

BALLARAT HARRIERS INC AGM SATURDAY 19<sup>TH</sup> MARCH

Meeting started 3.35 pm

Present: S. Ditchfield x 3 , D. Ditchfield, H. Kearle, J. Kearle, A. Kearle, , P. Jones, J. Bourke, C. Ruddick, C. O' Halloran, C. Cullen, A. Ham, V Duffy, P. O'Donnell, D, O'Donnell, J. Lawlor, J. Bourke, L. Phillips, M. Hart, B. Brooks, Kelly. Ruddick, J Duffy, Kevin Ruddick, J Ham, A. Green, M Gibney,

Apologies: C McCurry, S Meadows, S Jones, C. Gibney, P. Sutherland, A Brooks,

Minutes of previous meeting read and confirmed.

Moved: C. O'Halloran

Seconded: P. Jones

Passed.

Reports: reports attached.

ELECTION OF OFFICIAL OFFICE BEARERS:

**PRESIDENT: Alistair Ham**

Moved: C. Ruddick Seconded: A. Green

**VICE PRESIDENT: Jamie Lawlor**

Moved: C. Ruddick Seconded: Kelly Ruddick

**TREASURER: C. O'HALLORAN**

Moved: P. Jones Seconded: M. Gibney

**SECRETARY: J. Ham**

Moved: Kelly Ruddick Seconded: S. Ditchfield

**MINUTES SECRETARY: C O'HALLORAN**

**ASSISTANT SECRETARY: C O'HALLORAN**

Moved: P. Jones Seconded: S. Ditchfield

**PUBLICITY OFFICER:**

**Post race H. Kearle**

Moved: A. Ham Seconded: C. Ruddick

**Pre race : K. Ruddick**

Moved: P. Jones Seconded: C. Cullen

**RECORDS OFFICER: J. Kearle**

Moved: A. Ham Seconded: J. Ham

**AGGREGATE OFFICER: P. O'Donnell**

Moved: C. Ruddick Seconded: H. Kearle

**REGISTRAR: C. O' Halloran**

Moved: J. Bourke Seconded: H. Kearle

**ASSISTANT REGISTRAR: H. Kearle**

Moved: C. O'Halloran Seconded: P. Jones

**MEN'S CC CAPTAIN: P. Burge**

Moved: P. Jones Seconded: Kelly Ruddick

**WOMEN'S CC CAPTAIN: J. Ham**

Moved: C. O'Halloran Seconded: J. Bourke

**MEN'S CC VC: V. Duffy**

Moved: C. O'Halloran Seconded: S Ditchfield

**WOMEN'S CC VC: H. Kearle**

Moved C. O'Halloran Seconded: M. Gibney

**MEN'S CC MANAGER: P. Jones**

Moved: C. O'Halloran Seconded: C. Ruddick

**WOMEN'S CC MANAGER: P. JONES**

Moved: J. Bourke Seconded: M. O'Meara

**HANDICAPPER: R NICHOLLS**

Moved: A. Ham Seconded: S Ditchfield

**TRACK CAPTAIN: A. GREEN/ J. LAWLOR**

Moved: C. Ruddick Seconded: C. O'Halloran

Moved: C. O'Halloran Seconded: S. Ditchfield

**TRACK MANAGER: TBA, to ask S. JONES**

Moved: Seconded

**SOCIAL DIRECTOR: C. CULLEN**

Moved: Kevin. Ruddick Seconded: J. Lawlor

DELAGATES:

**AV:**

**Nominate a proxy in Steve McLennan to vote for us**

**BRC: P. BURGE**

Moved: H. Kearle Seconded: C. Ruddick

**BRC: Needs to be filled**

Moved: Seconded:

**CC: V DUFFY**

Moved M. Gibney Seconded: S Ditchfield

**TRACK: TBA - ask Emma Fensling**

Moved: Seconded:

**MAINTENANCE/CANTEEN: M O'MEARA**

Moved P. Jones Seconded: J. Bourke

**OFFICIAL: KEVIN RUDDICK**

Moved: P. Jones Seconded: J. Lawlor

Crimmins Award:

