issues that the upcoming EG will need to handle, like establishing a transparent and objective selection criteria for events as the depth of quality lifters continues to grow while restrictive quotas have been implemented. The full report is on the OWNZ website. Acknowledge of appreciation to the work M Reid has done as President of OWNZ for the last four years, was given by G Marshall. Moved R Patterson seconded by J Dempsey.

GENERAL MANAGERS REPORT

E Pilkington presented her report covering highlights of the annual period. Highlights were given under our strategic pillars: Sustainable Organisation, Raising the Profile, Club Capability & Volunteers, Competitions & Events and Coaching & Talent Development. The support received from OWNZ's silver sponsor, Industrial Athletic, was thanked and OWNZ looks to continue building on this partnership as we move into another year together. E Pilkington also mentioned that this year has been positive but challenging for our organisation and notes that this was to be expected for a growing sport like ours but hopes to minimise these challenges and be more prepared for them in the future. The full report is on the OWNZ website. Moved by J Dempsey seconded by K Chapman.

REFEREE EXAMINERS REPORT

G Marshall presented his report with main discussion around reviewing the current Level 2 to Level 1 officials pathway and encouraging qualified TO's to officiate outside of their own clubs to gain experience. G Marshall also stated how we have no IWF Cat 2 officials at this moment which is of concern. The aim will be to promote experienced Level 1 officials to the next level if they meet the requirements. G Marshall would also like to acknowledge the input from Ron Mann who keeps a register of active referees updated monthly. Finally, he congratulated B Grieve who is about to attend her first IWF World Championship event as an official. The full report is on the OWNZ website. Moved D Nemani seconded by A Jameson.

SELECTORS REPORT

T Ebert spoke about the 47 athletes that represented New Zealand during this annual period, highlighting how great it was to see just as many females selected than males. He also sincerely thanked R Mann for his work in providing statistical data to help with selections. The full report is on the OWNZ website. Moved J Dempsey seconded by J Bolton.

HIGH PERFORMANCE REPORT

J Moss presented this report and highlighted the successes we have had internationally that also guaranteed that we met the 2016 HPSNZ performance measures which puts us in a positive position into the 2017 – 2020 funding round. Gaining selection of two athletes AND two coaches to Rio was also mentioned as a major success for our sport. Also the depth talent of our Junior and Youth male and female teams shows we are tracking to a medal contender at the 2020 Tokyo Olympics. The full report is on the OWNZ website. Moved G Marshall seconded by M Dyson.

Financial Report – Statement of Income & Expenditure

K Chapman mentioned that each month there has been a detailed monthly financial report submitted with the Executive Group minutes. These can be found on the website. She also mentioned the successful work the General Manager has done in securing grant funding, especially for the 2016 Oceania Championships. B Cameron questioned why the legal expenses was so high this year and a discussion was lead by J Moss about the Sports Tribunal that was had with Andrea Miller and the Rio selection process. All questions were answered and all agreed that work on selection criteria and communication about this process needs to be improved upon to mitigate this from happening again. K Chapman confirms that the Audited Report will be available within two to three weeks time. Once available this will be posted on the website. Moved T Ebert seconded by J Miller-Power and subject to Audit Report passed by the Executive Group.

Election of Officers

The following candidates were confirmed into the Executive Group, as they were unopposed:

- President – Garry Marshall

- South Island Delegate – Shanaya Allan
- South Island Delegate – Andy Jameson

G Marshall presented the election results on behalf of R Mann with the following candidates being successful in the election:

- Vice President – Jules Dempsey
- North Island Delegate – Neroli King

Appointment of Auditor

Hounsell Accounting were reappointed for another year as the auditors of OWNZ. Moved G Marshall seconded by R Patterson.

Appointment of Patron

G Marshall confirmed that Les Mills has agreed to be the Patron of OWNZ for another year. This was passed.

Setting of Annual Subscriptions

E Pilkington with the support of the Treasurer, presented the following recommendations at the meeting and positive feedback was given especially towards the discounted Competitive Membership from October through to December. The following subscriptions below were passed. Moved by R Patterson seconded by A Jameson.

Subscription Name	January – March	April – September	October – December
Competitive Member	\$50	\$60	\$30
Secondary School Member	\$20		
Other Member	\$30	\$40	
Club Affiliation	\$100	\$120	

Setting of Honorariums

G Marshall recommended that the \$500 honorarium continue to be granted to the OWNZ Statistician R Mann for all of the work he is doing for our organisation. G Marshall mentioned the Executive Officers position will no longer exist moving into 2017 and that the Executive Group would discuss where the \$4000 honorarium would be allocated at a later stage. Moved by G Marshall seconded by A Jameson.

