

WESTON CREEK REDBACKS
COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

For meeting held on Sunday 25th June at the home of Philo Saunders, 78 Davidson Street, Higgins, commencing at 5pm.

- Present: Philo Saunders, Robbie Costmeyer, Reuben Caley, Peter Caley & Rohan Lowry
- Apologies: Matthew Griggs, Paul Torley, Jayne Torley, Nicola Torley
- Minutes of previous meeting held on 1 February 2017 were ratified.
- Business arising from previous minutes:
 - \$10 WCAC registration fee – Philo to ask Ben to add this requirement to the ACT Athletics athletes’ registration page and also add this requirement to the WCAC web site.
 - Fundraising BBQ – Robbie advised that no invitations to host a BBQ had yet been received but questioned the practicality of this venture with most committee members still working and training most weekends. Would there would be sufficient attendance (8 required over two 4 hr shifts) should we be invited?
 - Uniforms update – with \$1802 of stock of existing uniforms remaining we should use these up before moving to a new design. Philo will order some more crop tops.
 - Communication with Little Athletics – it was decided not to pursue this initiative at this time.
 - Coaching update – Philo has not been charging his crew and is ambivalent about doing so in future. While a coaching account was set up no money had been deposited in it by Rohan thus the two attached credit cards are not able to be used.
 - Web site, Facebook updates – Reuben undertook to manage this important task.
- Correspondence: Rohan has the key to our PO Box but the PO has not been checked recently.
- Financial Report
 - Ratification of any cheques – no cheques have been written since the last meeting
 - Ratification of any requests for registration relief and other financial support:
 - Outstanding requests for \$100 registration refunds for Matt Dempsey, Joshua Torley, Keely Small and Reuben Caley were ratified
 - Contributions of \$250 were agreed towards the expenses of Bryce Anderson and Elizabeth Humphries to attend national and world meets respectively.
 - Change of Bank: Rohan moved that we change Banks to either CBA or Westpac to facilitate electronic banking; this was seconded by Robbie and was carried.
- Half Marathon, 10km and a Street Mile event– to be considered by the 2017-18 Committee.

- Athlete subsidies policy – In the light of the Club’s declining bank balance this policy will need revisiting. The current policy of providing support of \$500 is likely to be reduced to \$250.
 - Who proposes to retire at the AGM and what positions will those standing again aspire to: Peter Caley, Paul Torley, Jayne Torley and Nicola Torley have each advised that they will not stand for the new Committee. We have not yet heard from Matthew Griggs. Philo Saunders has agreed to stand again as President, Reuben Caley would accept a nomination as Vice President should Matthew not stand again and also offered to be a ‘shadow’ Treasurer to increase his skill set. Rohan Lowry offered to remain as Treasurer. Robbie Costmeyer offered to remain as Public Officer and again take on the role of Secretary. Newton Small (Keely’s father), James Nipperess, Newton Small, Sam Harding and possibly Avish Sharma have all indicated a preparedness to join the Committee. Thus the Club should be well-served in 2017-18 by a new Committee.
- Club’s 40th Anniversary: Robbie reminded those present that this was our 40th year since formation and we needed to celebrate this milestone. It was agreed to host Life Members and members to a BBQ at Weston Park when the weather was a little more welcoming, say early spring. This BBQ could be preceded by another Park Run challenge. A limit of \$200 for food and drinks was approved for this event.
- Chair of the upcoming AGM. In the absence of Philo, who will be overseas, Robbie offered to Chair the AGM unless Matthew Griggs was in attendance. This was agreed.
- Proposed Club name change: Peter Caley suggested that we become less geographically restrictive in order to attract more members. Canberra Redbacks or Canberra Molonglo Redbacks were two of his suggestions. As a name change requires a change to the Constitution, which can only be considered at an AGM or EGM, this matter may be considered at the 2017 AGM.

Robbie Costmeyer

Public Officer