

AIF MINUTES

MONDAY 26th JUNE , 2023 BY ZOOM MEETING 7pm

PRESENT

Kerry Ryan (Gosford), Sean Henly (Wentworthville), Helen Little (Southport), Peter Bain (Wentworthville), Bob Kelsall (Manly Diggers), Pat Kinghorn (Bondi Diggers & Bondi Junction Waverley).

APOLOGIES

Anita Hawtin (Bondi Diggers & Bondi Junction Waverley)

ODE

The reading of the Ode was dedicated to the memory of John Toohey ex Captain of Goondiwindi. His wife Gail and family would like to hear from anyone in their area with stories etc of John. Sean Henly read the Ode.

MINUTES

The minutes of the last meeting were accepted as read.

Proposer: Peter Bain, Seconder: Helen Little.

Kerry Ryan welcomed everyone to the meeting. He read the following extract from the Committee meeting of 17th April 2023. "I would like to thank all the AIF Committee for what you contributed to our last carnival. It is something we aim for over 12 months and gratifying to see our numbers grow after a cancelled and 2 smaller carnivals. Yes, I acknowledge we encountered a problem with the 25m. However, the Carnival up to then ran extremely smoothly. But, we quickly regained composure to complete at a reasonable time. A big thank you to the Committee. You all contributed on the day".

CORRESPONDENCE OUT:

Out: Helen sent out an email to all clubs re 2 questions: Multi Club Insurance and change to length of 25m race for over 80 age championships.

CORRESPONDENCE IN:

Replies were received from a number of clubs.

Insurance: Some clubs are already covered for insurance purposes by their RSL clubs such as Nerang, Cobar and Grafton. Other clubs such as Manly, Southport (and Marlins), Bondi and Harbord are interested – approx.. 10 clubs.

Decision: Helen said a firm quote must be obtained so it is in place for 1st October – when some clubs start swimming. We must specify the exact number of clubs (say every 6 months) so new clubs can join in. They have to be swimming clubs – affiliated to AIF swimming association. We would have to make a decision on each club joining. E.g. no open water swimming clubs. Insurer is fine with the older age groups (we have never made a claim). It was noted that once a person was on the blocks as a swimming club member, they were no longer covered by general pool insurance. Peter noted that investigating this Insurance question is a very onerous task for Helen.

Change to length of over 80 age group championship 25m race:

From the replies received, Helen said the majority do not want a change to 50m. The majority of people who swim in that age group don't want to race it but feel happy to swim 50m in a handicap race.

Proposed that Correspondence be accepted: Bob Kelsall, Seconder: Peter Bain

TREASURERS REPORT This was provided by Bob Kelsall.

Current balance to date: \$16,577.00

Accounts such as printing bill, updated Website costing, interest are included. Helen said that nearly all stock has been used so towels, trophies, mugs, pens will have to be bought. If microfiber towels are purchased, a design will have to be chosen. Last year's balance at 1st July was \$15,683.

Proposer: Pat Kinghorn, Seconder: Helen Little.

PRESIDENTS MESSAGE – Maroubra 2023 – Kerry Ryan, President.

I am aware I did endow special praise on the Coogee Diggers for their commitment on taking up the 87th Carnival. However, I cannot let this report go without thanking them once again. Coogee you did a wonderful job. Your carnival committee worked marvellously with the AIF Committee. You left no stone unturned. My many thanks for a successful day. My thanks also go to our volunteer workers in every position- recorders, marshals, timekeepers. Especially for the new people helping. Starters as usual did their best. Thanks go to them. Coogee your runners were amazing – never stopped. It was a pleasure to witness all of you on the day. Yes, I acknowledge we did have a hiccup with the 25m. It came about without warning and unfortunately, we were unable to give a result at the evening function. However, I must make a special mention of our Carnival Director Peter Bain. He spent many hours reconstructing the results and was able to identify the swimmers who may have made the final. This was a long involved process and those were awarded an AIF towel later on. Peter, my utmost gratitude for what you did. My thanks also go to the AIF Committee for their diligence and commitment to the Association. To the competing clubs, you did yourselves proud again. Congratulations to you all. I can still see that disco going on onstage after the presentation. It was a pleasure to see you all active after a long day.

GENERAL BUSINESS

Kerry – asked that Peter Bain’s review of pertinent Carnival procedures must be kept in mind as we get close to the next carnival. Grafton for 2025? – Helen said they don’t know when they will have a pool. Helen will look at Alstonville (Lismore) pool. Any suggestions would be welcome.

Multiclub insurance – We will need figures before the AGM meeting (august, september). Will have to know how much to pay. AIF will fund part of the cost as the insurance will cover the annual AIF carnival. Peter said it was a fantastic idea - we need to sell it to the clubs. Helen will get a cost from the broker. Then we can talk about how this cost will be split up. The more clubs involved, the cheaper it will be. It would cover the national carnival, local carnivals and weekly swims.

Peter – Electronic timing of races. Peter has looked into the company Wylas which have a wireless system that can be used to stop and start watches. We require a system which can:

1. Stop and start our races – timing
2. Record those times
3. Get those times into our fairly complex computer system (which gives results within seconds of our last race).

Peter has looked at “timing devices” which vary from a hand held button or something like a mobile phone. There is the Dolphin system – but this takes too long to reset between races. Others don’t provide information we want. The Wylas system looks great – wireless (no cables in a wet area) and can provide times in a format we can accept. Some people use Wylas (quote \$5000). Maybe we can get a grant to get this. Needs 2 routers, 2 timing devices, 2 computers. We keep getting asked about ‘touch pads’ but we know this does not suit us. Other systems such as ‘Meet Master’ do not do what we want. Peter is trying ‘to move with technology’ but we don’t have the efficiency that others such as Swimming NSW have.

Kerry thanked Peter for all the investigation work put into this. Helen noted we need clubs to provide competent timekeepers. Peter will put out simple guidelines in the minutes. Kerry said people still enjoy our carnivals and feel it continues to improve. He thanked everyone for their input.

Meeting closed at 8.15pm