

South Australian Rogaining Association – Annual General Meeting

Noarlunga Downs Primary School (4-Hour Twilight Rogaine)

16 March 2024

1.	Welcome Craig Colwell welcomed everyone to the AGM and declared that enough members were present to constitute a quorum. The meeting was declared open at 7.15pm. President, Zara Soden, acknowledged that we were meeting on the land of the Kurna people and that the district was known by the name of Tainbarangk – site of freshwater spring created by tears of Tjilbuki. She welcomed everyone and thanked all volunteers for the rogaine today.
2.	Updated constitution Zara Soden informed the gathering that the SA Rogaining Association's 37-year-old constitution had been tweaked to reflect modern banking practices and current membership practices. The amended constitution was promoted to all members of the Association and made accessible via the website and a hard copy at tonight's rogaine. Zara asked for any questions or objections to any of the proposed changes, and in the absence of any, asked for a show of hands from all those who supported the amended constitution. The amended constitution was unanimously accepted.
3.	President's Report Zara Soden delivered an overview of 2023's events and displayed her report for general comment at the 4-hour Twilight event. The full report will be available on the website. • Zara sincerely thanked all the volunteers who helped organise events, representing many hundreds of hours of volunteering. These events could not have occurred without the collective effort of many. • She reminded rogainers of their responsibility to make sure they have at least one driver who has had a good sleep for the drive home after the long events or to drive back the next day when well rested. • Zara announced that it was the southern hemisphere's turn to host the World Rogaining Championships in 2027 and that the Australian Rogaining Association is placing a bid to host the 2027 World Rogaining Championships in Ikara- Flinders Ranges with SARA responsible for setting and Craig Colwell coordinating. • She acknowledged that SARA's Junior Women's Team the 'Dream Team' Meredith Norman, Abigail George and Joanna George outclassed the world junior competition to be 2023 Junior Womens' World Champions once again. • Zara formally acknowledged the goodwill, hard work and competence of the committee and named each member, along with their role. • Finally, Zara announced that after four years as President, she is now stepping down from the role.
4.	Treasurer's Report This was provided to the SARA committee prior to the AGM by Doug Gillott and was presented on the night to the general members via a pin-up board. The books have been independently audited for 2023 and the report indicated a true and accurate account of the finances.

	SARA had a \$5 146 surplus in 2023, with \$65 171 end of year balance, which is our self-insurance reserve. Doug opened the floor to questions, and in the absence of any raised, he proposed that the Treasurer's Report be accepted. Seconded: Evelyn Colwell, passed.
5.	Election of committee positions Zara Soden called on Steven Cooper to be returning officer. Steven declared all committee positions vacant and called for nominations for the following positions: • President – Craig Colwell was nominated by Ruth Ambrose and seconded by Jo Powell. In the absence of other nominations, Craig advised he was willing to stand and was unanimously elected President. • Vice President – Stephen Gray was nominated by Zara Soden with Steven Cooper seconding. In the absence of other nominations, Stephen was unanimously elected Vice President. • Treasurer – Jo Powell nominated Doug Gillott and was seconded by Sophie Carmichael. In the absence of other nominations, Doug advised he was willing to stand and was unanimously elected Treasurer. • Secretary - Jo Powell nominated herself and was seconded by Doug Gillott. In the absence of other nominations, Jo was unanimously elected Secretary. • General committee members The following existing and new committee members were willing to form the general committee: Ruth Ambrose, Sophie Carmichael, Evelyn Colwell, Bruce Greenhalgh, Keith Humphris, Joe Milne, Peter Milnes, Meredith Norman, Shanti Osborne, Richard Sprod, Rob Tucker and Trent McInerney.
4.	Any other business/Meeting close In the absence of any other business, the meeting was closed at 7.38pm.