

AIF MINUTES

MONDAY 27TH NOVEMBER, 2020 AT EASTERN SUBURBS LEGION CLUB

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

PRESENT

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

APOLOGIES

Don Johnson

ODE

The meeting was opened at 11 am by Sean Henly reciting the Ode. He reminded all present of the passing of Judith Watts.

Kerry told us that it was Judith Watts who brought the Souths Juniors club into the AIF swimming association. He remembered that Judith also attended many AIF meetings as delegate for her club.

Kerry welcomed everyone including Peter (by speaker phone) and Helen (by Skype) and Taffy Nicholson who will be handling the election of officers.

MINUTES

The minutes of the last Annual General Meeting were accepted as read.

Proposer: Taffy Nicholson, Seconder: Wally Northcott

CORRESPONDENCE OUT

Helen said there had been limited correspondence. It was to the clubs and consisted of enquiries on how everyone was going and on life membership.

Minutes be accepted Proposer: Bob Kelsall, Seconder:Taffy Nicholson

TREASURERS REPORT

This was read by Bob Kelsall. He reported on the loss made this past year due to no income from affiliation fees.

Bank balance 1/7/19	\$21,333.31
Income	\$3904.00

Expenses	\$6773.00
Stock on hand	\$2440.00
Giving a bank balance	\$18,454.44

At end of November the effective bank balance is \$20,904.44

Bob said that expenditure included 2 years insurance and so looked bigger than it was.

Treasurers report be accepted Proposer: Noel Ryan, Seconder : Wally Northcott

Helen asked us to particularly thank Rick Walker (Southport Treasurer) for handling all the refunds for the 2020 cancelled carnival. She said towels had been paid for and half the cost of mugs and pens. We still have to pay for some trophies. We are not being charged for the ones that have not yet been delivered.

Kerry then handed proceedings over to Taffy to run the election.

VOTING

Roland (Taffy) Nicholson then officiated. He declared all committee positions vacant. The results of elections were:

Patron: position to be left vacant at present.

President: Kerry Ryan

Vice President: Sean Henley

Secretary: Helen Little

Treasurer: Bob Kelsall

Carnival Director: Peter Bain

Assistant Secretary: Pat Kinghorn

All the above were elected unopposed. Kerry mentioned that we still have no patron so this position must remain vacant for the time being.

Kerry thanked Taffy for coming and running the election.

PRESIDENTS REPORT

2020 was certainly a bad year for the Association in this worldwide pandemic. We were forced to cancel our 84th carnival. The first time this has happened in its history.

However I am proud of our committee who all came together as one to address this unheard of situation. Thanks Sean, Helen, Peter, Bob and Pat. I can only say what an amazing committee.

But Also amazing are the Southport Sharks. They suffered the full impact of the cancellation, but came through with their professional approach to the problem with refunds etc. Southport had to do the hard work so they must be commended. It was not an easy decision to cancel. However, the support of all of the above mentioned was first class. We know all clubs suffered and would have been in turmoil themselves. We heartily thank them for their understanding.

The committee did decide 2021 should go to Southport and as at today's AGM this is still the intention. Of course, we now know borders have reopened. All being well with virus and border restrictions, we hope we will have an 85th carnival. Like all of you, we will keep a close watch on the future. Thank you goes to all.

GENERAL BUSINESS

Life Membership – This was proposed for our Treasurer, Bob Kelsall, and was well received by the clubs with lots of positive comments. He has held this position for 12 years – the 2nd longest period in AIF association history.

Affiliation Fees of \$45 for clubs. It was decided not to charge this for current year.

Pool Entry Fee – Reduced from \$15 to \$10 for this year. It will remain at \$10.

Honorariums for Committee members – It was decided no office bearer would be paid this for this year (even though a lot of work was done to handle refunds by the Treasurer, Secretary and Carnival Director). Any out of pocket expenses will be paid. Proposer: Taffy Nicholson, Seconder: Wally Northcott

Changes to Constitution: Nil

Insurance: A question was put to the insurer: would people be covered against catching Covid-19 at a carnival? Reply: it is not covered but it be virtually impossible to prove where a person may have caught it. The function is covered under the RSL's club banner and would be under State rules at the time it is held.

Pool Insurance: all new forms will have to be submitted next year for the 2021 carnival. Bob Kelsall will fill in the Risk Assessment and Duty of Care papers. He said they are very generic.

Covid-19 Safety Plan – Helen said this is not required in Queensland as we will have less than 1500 people attending. Helen said plenty of wipes and sanitizer will be available at the pool. There is now a limit of 1500 attending the pool but this will increase. All participants and spectators will be required to sign at the entry. At the function venue, the limit has been moved to 500.

Southport Carnival 2021 : Many clubs have already indicated that they will including Maroubra, Coogee/Randwick, Coogee Diggers, Albury, Cobar, Gosford, Southport Sharks, Manly Diggers, Cronulla Sharks,. Cronulla RSL, Kuranulla, Queensland and northern NSW clubs. It was asked 'of the clubs mentioned, will the usual workers be attending'? Helen will chase this up and enquire.

Carnival Directors Report: Peter Bain asked if it was the 85th or 84th carnival. It was decided that the 84th was cancelled and 2021 would be called the 85th carnival. Peter will amend the carnival entry form and it will be sent out after the AGM. The programmes for the cancelled carnival are online on our website. So new material is required for the 85th. **Please send everything – reports, photos etc. Close off date is the middle of January.**

Facebook site – please post photos/stories on this site. This will encourage use by swimmers in general. It's free advertising.

Virtual swims – not many clubs are participating as yet -swims can be swum at any time – as long as someone else does the timing!

Constitution: It says in our constitution that we must have at least 3 meetings per year. We have done that this year. Next year we will try for 3 meetings – we probably don't need more. We probably need one after the carnival, then one at the AGM.

Thanks: Kerry thanked Dave Byrne (General Manager, Eastern Suburbs Legion Club) for allowing us to use the club for our meeting.

Meeting Closed at 11.45am