

AIF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING by Zoom

SATURDAY 9th OCTOBER 2021 at 11.00

PRESENT

Kerry Ryan (Gosford), Sean Henly (Wentworthville), Noel Ryan (Manly), Bob Clark (Cobar), Helen Little (Southport), Peter Bain (Wentworthville), Joanne Falla (Coogee Randwick), Wally Northcott (Coogee Randwick), Roland 'Taffy' Nicholson (Maroubra Diggers), Pat Kinghorn (Bondi Diggers & Bondi Junction Waverley).

APOLOGIES

Bob Kelsall, Michael McMahon

Kerry welcomed everyone to the meeting especially Joanne Falla and Bob Clark.

ODE

The Ode was recited by Sean.

MINUTES

The minutes of the last meeting were accepted as read.

Proposer: Helen Little ,Seconder: Wally Northcott

CORRESPONDENCE OUT

The minutes of the last meeting.

CORRESPONDENCE IN

Replies from 19 clubs re question of changing race length.

Correspondence be accepted Proposer: Sean Henly, Seconder: Wally Northcott.

TREASURERS REPORT

Apologies were received from Treasurer Bob Kelsall. It was reported that the current bank balance is \$16,031.48

Treasurers report be accepted Proposer: Bob Clark Seconder: Pat Kinghorn

Kerry then handed proceedings to Taffy Nicholson to run the election of officers.

VOTING

Taffy declared all positions vacant. He then called for nominations for all positions. The results of the elections were:

President : Kerry Ryan Proposer – Helen Little, Secunder – Joanne Falla

Vice President: Sean Henly Proposer – Helen Little, Secunder – Joanne Falla

Secretary: Helen Little. Proposer – Bob Clark, Secunder – Wally Northcott

Treasurer: Bob Kelsall. Proposer – Helen Little, Secunder – Wally Northcott

Carnival Director: Peter Bain. Proposer- Bob Clark, Secunder – Helen Little

Assistant Secretary: Pat Kinghorn Proposer – Helen Little Secunder – Sean Henly

Patron: This position is vacant.

All the above were elected unopposed.

Kerry thanked Taffy (Life Member and ex Treasurer) for doing such a great job.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT FOR 2020/2021 SEASON

Once again, the Covid situation affected the AIF Swimming Association as it did the rest of the population. However, we were extremely lucky to hold the 85th carnival at Southport, albeit with reduced numbers. It was a completely successful carnival. In fact, the association received many favourable responses- more than ever before.

This does not happen without careful planning. In that respect Southport club deserve my complete thanks for undertaking the event in uncertain circumstances. They certainly know how to run a carnival giving valuable assistance to the AIF. Remember they had the unfortunate cancelling of the 84th carnival, but immediately offered to host the 2020 carnival..

My utmost thanks must also go to the AIF committee for their commitment to the AIF tradition. Their hard work is proven at carnival time. My thanks go to Peter, Helen, Bob, Sean and Pat. Many thanks also to the workers on the day. Without them the planning would all be in vain and the carnival would not run smoothly.

Also, I must acknowledge the swimmers and supporters who turned up at Southport. Your active participation, positive attitude and good cheer led to the great day that eventuated.

The coming carnival at Coffs Harbour will be difficult for the committee as we are acting as hosts for the first time. The northern zone clubs have indicated that they will assist if needed and that is appreciated. Let's hope this Covid situation keeps

under control for the ensuing 6 months to enable our Coffs Harbour event to go ahead. I thank you all.

Kerry Ryan

MINUTES OF LAST AGM . It was proposed they be accepted. Proposer : Helen Little, Secunder: Wally Northcott

GENERAL BUSINESS

Peter Bain – Everything for the Coffs Harbour carnival (19th March 2022) is ready to go. The outdoor pool is booked from 8am to 4 pm. The fees are still being negotiated. A local swimming club or a northern club will be approached to find someone to run a BBQ to feed people on the day. The Coffs Harbour exServicemans' club has been booked for the evening function. At this stage both venues require full double vaccination status for entry. This may change. Entry forms will be sent out in January and must be returned by 21st February. Peter mentioned that he will need assistance on the day. This would be data entry work for approx. one hour (in Excel putting in the 600-700 times for the handicap races). Both Helen and Joanne then replied that they know of possible persons who could do that job. Peter mentioned that he would like contributions from clubs for programme material. He would require these before 20th February. The entry forms are ready. All that is required are the prices and the directions for payment. It would be helpful to get an idea of the number of people who may attend at Coffs. A quick email from clubs on this would be very helpful – say by early January.

Kerry thanked Helen and Joanne for offering to find a data entry person.

Helen noted that last year's trophies and engraving cost \$1800. The towel embroidery will cost \$480. WE should have sufficient pens and mugs for next year's carnival. We also have enough service trophies on hand.

Swim entry fee – it was proposed that this go back to \$15. Money raised for the association has been affected by the number of people we have attending the carnivals – particularly the last 2, which we have run at a loss. We have had low numbers for the last two carnivals. It was noted that this is very cheap compared to entry cost for Masters swimming carnivals. It was proposed by Kerry that the swim fee be \$15. This was seconded by Sean Henley. Should funds increase sufficiently then it may be possible to adjust fees accordingly in the future. Passed Kerry proposed the Affiliation fee for each club should stay at \$45. This was seconded by Joanne Falla.

Remuneration – nil was paid last year. It was proposed by Kerry that it should revert to previous amount. This was seconded by Wally Northcott. The amounts are:

\$150 President

\$150 Vice President

\$250 Secretary

\$150 Treasurer

\$250 Carnival Director

\$150 Assistant Secretary

Helen gave the result of the emails to clubs re changing the current 30m handicap races to 25 m. Of the 19 replies she received, 17 were in favour of the change. (one club preferred the situation to stay the same and one club was neutral about change). Helen noted that looking through old records the first carnival were 50 yards and 25 yards so perhaps we are merely reverting to the original configuration! Therefore the handicap race is now 25M not 30M (there have been no championship 30m races for some years)

Kerry said Zoom was working well for these meetings. Next meeting would be early January on a Monday night. TBC

Helen will look for sponsors for events for the next carnival such as Speedo, Funkita, and Budgy Smugglers, who were great last year, and has asked clubs and individuals to consider checking contacts for possible sponsorship for events.

The meeting closed at 11.50am