

## **AIF MINUTES**

**MONDAY 21<sup>st</sup> OCTOBER, 2019 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), Roland (Taffy) Nicholson (Maroubra Diggers) , Pat Kinghorn (Bondi Diggers & Bondi Junction Waverley).

### **APOLOGIES**

Wally Northcott(Coogee Randwick),

### **ODE**

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

Kerry welcomed everyone including Taffy Nicholson (Life Member) to the meeting.

### **MINUTES**

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

Proposer: Michael McMahon ,Seconder: Taffy Nicholson.

### **CORRESPONDENCE IN**

25 Clubs have sent in Affiliation forms – excellent response.

### **CORRESPONDENCE OUT**

Minutes to clubs. Letter to Peter Cosgrove –no reply as yet.

Correspondence be accepted Proposer: Taffy Nicholson, Seconder: Michael McMahon

### **TREASURERS REPORT**

Bob Kelsall reported that the balance is \$21,300.16. There is still a cheque outstanding. It is to the Trade Practices Department. This will be followed up. Bob has received 25 x affiliation fees from clubs.

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

### **GENERAL BUSINESS**

Welcome to our newly affiliated club Kuranulla. We are looking forward to a big team turnout for the Southport carnival.

### **Southport Carnival**

Helen reported that the function dinner at Sharks will cost \$55. The Meet & Greet venue has not yet been finalised. Trophies-looking at microfibre towels as an alternative to the usual towels this year. Suppliers will need a month's notice to produce these with a sublimated print on them. Mugs: these seem to be still wanted. They will be ordered with a wrap-around photo on them – perhaps of the AIF symbol. We are still looking at possible alternatives for a 3<sup>rd</sup> prize for relays. Sponsorship: Approaches are ongoing. Including a possible sponsorship for the Tobruk shield and the Crows Nest cup. It would be great to have a sponsor at least for each of the major events. Southport are hoping to put together similar small gift bags (400) as handed out at previous carnivals. There is still a parking problem at the pool. Accommodation: clubs should finalise this soon as certain places are booked up already. The Mantra (across road from Sharks) has opened up extra rooms. The closing date for entries has not yet been decided. So the date of the next meeting (usually held just after this closing date) has not yet been set.

### **Venue for 2021 Carnival:**

It has been decided that this will be Coffs Harbour. The Northern Zone takes in the clubs of Lismore, Twin Towns, Ballina, Southport, Bellingen and Grafton. There is lots of accommodation in Coffs Harbour. Peter Bain is only one hour's drive from Coffs and he said he can drive there to handle any specific problem. The AIF committee can organise the pool and function. Host clubs usually only have to provide refreshments for officials and supply runners. Stephen Donnelly (Secretary of the Northern Zone) thinks Coffs is a good idea. The pool at Coffs has been updated and there is room for marques and tents. There is plenty of shade. Engine room was a problem previously but now there is a 'lifesavers room' with benches and power points.

Port Macquarie was also considered but the pool only has 6 lanes. There is talk of a new pool in the future.

Forbes- this was a member of AIF in the eighties, it would be nice if they could rejoin. It has been suggested as the site of a future carnival. It's approximately a 5 hour drive from Sydney.

History: Thanks to Coogee for all the old programmes. If any other clubs have historical information, please pass to the Secretary, Helen Little. We would like to add this to our website in the future.

Programme: Input from clubs would be appreciated. Please send to Peter Bain.

Kerry thanked all those clubs who have sent their affiliation fees promptly. Please make sure that contact details are updated with the secretary.

**Next Meeting date will be announced later.**

Meeting closed at 7.40pm