

AIF MEETING 17<sup>th</sup> February 2014

Meeting opened at 7.20pm following the Special General Meeting to ratify the proposed new constitution.

PRESENT: Pat Kinghorn (Bondi Diggers) Don Johnston (Bondi Junction Waverley, Warren) Barbara Urquhart ( Bondi Junction Waverley, Bronte, Lismore) Michael McMahon ( Coogee Randwick), Wally Northcott ( Coogee Randwick) Peter Green ( Cronulla Sharks) Kerry Ryan (Gosford, Albury, Newcastle), Noel Ryan (Manly) Roland (Taffy) Nicholson (Maroubra), Craig Middleton (Seven Hills), Frank Bawden (Seven Hills) Judy Watts ( Souths Jnrs) John Stanford (Southport) Wendy Stanford (Southport), Mick Pearce (Tweed Heads, Moree) Peter Bain (Wentworthville) Sue Bain (Wentworthville), Margaret Farebrother (Wentworthville, Wellington) Sean Henly (Wentworthville) Helen Little (Southport, Grafton)

A new delegate for North Bondi – Lesley Thwaites

APOLOGIES: Bob Kelsall, Brian O’Keefe, Kerry Smith, Rob MacGregor, Glen French, Rob Allchin.

Kerry Ryan opened the meeting with a thank you to all clubs who added information and provided feedback regarding the new constitution. He also thanked John Stanford for his outstanding work in drafting and preparing the new constitution, in accordance with DFT requirements.

Treasurer’s Report. Bob Kelsall is away in New Zealand at the moment. However Bob left the treasurer’s report ( and cheque book!) with Kerry Ryan. At the 8<sup>th</sup> February there was \$13,463. Since then Kerry has purchased trophies ( \$1845) and towels(\$978) for nationals. There will be further costs for design and digital printing. At the moment there is \$10,655.08 in the bank, but there is still much of the entry money arriving to be banked.

Report accepted: Moved Mick Pearce Seconded Don Johnson

Correspondence: in and out – as attached accepted Moved Sean Henly Seconded Helen Little

General Business

NEW website is up and running - thanks to Sean Henly’s hard work– [www.aifswimming.org](http://www.aifswimming.org)

All the details for Nelson Bay are on the new website

Please note the new website address as it has been impossible to remove the old one. Don’t go there!

Any important notices, minutes of meetings and carnival results will go onto the new website as soon as possible, so always check the NEW website.

## **NATIONAL CARNIVAL**

A REQUEST TO ALL CLUBS CURRENTLY HOLDING TROPHIES: please make sure they have been engraved – and it would be appreciated if trophies were returned in good condition (please give them a bit of spit and polish, and a little care and attention!) Trophies may be returned on the Friday night at the meet and greet.

Friday night Meet and Greet. There will be a table (manned by Kerry Ryan, Peter Bain, and Helen Little) where **club captains** will be able to confirm scratchings from championships/handicaps. Please note: If a swimmer nominated for a championship is scratched this allows the next swimmer on the list to fill the vacancy, allowing maximum participation –it is very frustrating to see a vacant lane because a club did not inform the engine room that a swimmer was not coming, and then someone else misses out. **Please note that this is NOT an opportunity to add amend or add new entries!**

Club captains may also pick up relay cards, submit relay times, receive receipts, and receive programmes. All times for relays are to be submitted in seconds. REMINDER: swimmers in the championship relays (Crows Nest Cup and Wentworthville relay) **MUST** all be from the same club. ALL swimmers in the Crows Nest Cup **MUST** be service or ex-service. Please check the criteria for each of the handicap relays. Please note there will be no diving at the shallow end of the pool (this will affect relays only). It will be a push start.

It is hoped that by using the opportunity at the meet and greet, some of the “mad rush” on Saturday morning may be alleviated. Only Club Captains to the engine room – it is a very busy place where everyone is working hard to keep the carnival running smoothly! Too many people in the engine room makes it very difficult!

A roster for time keepers will be sent out before the carnival. Stop watches may be needed from clubs – please bring one or two with your club’s name on them.

Kerry Ryan also thanked those members and clubs who have stepped forward to assist with marshalling and recording at the nationals. While thanking both Gosford and Hornsby for their outstanding work in the last twenty years, it is important to look to the future to ensure that we have sufficient people for future carnivals. Thank you to Cronulla Sharks, Bondi Diggers, Coogee, Southport, Maroubra, and Manly Diggers who have members who have stepped forward to help. It is hoped to have a short(very short!) meeting on Friday night with the new ‘volunteers’, and the ‘old guard’.

A mention also made regarding the need for reliable runners between pool deck and the engine room. Pat Kinghorn and Helen Little commented on the importance of this for smooth running of the carnival. We usually depend on children to do this, (no Fuller children this year!) and there are a lot of miles to cover.

Peter Bain congratulated clubs on completion of forms for the championships. Given this was the first time this form of online entry was tried, overall it was a success. 80% of the clubs sent entries in by email, making the carnival director’s job a lot easier. 37 clubs have submitted entries for this year’s carnival. Peter has also asked for any feedback from clubs. Peter is hoping to have the **handicap heats only** emailed out to clubs prior to the event, which should assist both clubs and marshals. Championship entries can only be finalized on the day after all withdrawals have been added in

Insurance organized(Bob Kelsall), trophies/towels organized(Kerry Ryan), programme nearly ready (Barbara Urquhart) ( thank you to Nikki and Graham for photos, and to those clubs who submitted articles)

**COULD EACH CLUB PLEASE BRING A PRIZE FOR THE AIF RAFFLE ON THE SATURDAY NIGHT.**

Future carnival dates:

ALBURY 2015 – 21<sup>st</sup> March 2015

SOUTHPORT 2016 – early to mid March – hopefully in the new Commonwealth Games pool complex ( depending on price!)

Next meeting April 7<sup>th</sup> at 7.00pm subject to availability of the treasurer.

MEETING CLOSED 7.55pm