

## **AIF MEETING 10<sup>th</sup> APRIL 2017**

**Present:** Kerry Ryan, Sean Henly, Michael McMahon, Wally Northcott, Noel Ryan, Don Johnson, Judith Watts, Peter Bain (phone link), Helen Little (skype)

**Apologies:** Pat Kinghorn

**Meeting Opened:** 7.00pm Reciting of the Ode

**Minutes from the previous Meeting:** Passed – Michael McMahon, Noel Ryan. No business arising

**Correspondence In:** From John Stanford asking about how numbers compared to previous years with the new age group 75-79 – answer – numbers were comparable

Letter from Manly asking about service swimmers in form strokes ( In both open and over 60 form strokes there is no service trophy)

Letter from Grafton detailing costs ( as listed in treasurer's report)

**Correspondence Out:** Results to clubs, together with a thank you for the excellent cooperation from everyone

Individual emails to officials on the day who worked extremely well under trying conditions

Email to all clubs regarding the Queen's birthday weekend Legacy carnival

### **Treasurer's Report**

Balance: \$20,265.07

\$836.66 to Grafton for carnival expenses, including lane hire, catering, wreath, miscellaneous expenses incurred by Grafton Please note this was only for the use of lane ropes etc, and the pool entry fee was charged by the Grafton council.

Raffle at the club - \$600 in gift vouchers - however \$1400 profit overall – a very pleasing result – excellent prizes from the clubs – well done

Accepted: Moved Noel Ryan Wally Northcott

## **General Business**

### **Carnival Report 81<sup>st</sup> Carnival at Grafton**

President's report

I regard the Grafton carnival as very successful - in fact it rates up with one our best. We are all aware of the weather on the day however this did not dampen the spirits and enthusiasm of all.

I measure this success on the following

1. The Grafton club did a remarkable job in their commitment prior to the carnival, and the help on the day was first class. It proves a smaller club can host an AIF carnival. To president Steve Donnelly my personal thanks.

2. To the clubs and their members - so many of you came forward to assist in the smooth running of events. A big thank you to all who participated and also to all who did timekeeping, marshalling, recording, starting and judging in the constant rain.

3. To the AIF committee I thank you

Sean Henly for assisting with the presentation and running that amazing raffle and ensuring the results went on the web.

Helen Little for your commitment with your excellent communication skills before the carnival, and your work on the day and in to the night itself. Thank you. You are an asset.

Peter Bain you did a mighty effort -pre carnival compiling heats inventing programmes etc I know the time spent by you on these details all year, and then you are in the engine room all day. Your results were on the web page two days after the carnival. Also a thank you to Sue Bain and Keith Elliott for your assistance in the engine room.

4. The raffle was excellent a big thank you to the clubs you certainly responded with worthwhile prizes. To Pat Kinghorn and your team in selling the raffle tickets and your help in the raffle distribution you must be commended.

In closing, I did say on the night I could not mention clubs as such, as so many came forward to assist. I have not witnessed this before.

A final thanks go to you swimmers - without your participation it would all be in vain -yes, you did get wet !

Looking forward to a fine and just as successful carnival at Nelson Bay – our 82<sup>nd</sup> nationals!

Carnival Director

Peter Bain also added his thanks to all clubs and in particular to the recorders, marshals, and timekeepers for their excellent work - all the soggy bits of paper were still legible when arriving at their destination – well done! Peter also thanked Helen for her help in the lead up to the carnival.

Helen Little remarked on the outstanding participation by the clubs both in the lead up and on the day, and the good spirit and camaraderie from all swimmers on the day. This meant that the carnival ran very smoothly on the pool deck. Helen also commented on the excellent raffle prizes from the clubs.

Question regarding the use of the current funds. It was noted that much of these profits have been due to the work by various members of the association in helping to cut costs. It was also noted that the cost of trophies will rise next year (as it has become necessary to find a new supplier). It is also important to make sure that host clubs (whose members contribute a great deal of time and effort, are not left out of pocket regarding carnival expenses). It was also noted that had the Grafton carnival had to have been cancelled the association may have had to cover costs of the cancellation - this may have been quite expensive – particularly with regards to the meal costs ( this would have in fact taken a large percentage of the association reserves). It was decided to ask our insurance people the cost of insurance to cover a possible carnival cancellation.

Kerry also noted that prior to the increase in entry fees the association was struggling to run carnivals, and was indeed down to less than \$10 in the account!

Helen Little also noted that with \$45 for whole club affiliation and \$15 carnival entry, this remains one of the cheapest association/sports around for participation.

Kerry did a stocktake, we have sufficient towels(86) for the 2018 carnival (note: there was no one balloted out of the finals of the handicap events this year)

There are also 86 mugs in stock – it was suggested that in future mugs could be given for relays for both 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> . All agreed this was a good idea (enough mugs for the next year)

We will need a full order of the new trophies for 2018

A question was raised regarding relays, and borrowing members from other clubs.

Please note, the rules state that for handicap relays, smaller clubs may borrow swimmers from other clubs to make up the numbers. There can be NO borrowing for championship relays.

A comment was made congratulating the smaller clubs on their participation. It was good to see members from such clubs as Nyngan, Blacktown, Gosford, North Bondi, BJW and Bondi Diggers all participating well at Grafton, as well as travelling clubs such as Moree and Albury. It is hoped that all clubs continue to encourage members to participate at Nationals, where they can enjoy the competition and good friendship.

Next meeting 24<sup>th</sup> July. At this meeting any requests for items to be brought up at the AGM

AGM will be held on 28<sup>th</sup> August 2017