

## **AIF MINUTES GENERAL MEETING**

**MONDAY 10<sup>th</sup> OCTOBER, 2022 BY ZOOM**

### **PRESENT**

Kerry Ryan (Gosford), Sean Henly (Wentworthville), Helen Little (Southport), Peter Bain (Wentworthville), Michael McMahon (Coogee Randwick) , Bob Kelsall (Manly Diggers), Bob Clark (Cobar), Joanne Falla (Coogee Randwick), Anita Hawtin (Bondi Diggers & Bondi Junction Waverley), Pat Kinghorn (Bondi Diggers & Bondi Junction Waverley).

**APOLOGIES** nil

**ODE** The meeting was opened at 7.30pm by Sean reading the Ode.

Kerry welcomed everyone to the meeting, especially Bob Kelsall after his illness.

### **MINUTES**

The minutes of the Annual General Meeting were accepted as correct.

Proposer: Helen Little, Seconder: Bob Kelsall

### **CORRESPONDENCE OUT**

The minutes of the last meeting were sent out to all clubs.

### **CORRESPONDENCE IN**

Registration forms from clubs were received. There was no response from RSL NSW re Patron.

It was proposed the correspondence be accepted Proposer: Michael McMahon, Seconder: Peter Bain

### **TREASURERS REPORT**

This was read by Bob Kelsall. \$15,100.06 in bank.

\$231.00 was paid for Zoom meetings for the year. Some cheques have not yet been banked.

Treasurers report be accepted Proposer: Helen Little, Seconder : Michael McMahon

### **GENERAL BUSINESS**

A **Zoom** account has been set up for 12 months so we are not interrupted during our meetings.

**Service Eligibility:** Helen asked that clubs try and get this sorted as soon as possible. Another email will be sent out to clubs. Some clubs were under the misunderstanding that Ambulance and Fire Brigade members were entitled to be entered as Service members (as in NSW they were entitled to be member of Sub Branch). Service eligibility is noted on our entry forms and Clubs must get this sorted out before Carnival entry. It's a one off (as the AIF secretary will retain this proof of eligibility for future) for each eligible member.

Helen also thanked those clubs who have returned their registration form and fee for this year

**Carnival 2023** – Michael McMahon and team had an inspection of the Heffron pool last Saturday. The Engine room is out of the way with plenty of power points and tables. There's room for 4 rows of mustering seats and one row at the blocks. There will be a separate entry for the AIF carnival (not the usual main entrance). Entry cost is \$4.00. Coogee Randwick will have a pool raffle. There is shade at the start and finish for timers – may have to get some gazebos. There is space for Kerry. One concern is the 25m line. It was decided that a fire hose would be best at the bottom of the pool for swimmers. A rope on poles across the top of the pool would be best for timers. Peter & Sean said Wenty have a fire hose but if unavailable, Michael would ask the local fire station for one. Bollards will be set up around the pool so people can walk around the pool edge.

The bank account will be set up this week. A BBQ will be run by the Lions club during the carnival. Cost of the 3 course meal at Presentation is \$65.

Kerry thanked Michael for all the details and Joanna for the photos of the pool and surrounds.

**Public Liability insurance** – Enquiries are continuing and Helen still working on a proposal to insure 30 clubs and 30 carnivals for approx.. \$11,000. Once quotes have been received, the AIF committee will decide how to present this to Clubs. It probably will take some time for this to be done and may be ready for next season.

**Runners** – Kerry mentioned that at Coffs it was a long way from marshalls and Engine room to starting line. It is essential to have runners who have been shown where and what is expected of them. Michael said Rob Royston's job is 'The Pool' at the carnival and he is looking for runners now.

**Judges** – there was discussion re recorders and judges. It was decided that a checkbox on results form must be used by Judges for each race so that disputes between times and the judges' verdict can be quickly resolved in the Engine room. Peter said the form already existed, it was the Process that had to be streamlined i.e. times are entered by Recorder and then Judges put their mark on the same form.

Peter said the Engine room photos look great with plenty of tables so things can be spread out.

**Presentation:** It was decided 6 or more tables required near the stage with room between the stage and the tables. At least 3 tables needed for towels and trophies (plus one for major trophies) and 3 more for raffle prizes (in a different position – at the side). At the presentation, it was decided to have 3 people presenting prizes so that there is one for each table. Individuals or clubs that sponsor events could be asked for a representative to present the prize or trophy for their event. Sponsorship by clubs will be encouraged. Michael said he is meeting with the Randwick Mayor in the hope of obtaining sponsorship too.

Kerry thanked Michael and Joanne for their work and photos. It will allow the entry forms to be sent out early.

Peter noted that articles for the Carnival programme are required from clubs.

It is best if all correspondence to clubs goes out through the AIF Secretary, for ease of management.

**Cobar** – Bob Clark mentioned their upcoming Carnival on 28, 29 and 30<sup>th</sup> October, 2022. There are 16 AIF affiliated clubs attending the event with free entry to the pool, a Carnival and presentation dinner with 200 people expected to attend. All roads to Cobar are open.

Meeting Closed at 8.25pm.

Next meeting to be announced.