MINUTES OF THE AIF MEETING 11th AUGUST 2014

Meeting Commenced 7.05pm with the reciting of the Ode

PRESENT: Kerry Ryan - Gosford, Newcastle, Albury

Sean Henly - Wentworthville

Bob Kellsall - Harbord

Peter Bain - Wentworthville

Don Johnston - BJW, Warren

Brian O'Keeffe - Hornsby

Roland Nicholson - Maroubra

Wally Northcott - Coogee/Randwick

Michael Mc Mahon - Coogee/Randwick

Pat Kinghorn - Bondi Diggers

Kerry Smith - Hornsby

Judith Watts – Souths Juniors

Helen Little (Skype) - Southport, Grafton

APOLOGIES:

Barbara Urquhart, Margaret Farebrother, Robbie Allchin, Bob McGregor, Glenn French, Mick Pearce

MINUTES from the Previous Meeting read and passed Mov. Kerry Ryan Sec Sean Henly

The only outstanding business from the meeting was the need for a secretary which has since been taken over by Helen Little on a skype link

CORRESPONDENCE IN

Victorian Assn minutes of AGM;

Letter from FTD

Responses to proposed Life Membership

CORRESPONDENCE OUT

Letter and constitution to DFT

Minutes from July meeting, together with a request to vote on a Life Membership motion

Moved Helen Little Sec Pat Kinghorn

TREASURER"S REPORT

The Association is in a healthy financial position so the recommendation is that Affiliation fees and carnival fees remain the same.

From the 1/7/13 the balance was \$12,260.50 and at 30/06/2014 the Association has a balance of \$14,348.55. Carnival costs have remained fairly static. The books this year have not been officially audited (according to DFT, it is not necessary as the association does not turn over a sufficient income) However, the books are checked by another member of the executive committee (Kerry Ryan), and are available for any club who wishes to peruse them. There is also some \$626 worth of stock for the next carnival.

Bob also requested that the honorariums as paid previous year be sent this year

Treasurer's report accepted. Mov Brian O'Keefe Sec Roland Nicholson Passed

The membership form will be sent out electronically. Fees may be paid either by cheque or by direct debit – details on the membership form. The membership form is a requirement of the FTD

President's Report

Kerry wished to thank the committee for their work and support this year. Bob Kelsall for his continued fine work as treasurer (and he's making money!); Sean Henly in his first season as Vice President for his fine work, particularly getting the website up and running; Helen Little for enhancing the communication network within the association; Peter Bain for his enthusiasm and great work as carnival director; and Barbara Urquhart for her ongoing efforts, particularly with the carnival programme, which was excellent. Brian O'Keefe also commented on the terrific quality of the programme, and congratulated Barbara on her effort and excellent results.

Kerry remarked that from his point of view it has been a very enjoyable year.

ALL COMMITTEE POSITIONS DECLARED VACANT

Roland Nicholson requested nominations for Patron: Don Rowe – Mov Kerry Ryan Sec Sean Henly

President: Kerry Ryan Nom. Bob Kelsall Sec Don Johnson

Vice President: Sean Henly Brian O'Keefe Sec Judith Watts

Treasurer: Bob Kelsall Nom Kerry Ryan Sec Pat Kinghorn

Secretary: Helen Little Nom Kerry Ryan Sec Peter Bain

Ass. Secretary Barbara Urquhart retiring. Pat Kinghorn Nom. Sean Henly Sec Michael McMahon

Carnival Director Peter Bain Nom Kerry Ryan Sec Helen Little

All persons for the above positons were elected unopposed.

GENERAL BUSINESS

The new constitution has been lodged officially with the DFT. Thank you to John Stanford for his great work. The constitution is on the AIF website for any who wish to view it

The nomination for life membership for Noel Radburn was voted on – unanimous vote in favour of the life membership with comments from many clubs who have appreciated Noel's work at carnivals for the last 20 years. Congratulations to Noel.

Note there has been a slight rearrangement of the order of events for the carnival – the 70-74 age group races have been moved to just after the Ray Weekes carnival – and will be the first 50

championship events. This change saves the timekeepers and the rope for shorter distance finishes being moved so much.

The meet and greet was very successful last year to hand out information, receipts, programmes, and any changes from clubs.

The focus is now on Albury for the 2015 carnival.

A suggestion from Bob Kelsall that the executive investigate the use of electronic equipment at the pool including 1)cost; 2) can it be done 3) can it be done each year with the regular change of venues, particularly as we now use email for the entries.

Bob also suggested that it may be worth replacing the trophies with medals as a change. Kerry to investigate regarding costs. It was also commented that this would make it easier for transporting as well.

Peter Bain mentioned that it would worth investigating, but would not be possible for the next carnival, as there would be considerable work involved in making sure that everything was compatible in the systems

Peter Bain mentioned that after doing the carnival last year, it would be useful to have someone in the engine room who could do data entry – just for the handicap races. Preferably someone who is used to data entry, although they do not need to be familiar with the whole programme.

The next meeting will be Monday 27th October. This will be followed by the delegates' dinner Meeting closed at 7.55pm