

AIF MINUTES - GENERAL MEETING
Monday, 29 January 2024, 7pm via Zoom

PRESENT: Kerry Ryan (Gosford), Peter Bain (Wentworthville), Michael McMahon (Coogee Randwick), Bob Kelsall (Manly Diggers), Joanne Falla (Coogee Randwick), Anita Hawtin (Bondi Diggers & Bondi Junction Waverley), Pat Kinghorn (Bondi Diggers & Bondi Junction Waverley), Sean Henly (Wentworthville), Chris Barber (Kurranulla), Stephanie Dickinson (Blacktown), Anne Meller (Bronte), Debbie Kleemeyer (Nerang), Graham Burt (Cronulla Leagues), Peter Green (Cronulla Sharks), Wally Northcott (Coogee Randwick)

APOLOGIES: Helen Little (Southport)

Kerry Ryan welcomed everyone to the meeting.

ODE: The meeting opened at 7.08pm by Sean Henly reading the Ode.

MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting held on 18 December 2023 were accepted as correct. Pat Kinghorn moved the minutes be accepted, Sean Henly seconded.

CORRESPONDENCE

Out: The minutes of the last meeting were sent out to all clubs. Correspondence regarding insurance was sent to Bruce Towner and a reply sent to Twin Towns regarding membership

In: Program article received from Bondi, correspondence received from Bruce Towner regarding insurance.

It was proposed the correspondence be accepted Proposer: Michael McMahon, Seconder: Pat Kinghorn.

TREASURER'S REPORT

The Treasurer's report was read by Bob Kelsall. Nineteen clubs are affiliated and there is \$16,833.97 in the bank. This includes \$650 sponsorship funding received from Cobar and Cronulla Leagues.

It was proposed that the Treasurer's report be accepted Proposer: Peter Bain, Seconder: Wally Northcott.

SECRETARY'S REPORT

Kerry provided the Secretary's report in Helen's absence:

- The meeting noted that women (ex-service) first joined the AIF Carnival in approximately 1981.
- The cost of a lifeguard will be absorbed by the Southport Club. The AIF will pay for refreshments for the workers on the day.

REPORT ON 2024 CARNIVAL

Kerry Ryan provided a carnival report:

- It was noted that trophies have been ordered.
- Helen is working on the towels for 1st place prizes. It was agreed that these should be the traditional cotton towels. Water bottles will be ordered for 3rd place prizes with the AIF logo
- Pool entry will be \$5.00 with no barbeque provided on the day. Please try to bring correct money – or small notes – cash only! The canteen will ensure there is adequate staff to meet the carnival requirements.
- The *Meet and Greet* will be held on Friday, 22 March 2024 at 5pm. There is another function on at the Club that night so the Club will put on extra staff to accommodate the increased patronage.
- It was noted that Michael McMahon will not be attending the carnival this year and will need to be replaced on the day. Michael will ask for volunteers to take his place.
- It was noted that insurance will be covered under Southport's insurance policy.
- Helen and Sean will be poolside to deal with issues as they arise.

Peter Bain also provided an update:

- There was general discussion about timekeeping. Clubs were encouraged to nominate at least 2 to 3 timekeepers and have ample timekeepers to roster on and off throughout the day. Timekeepers. It is the responsibility of each Club to ensure that there are adequate timekeepers. Timekeepers should not miss out on their race/s and can be added to a heat if necessary.
- As there has been issues with recording times, Peter advised that he will prepare instructions for timekeepers on their responsibilities and what to expect on carnival day. These instructions will be sent out this week and again before the carnival.
- A captain's meeting (approximately 5 minutes) will also be arranged on the day of the carnival to reinforce instructions for judges, recorders and timekeepers.
- Peter advised that this year he will trial having timekeepers on each side of the pool for 25m races. Kerry commended Peter for his work he did last year on

resolving the 25 metre results. There was a tremendous amount of time and effort involved.

- It was emphasised that volunteers play a vital role in the successful running of the carnival. Peter will identify what roles need to be filled so that clubs can encourage more people to participate.
- It was noted that entry forms needed to be submitted by 26th February 2024. Peter also advised that he will distribute all handicap heats to Clubs once entry forms were received. Clubs will have until the Wednesday prior to the carnival starts to make changes to the championships. It was emphasised that no changes will be made after that day. Club captains are to be advised about this requirement.
- Peter advised that he is the only person who understands the engine room process and how to record the results ready for the presentation. He encouraged anyone who is interested to sit with him to learn the process.

GENERAL BUSINESS

- Bob Kelsall advised that some Clubs still needed to pay their affiliation fees.
- Bob Kelsall confirmed that he will be available to marshall again this year.
- Michael McMahon advised that he had contacted Orange Aquatic Centre about the 2025 carnival, and they have not responded. Peter Bain advised that the Coffs Harbour Club and pool are available. It was also noted that there is a new pool at Lampton which should be added to the list of options for 2025.

Meeting Closed: 8.08pm

Next meeting: Will be held prior to the 2024 Carnival (date/time to be advised).