

**AURA Annual General Meeting  
Minutes of the AGM held on  
31 May 2021**

**Meeting opened at 6:30 pm WST**

The President declared that a quorum was present and therefore the AGM could proceed.

**1. Past AGM Minutes**

- The minutes of the AGM held in March 2020 were accepted by Simone Hayes and seconded by Matty Ekford and carried.

**2. President's Report**

- The President acknowledged the work of committee which took over in 2020 and, as a brand-new committee, there was a lot to learn.
- Ewan acknowledged the great handover process from the retiring committee
  - The new committee created a work book/manual that documents all processes in order to make future handovers easier and to ensure continuity of processes.
  - The committee addressed acceptable behaviour in posts that have to be approved by the committee
  - There has been a strong focus on social media and updating information
  - A flat listing fee was introduced that has been accepted well
  - Australia participated in two IAU virtual runs; shirts were delivered to all participants and some excellent stories were received from participants.
  - The Annual Awards were very successful and some amazing results were achieved, particularly from WA which produced a lot of top results, including Michael Hooker and Margie Hadley.
- Ewan thanked Kate Dzienis for her tireless work in producing Ultra Mag to such a high standard, particularly with a new baby!

**3. Vice President's Report**

- Matty acknowledged the assistance from Alexis for his handover and the work of the committee
- He has managed event listings, COVID-19 safety plans, the insurance policy process and has been successful in getting RD's to return information
- A lot of events were cancelled in 2020 and there were a lot of calendar changes to adapt to ongoing COVID related lockdowns.
- New events are being listed which is great news for AURA
- Matty will be taking on the IAU labelling task going forward.

The President thanked Matty for all his hard work and for taking on extra duties.

#### **4. Treasurer's Report**

- Simone thanked all the support she received from Ness for the handover.
- Simone presented the Treasurer's report which had been circulated prior to the AGM.
- There was a decline in memberships in 2020 due to COVID but AURA currently has 479 members
- AURA is offering good prize money for runners and a lot of trophies were awarded
- New AURA banners were made and distributed to all states.
- Some debts have been collected
- Some new AURA visors are being printed.

The President thanked Simone for all of her hard work that went beyond treasurer duties.

The Treasurer's Report was accepted Stephen Redfern and seconded by Martin Fryer and carried.

#### **5. New Committee Members**

- 1) President
  - a) Ewan Horsburgh was the only nominee therefore he was elected to continue in the role of President of the AURA Committee
- 2) Vice President
  - a) Matthew Ekford was the only nominee therefore he was elected to continue in the role of Vice President of the AURA Committee
- 3) Treasurer
  - a) Simone Hayes was the only nominee therefore she was elected to continue in the role of Treasurer of the AURA Committee
- 4) Secretary
  - a) Stephen Redfern was the only nominee therefore he was elected to the role of Secretary the AURA Committee

The President thanked Julia Mackay for her work as the Secretary of the AURA Committee and acknowledged she was putting her hand up for the role of WA State Rep. He welcomed Stephen to the role of Secretary. Stephen thanked everyone for the opportunity to serve on the Committee.

Julia thanked the President and other committee members for all of their support and that it had been a wonderful experience to serve on the AURA Committee.

#### **6. State Representatives**

The following AURA members were declared State Reps:

QLD: Dan Symonds and John Pearson

SA: Chris Glacken and Beck Butler

ACT: Allicia Heron, Martin Fryer and Matt Griggs

NSW: Jane Trumper, Ben Berrima, and Kevin Heaton

Victoria: Donna Urguhart, John Yoon, Nikki Wynd, Isobel Ross, and George Mihalekellis  
WA: Julia Mackay  
Tasmania: Amy Lamprech

The President thanked all past State Reps for their contribution and welcomed the new State Reps.

The President also thanked Jodie for looking after the records in the past and Tia is taking care of these now. He also thanked Kerry for working on the labelling and for Dan for taking care of AURA merchandise. He also thanked John Newman for looking after member requests.

## **7. General Business**

- The Committee has not had an opportunity to address the gender issues raised by Andy but this will be discussed at the earliest opportunity
- Discussion about increasing the numbers of female ultra runners:
  - Producing 'beginner' ultra marathon Webinars that Julia, Simone and Annabel are happy to work on
- Introducing mentorships for women and Indigenous runners also
- For AURA to support more awards in the future
- Sponsorship initiatives

Alexis Oosterhoff gave his thanks for everything the Committee achieved, including new initiatives.

**Meeting closed at 9:30pm**