

AIF MINUTES

MONDAY 23rd APRIL 2018

CLUB BONDI JUNCTION

PRESENT

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

APOLOGIES

Judith Watts (South Sydney Juniors).

ODE

The meeting was opened at 7.00 pm by Kerry Ryan reciting the Ode.

MINUTES

The minutes of the last meeting were accepted as read.

Proposer: Wally Northcott, Seconder: Michael McMahon.

CORRESPONDENCE IN

Information from Steve O'Connell

Email re trophies

Letter re Life Member – for Rodger Bruce

Invoice from Nelson Bay for carnival expenses

Invoice from Helen Little for towels (for 2019)

Emails from Coogee, Manly Diggers, Bondi, BJW, Maroubra, Maitland Cronulla Sharks, Cronulla RSL re successful carnival.

Emails

Cronulla RSL re age groups and 30metre time keeping

Ballina re over 90 age group race

Ballina email re meal at carnival.

CORRESPONDENCE OUT

Minutes of previous meeting

Reminders about carnival

Reply to emails

Results sent out - thank you to Peter Bain for the quick turn about

Extra trophy re 'dead head' result

Proposer: Bob Kelsall Secorder: Michael McMahon

TREASURERS REPORT

This was presented by Bob Kelsall

Current balance is \$24,100.83

unbanked cheques total \$145.00.

Cheques just written today total \$914.14 which gives a final balance of \$23,331.76.

Cheques just written are for Peter Bain - carnival expenses

Helen Little for towels (\$341). Also \$200 for Helen for Honorarium.

The carnival raffle raised \$1751.00. This was the best raffle results for many years. Much of this was due to the work of Pat Kinghorn and her crew of raffle sellers.

Proposer: Michael McMahon Seconder: Pat Kinghorn

PRESIDENTS REPORT

Kerry stressed how many people praised the carnival this year and he again thanked Nelson Bay diggers. It's a popular venue and everything went well at the carnival. Thanks Keith Elliott and the Nelson Bay committee. There was a lot of great feedback. Kerry thanked the committee members in particular. He thanked Helen who got the necessary information out to us and she really "gets things done", Peter Bain has worked out a very efficient system and has it down pat, so that everything on the day runs so smoothly and efficiently.

Many people worked hard all day, including committee members such a Bob Kelsall, who also handled the raffle earnings. Sean Henly assisted with the presentation. Thanks to all the clubs. The marshals said all reserves were present and ready to go. Clubs are coming forward now and people are helping more than ever. Helen Little noted that it was probably the largest number of 'volunteers' on the day that we have had. This certainly lightens the load for all, and is much appreciated. The marshals also commented that there was only one instance of a reserve being needed to fill in a race. In all other instances club captains had let the engine room know early when a swimmer was not going to participate. This is much appreciated by all concerned and certainly helped to make the day run smoothly. Peter Bain also commented on the work that was done on pool deck by all the helpers made his life easy in the engine room. He also noted many comments on the day about the successful running of the carnival.

Kerry Ryan noted that it was pleased to see the larger clubs really helping out this year.

Melbourne 2019 2nd March!! Melbourne(the Victorian Association) has been continuing to work on their planning after a Sunday morning meeting with the AIF at Nelson Bay. They are presently working on grants and sponsorship to help cover costs. It was suggested that the best areas for accommodation were Dandenong, Frankston and Mordialloc – Mordialloc being on the same train line as Chelsea.

GENERAL BUSINESS

Three emails contained comments about the function meal at Nelson Bay. Kerry commented that it's hard to please 450 people. He stressed it was WESTS club that had increased the charge for the meal – not the Diggers.

It has been a problem transporting some of the larger trophies (Crows Nest Cup and Wentworthville) These have been modified so that the statuettes at the top can be removed for transport and then replaced ready for presentation to save any damage.

The use of an IPAD for the videoing of finishes was discussed. There would seem to be pluses and minuses. This will be investigated further and discussed by the members of the committee, as it will need to be done officially and correctly to make sure results are accurate.

There was concern expressed over some of the time keeping, particularly in the 30metres where some timekeepers were standing too far from the line. This was also noted in the 50 and 100 events as well, where some timekeepers were not standing over the finish line. It is expected that clubs should supply reliable experienced time keepers – it affects everyone.

There was a discussion again about the use of touch pads. Helen Little noted that the cost of using the touch pads at the Southport pool would double the hire cost of the pool, plus the cost of the technician to run the

system, and it could only be used for the 50 metre championships as the system is too slow for use in the handicap events. Peter Bain also notes that the cost of making our computer system compatible would start at plus \$5000.

There has been a request for the over 90s age group. At this stage it has been decided to keep the current programme as we have only had over 90 in the last few years. Currently they swim in the 85 + age group but we will be happy to give a separate trophy for the 90+ swimmers if required. At this stage the 85 age group is not yet strong – with only 3 swimmers in the mens and the womens over 85., and only 3 women in the 80 – 84. It was noted that at least 3 of the female swimmers in the 80 and 85 age group (out of a total of 5) would not have participated if it had been 50m. At this stage those age groups will remain at 25 metres.

Michael raised the question of the patron and suggested Michael Bainbridge, who is currently the youngest member of the NSW RSL council, with 13 years in the Army. He has just become Vice President of the NSW RSL and as recently the subject of an Australian Story programme.

Meeting closed 7.45pm Next Meeting July 16th AGM 13th August