- Ron Walker - 2
- S. Ditchfield - 14
- Kevin Ruddick - 4
- Jacquie O'Meara - 8
- Mick O'Meara - 4
- Sean O'Meara - 10
- Steven Jones
- Jamie Lawlor - 12
- Rod Hansen - 4
- Heather Kearle - 2
- Junior Ben Dickinson - 1
- Michael Hart
- Christine O'Halloran - 5
- Jen Bourke - 6
- Cathy Gibney

Wakeling Award:

- Nathan Hartigan - 20
- Natasha Fraser - 2
- Kelly Ruddick - 34
- Geoff Sargent - 4
- Matt Gibney - 1
- P. O'Dwyer - 1
- Christine O'Halloran
- Colleen Stephens - 3
- Tony Preston
- Dave Fraser
- Barry Brooks - 3
- Ben Dickenson
- David O'Donnell - 4
- Peter O'Donnell - 1
- James Attard - 2

Other presentations:

Track athlete of the year, male: S. Jones A. Green

Track athlete of the year, female: Kelly Ruddick

Best middle distance: John Kearle

Graham Alexander perpetual trophy, best U/13 athlete: Joel Duffy

Cross Country champion, male: Paul Burge

Cross Country champion, female: Rachel Gibney

Correspondence In:

Russell Bourke – Bill  
Robson Glass \$57.00  
PO Box Bill - \$86.00  
Electricity Bill - \$97.42

Mecu Account \$ 3237.63  
Great ocean marathon 14-15 May  
Department Justice Annual Statement

Email from Ryan Swan the VCAL group

- I would like the kids to be able to repaint and restore the kitchen, toilets and foyer to toilets, and the shower area - under my guidance, I think they could do a great job, and learn some very good skills - I have approached the business manager at Mount Clear about our work at the house, and they are already grumpy with me for spending funding on projects at the house. My philosophy however is that as an external program, the kids need to be working, and they are external to the school for a range of reasons. I would love it if you could discuss with the board of management the possibility of contributing a couple of hundred dollars towards restoration works, as it gives the kids a greater sense of ownership, and greatly improves the nature of the facility. Let us know what you think,

**Club will fund the work that students are able to do. Formalize the agreement re how we would fund the project e.g. payment of invoice, we will be approving the colors.**

**Provide VCAL with a list of priorities and what we need done. E.g. Kitchen being done last as we are planning to remodel this, needs a lot of communication between the club and Ryan to ensure that all work is used well.**

General Business:

**AGM we must add this to the constitution for the BINGO tickets and certificate to be ratified  
This amendment will read**

***“In the event of the Ballarat Harriers Athletics Club disbanding, any monies will not be distributed amongst the club members, but will be given to an organisation with similar objectives or to a charitable organisation.”***

Advise the Manager, Business Names Branch of Department of Consumer and Employment Protection within one month of adoption of the special resolution (in writing) setting out the particulars of the alterations accompanied by a Notice of Special Resolution given by a member of the committee, verifying:  
i. The special resolution was passed according to the club's constitution; and  
ii. The constitution of the club so altered conforms to the Associations Incorporation Act.  
A filing fee must accompany the certificate.

Moving: J. Bourke Seconded: P. Jones  
Motion passed unanimously

Paul Burge nominated for life membership.  
Moved: C. Ruddick. Seconded: J. Lawlor  
Motion passed unanimously

Events for the 120<sup>th</sup> – proposed a paper chase – be deleted in all official letters change to hare and hound or point to point. – B Brooks

Club fees to remain unchanged  
AV fees have moved up by \$5.00 except the associate.  
Still waiting on AV to ascertain the cost of an AV season ticket  
Last committee meeting it was decided that the season's ticket will be subsidized by 50% by the club to help improve AV attendance.

New Banner for the club suggested by Jamie Lawlor to be taken to all club runs. Quotes approximately 300- 450 dollars size 2.3m by 1.5m.

Sarah Davis has suggested that all clubs purchase bow banner for both the center and the club.

