

**Australian Powerlifting Union
Annual General Meeting minutes**

Location: Strength Nation Gym, Penrith NSW

Date: Friday 14 December 2018

Attendees: See attached

Time: Meeting opened 6:30pm (AEDST)

Agenda items

1. President's Address by Sean Muir

Welcome to all members in attendance both in person and via teleconference.

APU Board Directors

President: Myself
Vice President: Scott Peisley
Treasurer: Lin Doneveska
Secretary: Max Bristow

Executive Committee

CEO: Myself
COO: Scott Peisley
CFO: Lin Doneveska
Program Director: Max Bristow
Events: Ray Owen
Communication Director: ??? Currently vacant
Development Director: ??? Currently vacant

Non-Executive Committee

Team Manager: Sectio Maharani Muir
Web Master: Sectio Maharani Muir
Memberships: Sectio Maharani Muir
Competition Manager: Rachel Jones
Competition Coordinator: Mark Hambling
Anti-doping Manager: Dr. David Greene
Record Keeper: Dr. David Greene

State Managers

ACT: Alistair Buttimore
NSW: Kirsten Ramage
QLD: Colin Webb
WA: Paul Rucci (Acting)

Departing:

David Cheung (Director)
Julie Henderson (Secretary)
Katrina Robertson (Non-Executive)

Removal:

Gordon Thorogood (Non-Executive)

Highlights of 2018
IPF Bench Press Championships Finland
Linus Valucas
Kim Stevenson

IPF Classic Powerlifting Canada
14 lifters
5 World Champions

IPF Equipped Sweden
Jamie Connolly

Oceania Championships
Successful joint venture with multiple nations

2. Confirmation of delegates/voting right by Sean Muir

President confirmed:

*24 A Member is entitled to one vote at a General Meeting of the Company.
25 However, the Board may suspend a member's entitlement to vote if the Member owes the Company any amount that is more than 3 months overdue (or such other period as the Board determines).*

Members are entitled to a proxy.

3. Update on 2018 Nationals and States meeting by Max Bristow

This was the first time the states competed against each other for over 10 years. There were 7 Sessions with 21 National referees and 35 spotters and 144 lifters, with many referees and spotter loaders doing multiple sessions. A big thank you to all for the effort put in by so many people to make such an event to happen with such a positive and supportive atmosphere. Please see attached notes by Katrina Robertson from the State Managers meeting held Thursday 25th October.

4. Presentation of Annual Report by Sean Muir

ASC recognition is the main focus of 2019.

5. Presentation of Treasurer's statement by Lin Donevska

Please see attached report by Lin Donevska.

Official financial statements will be presented at the end of the financial year 2018/2019 and after auditing.

Question was asked with regard to how profits will be utilised. The plan the Board has is to build up the states to become self-sufficient through the purchase of equipment, in order to develop powerlifting at the grass roots level and regional communities. This will start with the purchase of 4 IPF spec racks

for the Asian Pacific Powerlifting Championships, which will then be distributed to the states.

Approximately 20 percent of incoming fees goes towards anti-doping costs.

6. Re-election of Current Board by Sean Muir

The following board members were proposed:

Sean Muir – President,
Scott Peisley – Vice President
Lin Donevska – Treasurer
Max Bristow – Secretary General

All in favour – 30 (including members via teleconference and excluding members arriving after vote)

All against – 3

7. Aligning the APU Constitution with Sports AU and IPF requirements Recognition by Sean Muir, Lin Donevska and Scott Peisley

Currently there are 90 ASC recognised National Sporting Organisations (NSOs), of those 64 are funded. The ASC NSO recognition criteria is available on the ASC website:

www.ausport.gov.au/supporting/nso/asc_recognition/recognition_of_nso

To complete an application a NSO are required to complete the online form and upload the required evidence. The recognition criteria includes but is not limited to

- Affiliated to the International Federation which is a member of Global Association of International Sports Federations
- Be in operation for three years and provide financial statements and annual reports
- Be active in four states
- Have policies in place such as Member Protection Policy and Anti-Doping Policy
- Minimum of 1000 members
- Be the pre-eminent organisations for the sport in Australia including athletes, coaches and officials

A level of discretion is applied for all criteria. There will only be one ASC recognised NSO for each sport. If an ASC recognised NSO fails to meet criteria throughout the recognition cycle, the ASC will in the first instance work with the recognised NSO to try to build up it up to meet the criteria again. The current recognition period was until 30 June 2018, however has been extended until 31 December 2018 and it is likely to be extended to March 2019. The ASC indicated that the APU can work through the criteria and apply for recognition at the beginning of the new cycle. Provisional recognition can be granted for a reduced period of time and will have additional requirements/milestones. If there were issues with recognition for APU it could cause issues for athletes to compete at 2021 World Powerlifting Championships.

