

AIF MINUTES

MONDAY 16th MARCH 2020 AT CLUB BONDI JUNCTION

PRESENT

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

APOLOGIES

Noel Ryan (Manly), Judith Watts (Souths Juniors)

ODE

The meeting was opened at 7 pm by Sean Henly reciting the Ode.

The reading was dedicated to the memory of Margaret Farebrother (Wentworthville). Margaret had long time service with the AIF Association as a delegate and worker at the National carnivals.'

MINUTES

The minutes of the last Annual General Meeting were accepted as read.

Proposer: Michael McMahon ,Seconder: Wally Northcott

CORRESPONDENCE IN

Initially carnival entries. Comments from the clubs have been heart-warming – with understanding from the clubs, and at the same time appreciative of the efforts of the AIF committee and the Southport club. At the time it was a difficult decision, which has been vindicated in the following weeks.

CORRESPONDENCE OUT

Minutes from previous meetings. Reminders to get entries in – and then emails announcing the cancellation of the 2019 nationals

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

TREASURERS REPORT

Bob Kelsall reported that the balance is \$23,555.00, including \$4610 from carnival entries and affiliation fees. There will be some expenses to Peter Bain for the set up of the club. There will be extra costs for embroidery on towels, changes to trophy dates etc., as these were already in hand.

Bob also mentioned that he was able to cancel the insurance for the Carnival day. The policy specifically mentions 'up to 500 people attending'. This public liability insurance is in case of a person causing an accident to someone else. Risk Management Procedures.

These forms are prepared yearly and taken to each carnival.

Treasurers report be accepted Proposer: Sean Henly, Seconder: Michael McMahon

PRESIDENTS MESSAGE to all Clubs and members,

By now you are all aware of the cancellation of the 2020 AIF Carnival. It was a hard decision to cancel for the first time in 84 years. However, I feel we were left with no alternative. We must ensure a duty of care and our first priority is to the safety and welfare of you all.

I have with me a copy of the President's message in the program. I used the word amazing. I stated my sincere thanks go to an "amazing" A.I.F. committee. It gives me personal pleasure to thank Sean, Helen, Peter, Bob & Pat for their wonderful contribution to today and to the A.I.F. Swimming Association. In view of the latest developments they exceeded expectations. Thank You.

I also stated what an amazing job our volunteers do for our carnival. They all came forward again for 2020 – and we look forward to seeing them in 2021. Thank You.

The participation of swimmers is the most important part of these 84 years. Your support is appreciated.

To the Southport club, my absolute unconditional thanks. They have copped a lot organising, and now cancelling 2020, without complaint and with understanding BUT they have already put their hand up to take on the 2021 carnival. This should then allow us to proceed to Coffs Harbour the following year (2022)

I thank you all for your understanding of this situation and also to the people who have since contacted me. Let's all of us ensure this A.I.F. tradition continues.....

Kerry Ryan, President

GENERAL BUSINESS

Southport – Helen reported that Southport are approaching the pool and the Sharks club to have all monies already paid, returned. Bob Kelsall suggested the committee formally accept Southport's decision to hold the 2021 carnival at a date to be determined. This was done. The AIF will have extra costs such as towel embroidery, trophies, mugs and cups requiring date changes to 2021. This will be a bit more than normal. For storage, Helen mentioned that she has a double garage. Helen also mentioned the Trophy shop where we get all our trophies have kindly only charged less than half at this point, and at the same time stored all our requirements for the next carnival. The cheques to cover these expenses have already been given to the President.

Coffs Harbour – All forms have been filled out but nothing has been sent or finalised. Peter Bain has spoken to the Pool and Club re the change in plans. They would really like us to be there in 2022.

Programmes – Peter said these had all been approved. There will be a cost for 'setting up' work already done. Peter will have cheques to cover this and his expenses. He said that 409 entries had been received for Southport. This meant that 30m and 50m races needed 52 heats. The 100m needed 42 heats. This is a good number.

As only the championships show age groupings these show 55% of people entered are in the 60+ age groups and it must be assumed that this percentage would be higher in the Handicap events. So a lot of people are in the high risk age group for infection. There were more entries than usual in the younger age groups. 45 in the 18 – 35 year's championships which is great to see - the future of the our association.

Any nominations for Life membership needs to be in as soon as possible

NEXT MEETING DATE TO BE ANNOUNCED

Meeting close 7.41pm