Kevin Ruddick moves that we buy the two bow banners through the BRC.

The other clubs are yet to commit to this and so we will need to wait until this has moved forward. We would need to approve the design before it is made. Black to be the dominant colour. Graphic designer can be used to create the design of the banner, check on cost of this proposal

Moved K. Ruddick Seconded: M. Hart

Moved that we reimburse Christine for the money she put into the banner for AV, ask her if she would like to be reimbursed.

Wendouree and YCW pulling out of the Black Hill Blast due to safety running down Black Hill. We would like to continue to participate if the downhill road section is removed.

Norm Pinney doesn't have a life members badge – should we get these organized and ensure they are at the 120<sup>th</sup> and are presented at this event. This goes back to Anita Ranks days so we will need to organise badges for anyone before this.

Long relay has changed to the university of Ballarat, 6 in a team, 1st time running two laps, and then all through again another 1 lap.

Proposal to award the shield as overall for the track, club needs to be aware of this, a survey is coming from BRC for the committee to fill in.

MEETING Adjourned 520 pm

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## Presidents report 2011

I am pleased to report that the 2010/2011 athletics season can go down as another successful year for Ballarat Harriers on the track with another win in the AV shield competition for the open men. Whilst it was not the nail biting finish to the season that we witnessed in 2010, Harriers were clearly the consistent performers throughout the track season which justifiably rewarded the team with its third win in the last four years. In no small way this success was due to the management skills of Kevin Ruddick, who we can thank for keeping the team functioning with the cohesion required to snare another victory. Whilst there were many excellent individual achievements over the season, a favorite memory is of watching the open men's relay teams demolish all opponents on several occasions. Congratulations Peter O'Dwer in particular for developing a talented stable of young sprinters.

The 2010 AV cross country season was also not without some success with Colleen Stephens finishing top of the ladder in the women's 50+ category and Christine O'Halloran coming in third. Our men's team finished middle of the pack in Division two with harriers from a diverse range of age groups making up the team. In particular it was terrific to have some younger runners coming along this year. Whilst it is not always easy to get to Melbourne for the AV cross country events, those that did run enjoyed the challenge of competing against the best in the state. The club will continue to support those athletes who participate in AV cross country over the forthcoming season.

Our local runs were well attended & our Saturday afternoon events seemed to be enjoyed by all despite the weather providing us with some of the muddiest condition we have experienced for some years. It was particularly pleasing to enjoy the company of several young families at events over the warmer months. Harriers do seem to have been breeding over recent years & to accommodate this, the club is endeavoring to provide races for the young ones that come along this year, making Saturday afternoons more 'family friendly'.

Socially, the Mallow hotel proved to be an excellent venue for a couple of great nights out & I look forward to a continuation of such events next year. The Mallow has been of great support this year by selling bingo tickets to provide funds for our club. I would encourage everybody to show their appreciation by patronizing the hotel when the opportunity arises.

We have a great asset in our clubrooms & whilst we were not always in a position to utilize them on a weekly basis over the cross country season, the facility does provide an excellent base for members. As with all buildings, periodic cleaning & maintenance is required & I thank all involved in the upkeep of the facility over the past year. In particular Ron Walker has done an excellent job maintaining the lawns in a year when the rain has caused far more growth than we have seen for a long time.

A wonderful attribute of this club is the large number of members who pitch in to help in various ways so that no one person is snowed under with the tasks required to keep things running smoothly. My sincere thanks to all members who took on an office bearer's position or who has helped out in some way over the last year. To name two members in particular, I would like to thank Jenny Bourke who is stepping down as secretary of the club after several years efficiently carrying out all the tasks related to this position. A big thank you also to Stephen Ditchfield, who as you all know has done an incredible job maintaining the clubs records and results on the website as well as communicating all relevant information to members. Steve will be stepping down as results and records manager this year and can leave this position with the knowledge that his efforts have brought enjoyment and benefit to all members.

I look forward to competing with everyone again soon as the 2011 cross country season rapidly approaches and wish everyone success in this, our 120<sup>th</sup> year.

Alistair Ham

President 2011