

AIF MEETING 7th April 2014

Meeting opened at 7.04pm

PRESENT: Michael McMahon (Coogee Randwick), Wally Northcott (Coogee Randwick) Kerry Ryan (Gosford, Albury, Newcastle), Craig Middlebrook (Seven Hills), Ray Dickens (Seven Hills) , Peter Bain (Wentworthville), Sean Henly (Wentworthville) Noel Ryan (Manly)

APOLOGIES: Bob Kelsall, Brian O'Keefe, Kerry Smith, Margaret Farebrother, Don Johnston, Barbara Urquhart, Mick Pierce

Correspondence In

Emails from many clubs thanking the work of the committee for a great carnival.

Correspondence Out

AIF Minutes of Feb 16 meeting to all clubs, including Special General meeting

Email to Gail Huggins, thanking her for her work at the carnival

Email to all clubs including results

Sending of the new constitution to Dept of Fair Trading

Correspondence: in and out – as attached accepted Moved Ray Dickens seconded Craig Middlebrook Treasurer's Report.

Bob Kelsall was not at the meeting but sent through an updated balance. \$16,245.93.

Report accepted: Moved Wally Northcott seconded Michael McMahon

General Business

Kerry Ryan thanked

A big thank you to all club contacts who were prepared to try the new entry from – and the use of email to send in entries – a great success

All of the clubs for the excellent response for timekeepers.

Gail Huggins for announcing, a pleasure to work with.

Margaret Farebrother for working the event board that Kerry had forgotten about on the day.

Adam the manager of Wests Diggers – a great help with the presentation night

Nelson bay Diggers for taking on the Carnival for a 2nd straight year –a great effort

Sean Henly for the timely update of the results on the website

Bronwyn Stanger for reciting the Ode

Kate Grigg for finding and providing the Last Post

All the individual club people who 'stepped' up to the mark on the day to help out as marshals

A thank you to Bondi Junction Club for the continued use of the room for our meetings.

Peter Bain read from a prepared statement.

2014 AIF CARNIVAL DIRECTOR REPORT

Firstly I would like to thank all those who were such a great help in my first year of AIF Carnival Director. Many thanks go to

- Kerry Ryan for your encouragement, support and passing on so much of your knowledge
- Helen Little for your help, patience, filtering the many emails and changes from clubs that we received and for answering my never ending emails
- Brian O'Keefe and Bob Kelsall for being sounding boards for my ideas and thoughts
- Ed Semmens for your advice and great work on the day. The flow and clarity of the results made my job a lot easier than I expected
- Keith Elliott and the Nelson Bay club for the help with the room and especially the runners who also contributed to the smooth running of the day

As my first attempt at this position I was a little nervous about how it would all go. After so much preparation in trying to automate what has been done manually for so many years nothing can test it like the real thing. By the end of what seemed like one of the fastest days in my life I think it went well. From the feedback we have received, many others had the same opinion.

Not having done all of the data entry myself previously I decided to take it all on myself. This is probably the only major change I would make if allowed to do this again and get some help entering 30m and 50m results. This may also allow me to have a swim.

There are a few other minor changes that we can make including a small change to the event order that will make it event smoother for the future.

Once again this whole process cannot be achieved without the help of those mentioned and the many other people who assisted with the running of such a successful carnival.

I hope I am lucky enough to do this a few more times.

Peter Bain

2014 AIF carnival Director

Suggestions/Feedback

5 swimmers did not swim in championship events – but did not let carnival director know – most of these were withdrawals on the day. It is a pity that clubs did not let the carnival director know as there were reserves in most of these. However the number of ‘missing swimmers’ was down from last year – and this is a positive.

Perhaps there needs to be a ‘prep’ sheet for the starter. Often the starter is not familiar with AIF format. For example, the starter this year was unaware that there were championship events as

well as handicap events. Perhaps a simple 'summary' sheet of the day's events would be helpful for the starter.

Move the 70-74 year old events to the appropriate position to avoid changes in finishing line. This move has been brought about by the move of this event from 30m to 50m.

Stock Take

- 20 Service trophies
- 7 Various uncollected trophies
- 12 Green Towels – Need 54
- 2 Navy Towels (Swimmer of the meet)
- 5 Life member badges
- 27 Mugs – need 28

Wally Northcott asked how many swam at Nelson Bay -- 465 (P. Bain)

We have a pair of Ladies reading glasses in lost property form the carnival

Life Membership nominations and changes to the constitution must be in at the next meeting.

Next meeting July 7th at 7.00pm.

MEETING CLOSED 7.30pm