Question was asked if it was possible powerlifting may not be recognized. It is possible but not likely. APU will continue to run with or without ASC recognition. ASC is to be renamed Sports Australia as it is seen to be less authoritative.

8. Determination of Annual Membership fee

There is no change to annual membership fees.

9. Discussion of Entry Fee

A teleconference was held on Thursday 22 November with APU Board and State Managers. Notes still to be provided.

It is proposed there be a cap on fees based on level of competition. This is still under discussion. Any feedback or suggestions are welcome.

Question was asked if by having a cap it may deter some gyms from running comps for APU. Gym has different facilities and different requirements, for example losing profits from a day of trade due to a comp. The intention is not about making money but about providing an avenue for the lifters to compete. However, it is not to be at a cost for the gym. Of comp fees, \$37.50 goes to APU (\$10 of this goes to a medal and 20% of comp fee goes to drug testing).

It was suggested that maybe Juniors are offered free membership.

Discussion around other ways to develop younger lifters such as school programs and university clubs.

10. Presentation of Anti-Doping Report by David Greene

Please see attached report by David Greene.

11. Presentation of Referee Update by Sean Muir and Max Bristow

Current referees:

Cat 1 x 3 NSW 2 SA 1

Cat 2 x 6 QLD 3 NSW 3

National 13 NSW 10, SA 1 WA 2

State 25 NSW 13, QLD 4

At Strategic meeting in April 2018, a plan was developed to address the shortage of referees across all states. This was not implemented and the plan reviewed. This change involved Max Bristow running a referee school both in NSW and ACT, with plans for QLD. He has put 32 people through a theory and practical exam: 21 in NSW, 2 from WA at Nationals and 8 in ACT. List of referees and categories are available on the APU website (yet to be updated with new ACT referees).

Congratulations to Sean Muir, Steve Howlum and Pat Whymark on receiving their Cat 2 referee rating at the Oceania Regional Powerlifting Championships.

Course to be run in NSW on either 19th or 20th January 2019.

It was suggested that we make sure there is a pathway to develop referees, maintain integrity and encourage professional development.

12. Key Focus areas for 2019 by Sean Muir

- Referees increase, particularly in QLD
- Travel to VIC, SA, WA to help encourage growth
- Asian Pacific Powerlifting Championships (APPC) on the Gold Coast
- Gain ASC (Sports Australia) recognition
- Increase participation to all events including equipped

13. Other business

Geno is coming to APPC in 2019

Rucci's Gym in WA will be hosting the 2019 APU Classic Nationals from Friday 29th November to Sunday 1st December, with technical meeting to be held on Thursday 28th November.

Body 360 will be hosting the 2019 APU Equipped National on Saturday 6th July 2019.

It is recommended that as APU grows there are 3 National Championships :

1. Open – Classic
2. Sub-Junior, Junior and Masters – Classic
3. Equipped

Suggestion that we approach other organisations such as Masters Games Australia for inclusion of powerlifting.

Question was asked with regard to qualifications for Nationals. Qualifications were clarified and are available on the APU website.

It has been asked for the National Record Standards for both Classic and Equipped be revised.

Question was asked with regard to how do comp results come in. Results are sent in an Excel spreadsheet from the NextLifter program. Possibly can use Smart Sheet to share information. It is possible to use these results to create rankings for APU lifters. The website Openpowerlifting.org can be utilised.

Question was asked with regard to quorum required. List of members in person and via teleconference to be collated. If quorum is not met, a special general meeting will be held as per constitution.

In future, AGM will be held at Nationals.

Jared Bocca offered to help set up a link on the APU website to assist with rankings and records.

Thank you to Sarah and Ray Owen for hosting the AGM.

Meeting closed at 8:52pm.