

AIF MINUTES

MONDAY 1 APRIL, 2019 AT CLUB BONDI JUNCTION

PRESENT

Kerry Ryan (Gosford), Sean Henly (Wentworthville), Noel Ryan (Manly), Michael McMahon (Coogee Randwick), Peter Bain (by speaker phone - Wentworthville), Helen Little (by Skype), Wally Northcott (Coogee Randwick), Pat Kinghorn (Bondi Diggers & Bondi Junction Waverley)

APOLOGIES

Nil

There were no new delegates.

ODE

The meeting was opened at 7.15 pm by Sean Henly reciting the Ode. This was dedicated to the memory of Ricky Thomas who was a North Bondi RSL swimming member.

MINUTES

Matters arising: We are now out of all prizes and trophies with just a few remainders being transported from Melbourne to Southport. 280 people swam at the Melbourne carnival.

The minutes of the last Meeting were accepted as read. Proposer: Wally Northcott, Seconder: Noel Ryan.

CORRESPONDENCE OUT

From Helen Little: all the heats for the carnivals, all the results for the carnival. Thank you email to all the officials who did such a fantastic job.

CORRESPONDENCE IN

Correspondence from Chris Barber of Kurranulla club who are interested in joining. Thank you to Peter Green for mentioning AIF. A reply was sent to Chris Barber giving him a sample of the last entry form to show how it works, plus details on the Southport carnival.

Correspondence be accepted - Proposer: Michael McMahon, Seconder: Wally Northcott.

TREASURERS REPORT

Kerry has not heard from Bob Kelsall but said the bank balance is \$21,530.18. Still to come are Peter Bain's expenses (\$139) plus payment for freight from Melbourne to Southport. There were quite a few expenses for the Melbourne carnival such as:

- setup costs
- insurance
- trophies, however our bank balance is still good and we shall probably leave the Southport entrance fee at \$10. Kerry also said that the raffle raised \$1800 (\$1200 net) which was a very good result. Many thanks to Pat Kinghorn and her hardworking team.

Honorariums will be paid at the AGM.

Treasurers Report be accepted - Proposer: Wally Northcott, Seconder: Michael McMahon.

CARNIVAL- DIRECTORS REPORT

Sean read this on behalf of Peter Bain.

Thanks to Steve O'Connell, Koby Hoskin, Wendy Baker and crew for all they did. Thanks also to all the staff at Noble Park swimming pool. Thanks to all the clubs for getting their entries in on time and for keeping last minute changes minimal. Peter calls for all the clubs to please enter names in the Championship races next time so these events are full – **please do not ask to enter events on the day**. He also thanked all helpers and runners which assisted him in getting the results out in time with high accuracy. Thank you also to Helen Little in the lead up to the carnival and also on the day. Plus, thanks to Kate Grigg, Kerry Ryan, Sean Henly and Susan Bain. He is looking forward to Southport next year. He was very pleased with the response to the programs and the content as supplied by the clubs-especially the photos. He encouraged clubs to send in articles for next year's program.

CARNIVAL - PRESIDENTS REPORT - Kerry Ryan

Kerry declared the Carnival a great success. The Melbourne hosts were commended on their hospitality and it was a joy to meet everyone. He thanked the attendees from other clubs, particularly Queensland. Also thanked were timekeepers, starters, judges, recorders and the runner. The runner was Steve O'Connell's daughter, Alice. Plus thanks to the Engine room on outstanding work and Kate who filled in at the last minute and did a great job. He mentioned an 80+ lady who entered the 100m, 50m and 30m races and still diving from the blocks each time.

Also mentioned was the last event of the day – the Wentworthville relay , which was a fitting climax to the day with the lead changing several times and a nail biting finish. congratulations to the winners - Cobar. Congratulations to the committee, congratulations to Steve, koby and the team. Congratulations to the raffle sellers. Congratulations to the AIF committee and Pat Kinghorn for distributing programs. Thanks Peter for the program and contents. Kerry has written to Stephen of the Victorian Association to thank them for hosting the 2019 carnival. Victoria got in and did it. There was some trepidation on our part with a new group, but you combined with Helen and our committee to make it a resounding success. Thank you to the people at Noble Park pool. Peter and Sue who actually had a view at Noble Park of what was going on. The dinner was a great success.

Michael McMahon congratulated Melbourne for the buses supplied for transport between the pool and hotels. It was greatly appreciated.

It was a memorable 83rd carnival and we look forward to seeing you in the future.

Stephen replied to Kerry that they were having their first close-out meeting. He thanked the AIF committee's well-oiled team - they did a great job, and made it much easier for the Melbourne group to host the carnival.

GENERAL BUSINESS

Next year's carnival

Helen Little - SOUTHPORT 2020 - April 4th.

The pool at Southport Aquatic Centre has been booked. The venue at Southport Sharks has been booked for the presentation dinner.

The Mantra hotel near the Sharks has now opened and is offering a 10% discount.

Carnival 2021 - Kerry said we will need a venue for this carnival. We are looking for expressions of interest to host the 2021 carnival. Any club interested please let us know.

Video Recording of Championship results

John Stanford wrote our current constitution and he mentioned that we have to put this change out to the clubs for discussion. Peter feels we must specify a structure that the clubs can use. We have to make it fair for everyone e.g. the person doing the video must be in a proscribed place and there must be backup. Michael said there will be a cost- we will need a professional person in place all day. – to be sent out to clubs for their comments.

Helen mentioned that the use of 'touch pads' in Southport effectively doubles the cost of the pool, plus the results cannot be easily transferred to our computer system.

Michael congratulated Melbourne for the buses supplied for transport between the pool and hotels. It was greatly appreciated.

He also mentioned that we need 2 people doing the job of taking results from the A and B race recorders otherwise these people can't swim themselves or partake.

Peter replied that it could be organised by keeping a list of those key volunteers and making sure their heats are staggered so they can have a swim or break.

Michael also raised the question of acknowledging Returned Service people. Could there be some recognition of their service at the carnivals. Wally asked how many participated in Melbourne. It was estimated there were 22 or 23 in championship events but up to 30 - 40 as some were not entered for championship events. Kerry spoke about the HMAS Cerebus training venue in Melbourne and said perhaps some from there could be encouraged to join us. It was suggested that Service personnel could be asked to stand and be applauded during the bugle playing section of the Carnival. For Southport, Helen said someone has already been suggested for laying the wreath and Ode. (Southport has approximately 10 service swimmers in the club) It has been suggested that a female returned service person

who has swum at the majority of carnivals in the last 10 year would have the honour – she won the 80-84 age group in Melbourne.

Next Meeting will be held on 8th July, 2019 at 7pm.

Any nominations for Life membership and any changes to the Constitution will need to be in before the AGM which will be held on 19th August.

Meeting closed at 7.56pm.