

WESTON CREEK REDBACKS

2019 AGM MINUTES

Meeting held on Thursday 4th July at the Bolt Bar, Aranda, commencing at 7:30pm

- Present: Rohan Lowry, Newton Small, Denis Wilson, Mick Corlis, Martin Fryer and Robbie Costmeyer.
- Apologies: Philo Saunders, James Nipperess, Reuben Caley, Keely Small and Sam Harding.
- Ratification of Minutes of previous meeting held 27 June 2018: Moved Newton Small/Rohan Lowry “that the Minutes as presented are ratified” was carried.
- President’s report: Incorporated in the 2019 WCAC Annual Report.
- Treasurer’s report: Incorporated in the 2019 WCAC Annual Report. Apart from the excellent financial outcome for the past year, the adoption of an online banking system was a milestone many years in the making.
- Auditor’s report: Incorporated in the 2019 WCAC Annual Report.
- Appointment of Auditor for 2018-19: Rohan thanked the outgoing Auditor, Dan Dawes, advising that Dan had rejected any offer of remuneration. He would seek a replacement Auditor, including approaching Martin Dent, who is a Life Member and past WCAC Treasurer.
- Registrar’s report: Incorporated in the 2019 WCAC Annual Report. The Club has 22 registered members, including two accredited technical officials, down from 31 last year. This is a disappointing outcome given that we changed from Weston Creek Redbacks to Canberra redbacks during the year to attract more members. The Club has 18 Life Members in addition to the registered members above.
- Life Membership nominations: Philo Saunders’ nomination was endorsed the WCAC Life membership sub-committee and received unanimous support from the AGM attendees, thus is thus elected to the rank of WCAC Life member. Philo’s citation is shown at the end of these Minutes and full list of Life members is attached.
- Nominations for 2018/19 Committee, Committee Executive positions, Social Committee and other positions: **Executive:** President – Philo Saunders; Vice President – James Nipperess; Treasurer – Rohan Lowry; Secretary – Reuben Caley. **Committee:** Newton Small, Keely Small, Sam Harding and Robbie Costmeyer. **Public Officer** – Robbie Costmeyer. These nominations were accepted by those present. See attached 2018/19 Committee and Officers of the Club listing for a complete listing. The position of Auditor remains vacant.
- Life members and friends dinner 2019: The meeting supported the dinner planned at the Jewel of India, Manuka shop precinct, on Friday 30 August. Robbie advised that 22 members and friends had registered their intent to attend to date; the WCAC committee are also invited. Life members would have their meal and drinks paid for by the Club, while the discount for partners and friends would be decided by the Committee at their next meeting.

- Proposed amendments to the WCAC Constitution: These are attached for reference and were unanimously adopted after being moved by Rohan Lowry and Newton Small.

The AGM closed at 7:45 pm

Robbie Costmeyer

Public Officer

Citation: Philo Saunders has been a member of the Weston Creek Athletics Club since 2001; he has been on the committee since 2003; became the Club Registrar in 2006 and is still currently in that position. Philo has been the club historian since 2012 and took up the role as Club President in 2017. He still holds both roles currently.

Philo has been an active member of the club for the past 18 years and has represented the Club with distinction as an athlete where he has represented the club at multiple national track, cross country and half marathon championships and has competed regularly at local competitions in Canberra. Philo has been active in organising Club events, including relays, social gatherings and functions (including multiple life members' dinners) and has always competed for the club where possible on the road, track and cross country events. When not competing Philo always turns up to support competing Club athletes. Philo has always helped out on the day for Weston Creek's two big events in the Half-Marathon and Fun Run, and has taken an active role in the organising committee for the Half Marathon in 2018 and 2019. Philo has taken a role as club coach and has brought many of the athletes he coaches into the Club as members.

As a committee member for nearly two decades Philo has actively been involved in keeping the Club active and vibrant by bringing in new members, advocating financial support to Club members, competing nationally and internationally and being involved in discussions about the future direction of the Club.

Weston Creek Athletics Club (Canberra Redbacks)

Life Membership Awards

Award Number	Year Awarded	Name
1	1983	Garry Hand
2	1984	Ken Sweeney
3	1987	Paul Rake
4	1991	Denis Wilson
5	1991	Ken Eynon
6a	1992	Reg Johnson
6b	1996	Julie Fitch
7	2003	Pat Fisher
8	2003	Dan Dawes
9	2003	Rick Hatcher
10	2003	B L (Mick) Whybrow
11	2003	Russell McGowan
12	2007	Ian Leves
13	2007	Robbie Costmeyer
14	2010	Vince Craig
15	2014	Michael Corlis
16	2014	Christine Pauling
17	2015	Paul Veldkamp
18	2015	Martin Dent
19	2019	Philo Saunders

Service Merit Awards

1	2005	Ian Johnson
2	2006	Robert Woodrow (deceased)
3	2008	Scott Imhoff