

**Minutes of the Biennial Meeting of the Australian Society for Sports History held at 11 am on Saturday, 5 July 2003 at the Australian Catholic University, North Sydney campus.**

**Present:** Ken Edwards, Jenny O'Neill, June Senyard, Nick Guoth, Bill Murray, Andy Carr, David McClibay, Ian Warren, Matthew Nicholson, Bob Stewart, Christopher Merrett, Douglas Booth, Murray Phillips, Dwight Zakus, Greg Mallory, Tony Collins, Greg Ryan, John Ramsland, Bernard Whimpress, Dave Nadel, Colin Tatz, Rob Hess, Clare Simpson, Marnie Haig-Muir, Caroline Symons, John O'Hara, Michael Christie, Peter Burke, Kristine Toohey, Lynn Embrey, Tara Magdalinski, J Neville Turner, Bruce Coe, Imke Fischer, Richard Cashman, Angela Burroughs.

Apologies: Roy Hay, John Deane, John Cordner.

**1. Introductory business**

The President, Richard Cashman, welcomed those present and received apologies.

**2. Minutes from Biennial meeting held in July 2001.**

The minutes from the 2001 Biennial meeting were received and it was noted that these had been published in a previous edition of the Bulletin.

**3. Reports from officers of the Society**

The President reported that the Society had undergone considerable change over the past few years, noting in particular:

- the high profile of the Society's publications especially through the Amateur Athletic Foundation of Los Angeles (AAFLA) website arrangement;
- the creation of new partnerships, including ASSH becoming an institutional member of the Australian Historical Association and the Society's collaboration with Women's Sport and Recreation NSW;
- the healthy financial position of the Society through the Tom Brock Bequest, funding through AAFLA and returns from the Copyright Agency Limited.

The President noted that the Society needed to support its operations on a much more professional basis and that he had began the task of developing detailed policies and procedures regarding matters such as: the relationship between the Executive Committee and the Conference Committee; Fellows of the Society; and Bequests and how they should operate. The President noted that further work was still required to move the Society to a more professional operating basis. He thanked the Executive Committee for its support, and congratulated Rob Hess on his appointment as Publications Officer from 1

January 2003. The President recorded his appreciation of the contribution of John O'Hara in serving as the previous Publications Officer for seven years.

The Vice-President, Tara Magdalinski provided an update on membership of the Society, noting that the final membership was expected to exceed 200 once all subscriptions had been returned.

The Secretary, Angela Burroughs, reported that following the ballot of members earlier in the year regarding a Constitutional amendment, Rule 8(ii) *The Editor shall not appoint to the Publications Committee more than one person who is a member of the Executive Committee*, was deleted from the Constitution. The Secretary also reported on the pleasing increase in number of submissions for student prizes over the past two years.

The Treasurer, Imke Fischer, presented a report on the financial records from the previous year, noting that the 2003 accounts closed on 30 April 2003 and would be presented to the Annual General Meeting to be held later in the year.

Rob Hess, Publications Officer, tabled a report and discussion paper (attached) and invited members to forward comments to him via email. He thanked John O'Hara for his calm efficiency as previous Publications Officer and Sarah McCarthy, the previous designer of Sporting Traditions. He noted that he was in the concluding stages of forming a new editorial board and was working with a new designer and printer.

#### **4. Election of Officers of the Society for 2003-3005**

President – as two nominations had been received for the office of President, the meeting agreed that John O'Hara should preside over the voting. Richard Cashman and Neville Turner had been nominated for President. At the conclusion of voting, the result was tied. A second vote was taken, which also resulted in a tied vote.

After much discussion the meeting resolved to invite the two nominees to serve terms of one year each as President of the Society, with Richard Cashman serving the first year and Neville Turner serving the second year.

Vice-President – Tara Magdalinski and Bernard Whimpress had been nominated for Vice-President. The meeting was informed of a precedent for two people sharing the position of Vice-President. The meeting agreed that Tara Magdalinski and Bernard Whimpress be declared elected as co-Vice-Presidents of the Society.

Secretary – As no nominations had been received, nominations were called for from the meeting. Angela Burroughs was duly nominated and declared elected.

Treasurer – As no nominations had been received, nominations were called for from the meeting. Imke Fischer was duly nominated and declared elected.

General Members – Nominations had been received for Kristine Toohey, Dwight Zakus, Douglas Booth, Dave Nadel and Murray Phillips. The meeting noted that a precedent existed for having more than four general members. It was agreed that Kristine Toohey, Dwight Zakus, Douglas Booth, Dave Nadel and Murray Phillips be declared elected as General Members of the Society.

*Secretary's Note: The term of office for Officers of the Society extends from the close of the 2003 Biennial meeting until the close of the 2005 Biennial meeting.*

## **5. General Business**

It was noted that the proceedings regarding the election of officers had revealed deficiencies with the Society's Constitution and the incoming Executive Committee was requested to conduct a major review of the Society's Constitution as soon as possible.

The meeting closed at 12.40pm