Amendments to the Constitution

G Marshall proposed the following amendments to the OWNZ Constitution.

Clause 11. Officers of OWNZ

Additional Officers to be appointed by the Executive Group shall be: 11.b.ii. Executive Officer

Change to read: 11.b.ii. General Manager.

Clause 11.d. Appointment of the Patron and Executive Officer. Clause 11.d.ii

The Executive Officer and the Treasurer shall be appointed by the Executive Group. Whether the Executive Officer and the Treasurer are or are not an Executive Group Member is at the discretion of the Executive Group.

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Clause 11.e.iii Terms of office.

The term of office of the Executive Officer shall be two years, and the Executive Officer can be reappointed at the end of the term.

Change to read: 11.e.iii The term of office of the General Manager shall be one year and the General Manager can be reappointed at the end of the term.

Clause 12 Duties of the Officers

12.e.vi. The Executive Officer: Essentially, the duties of the Executive Officer shall be embodied in the job description and will cover all aspects of administration and finance including the following:

- 1 Keep a record of all meetings of OWNZ
- 2 Conduct correspondence on behalf of the EG
- 3 Maintain a role of members
- 4 Give notice of meetings
- 5 If the Executive Officer is an Executive Group Member, he or she shall have the right to vote at Executive Group meetings. If the Executive Officer is not an Executive Group Member, he or she shall have no voting right.

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Essentially the duties of the General Manager shall be embodied in the job description and will cover all aspects of administration including the following:

- 1 Keep a record of all meetings of OWNZ.
- 2 Conduct correspondence on behalf of the EG.
- 3 Maintain a role of members.
- 4 Give notice of meetings.
- 5 Clause to be removed.

Clause 13. The Executive Group.

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Clause 14. General Meetings.

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Clause 20. a) Finances.

20(a)ii. All such statements shall be examined by the auditor who shall present a report upon such audit to the Executive Officer prior to the holding of the AGM next following the financial year in respect of which such audit was made.

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Clauses 11, 12 and 13 were moved by G Marshall seconded by R Patterson.

Clauses 14 and 20 were moved by G Marshall seconded by S Kent.

General Business

Bids for 2017 National Championship Events

- 2017 National Senior & Junior Championships - A proposal was presented by C Helms on behalf of S Allan and the Otago Weightlifting Club to host this event next year in Dunedin.
- 2017 National Secondary School Championships – A proposal was submitted by M Dyson on behalf of 41 Degrees Weightlifting Club to host the Wellington location of this postal event. R Patterson proposed to host the Auckland/Upper North Island location at Functional Strength Olympic.

The following National Event's are open with no bids coming from the floor:

- 2017 North Island Championships
- 2017 South Island Championships
- 2017 National Secondary School Championships – South Island Location (A Jameson showed some interest in considering this event for Christchurch City Weightlifting)
- 2017 National Masters Championships

V Capes – mentioned the difficulty in an athlete knowing where they might place with the 2016 National Secondary School Championships being a postal event with 3 locations. This comment was considered but E Pilkington noted that having this event in one location would ultimately decrease participation numbers, which we want to avoid.

T Ball – enquired about dates for the 2017 National Events in hope that they would align with the international event qualification periods. E Pilkington mentioned that this would be taken into consideration and a draft calendar will be finalised as soon as possible.

G Paullay-Beazley – discussed the issue around transgender athletes wishing to compete in club competitions of OWNZ. There was positive discussion around this topic and G Marshall mentioned that OWNZ would align with the IOC and IWF policies. The General Manager will look into clarity around our procedures of transgender athletes going forward. K Soffe will also look into any restrictions that might be present from an Anti-Doping perspective.

M Dyson – Questioned whether there would be a grace period for clubs meeting club minimum standards. R Patterson ensured that there is a grace period for this.

K Soffe – Enquired about having non-affiliated clubs potentially hosting an OWNZ event. The Executive Group were open to the idea but that this would require further discussion.

R Everest – Mentioned the work he has been doing on the School Program to get this up and running for Clubs to use in 2017. E Pilkington also mentioned that KiwiSport funding can help fund this initiative for club coaches. Everyone agreed that we are heading in the right direction with this and club coaches present at the meeting showed enthusiasm to discuss opportunities with R Everest.

G Marshall – Mentioned the Oceania Talent Identification Program and encourages all coaches to get into schools to expose weightlifting to school students before the cut off date. Also, encouraged clubs to nominate students for the New Caledonia training camp trip.

The Meeting closed at 8.00pm

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