

**AIF MINUTES - GENERAL MEETING**  
**Monday, 11 March 2024, 7pm via Zoom**

**PRESENT:** Kerry Ryan (Gosford), Peter Bain (Wentworthville), Michael McMahon (Coogee Randwick), Bob Kelsall (Manly Diggers), Anita Hawtin (Bondi Diggers & Bondi Junction Waverley), Pat Kinghorn (Bondi Diggers & Bondi Junction Waverley), Sean Henly (Wentworthville), Anne Meller (Bronte), Debbie Kleemeyer (Nerang), Graham Burt (Cronulla Leagues), Richard Bloomfield (Maroubra)

**APOLOGIES:** Wally Northcott (Coogee Randwick), Joanne Falla (Coogee Randwick)

Kerry Ryan welcomed everyone to the meeting.

**ODE:** The meeting opened at 7.00pm by Sean Henly reading the Ode.

### **MINUTES**

The minutes of the meeting held on 29 January 2024 were accepted as correct. Helen Little moved the minutes be accepted, Pat Kinghorn seconded.

### **CORRESPONDENCE**

In: Entry forms and questions relating to the 2024 AIF Carnival.

Out: Handicap heats and information about the carnival were distributed to participating clubs on 11 March 2024.

It was proposed the correspondence be accepted. Proposer: Peter Bain, Seconder: Michael McMahon.

### **TREASURER'S REPORT**

The Treasurer's report was read by Bob Kelsall. It was noted that 26 clubs are affiliated, and that the bank balance is \$18,303.84. No affiliation fees have been received from Albury, Bronte and Moree. It was noted that Albury will pay fees on the day of the carnival.

Helen Little advised that she had purchased towels, glasses and water bottles as carnival prizes. It was noted that the merchandise order will cover a two/three-year period.

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

## SECRETARY'S REPORT

Discussion on the 2025 AIF carnival will be held at the next meeting.

Peter Bain provided an update on the 2024 Carnival:

- There are a total of 259 swimmers in 33 heats in the 100m, 305 swimmers in 38 heats in the 50m and 305 swimmers in 38 heats in the 25m.
- For the first time in several years, we have swimmers in every championship event and a total of 19 ex-service swimmers.
- There will be 10 lanes used in the handicap finals.
- Helen Little and John Stanford have received a list of requirements from Peter Bain to follow-up when they visit the Southport pool on 12 March.
- Meeting attendees were reminded that there will be no changes to the swim heats after Wednesday, 20 March. Club representatives are requested to let their captains know of this requirement noting that there will be no exception. This message will be re-iterated at the captain's meeting to be held at 8.40am on the day of the carnival (approx. 2-3 minutes duration). **Please note that only club captains may enter the engine room on the day of the carnival.**
- Captains are to ensure that allocated timekeepers are aware of the timekeeping instructions which have been issued to all clubs and the requirement to write the time down for every race not just providing the time to the recorder. This process is critical as the timekeeper sheets are used as a back-up for any discrepancies. A copy of the instructions will also be placed at each end of the pool.
- Marshalls and recorders will be placed in the last heat.

Kerry Ryan provided an update:

- Kerry confirmed that he will purchase gift vouchers for the Saturday evening raffle. Bob Kelsall advised that he will arrange for Kerry to be reimbursed.
- Sean Henly confirmed that he will assist Kerry and Helen on the day of the carnival.
- To assist the smooth running of the 25m races and to help manage the timekeepers and recorders, it was noted that Kerry and Helen will have a flag at each side of the pool. Helen has explained the approach to the starters.
- Richard Bloomfield stressed the importance of the timekeeper and recorder roles and suggested that time should be taken to ensure everything is running smoothly especially in the first few heats.

Helen Little provided an update:

- 350 people have been confirmed for the presentation evening. As this has been confirmed with the club, no refunds are permissible.
- 5-6 recorders have been booked in for the carnival.
- This year there will be no additional swim held on the Sunday following the carnival.

## **GENERAL BUSINESS**

Michael McMahon advised that since the last meeting he has heard back from Orange regarding the possibility of hosting the 2025 AIF carnival. The location of the 2025 AIF carnival will be discussed at the next meeting.

**Meeting closed:** 7.45pm

**Next meeting:** To be advised