

## **AIF MINUTES**

**MONDAY 24th JULY, 2017**

### **CLUB BONDI JUNCTION**

#### **PRESENT**

Kerry Ryan (Gosford), Sean Henly (Wentworthville), Helen Little (by Skype), Peter Bain (by speaker phone - Wentworthville), Michael McMahon (Coogee Randwick), Wally Northcott (Coogee Randwick), Noel Ryan (Manly), Judith Watts (South Sydney Juniors), Pat Kinghorn (Bondi Diggers & Bondi Junction Waverley).

#### **APOLOGIES**

Bob Kelsall

#### **ODE**

The meeting was opened at 7.00 pm by Kerry Ryan reciting the Ode.

#### **MINUTES**

The minutes of the last meeting were accepted as read.

Proposer: Michael McMahon Seconder: Wally Northcott

#### **CORRESPONDENCE IN:**

Treasurers report and apology for not attending received from Bob Kelsall.

Letter from Steve O'Connell (Vic Branch).

Request from Joan and Noel Ryan regarding insurance information

Proposal from Peter Bain to formalize rules for dead heats

#### **CORRESPONDENCE OUT:**

Minutes from previous meeting

Letter re Legacy weekend in Dubbo

Proposer: Wally Northcott Seconder: Judith Watts

#### **TREASURERS REPORT**

This was sent in by Bob Kelsall. Current balance at end of June was \$20,280.96

#### **GENERAL BUSINESS**

Insurance - Kerry will follow up with our Insurance company to clarify the situation if we ever have to cancel a carnival due to weather.

Proposed changes to Constitution - This is the formalisation of what we do in the case of dead heats, after a request from a member club. This will go into the carnival rules and simply puts into the rules what has always been done.

-If there is a dead heat for first place, both teams would get the points for first place. No points would be given for second place.

-If there is a dead heat for second place, both teams would get the points for seconds. No points would be given for third place.

-If there is a dead heat for third place, both teams would get the points for 3<sup>rd</sup> place.

**PLEASE NOTE THE ATTACHED VOTING FORM FOR THIS.**

**Life members** - there have been no nominations for life members for this year's AGM.

**Nelson Bay March 10th, 2018** – Once again Kerry thanked the people who did a great job at Grafton and hopes that they will be available again at Nelson Bay. Someone is definitely required here to ferry paperwork to the engine room and Ed Semmens has indicated that he is available again. Kerry also mentioned the marshals and time recorders who did a great job in Grafton and they are required again too. We will probably have bigger numbers at Nelson Bay and we are all looking forward to it again. So if you are one of the fabulous people who did such a great job – please let us know if you are available again!

**MELBOURNE 2019! A NEW VENUE TO VISIT!**

**Carnival for 2019** - The Victorian branch of the AIF swimming association have put in submission to have the carnival in Melbourne. Koby Hoskins has been working hard on this submission and they have officially applied for a carnival to be held on 2nd March, 2019. The pool is the Noble Park Aquatic Centre. The venue for the function is expected to be Longbeach RSL at Chelsea. Chelsea is 35 kms from Melbourne city centre. The train station is close to the pool. The Victorian branch has been a member of the association since 1973 (45 years).

Kerry proposed that we go to Melbourne and the committee is in favour (and quite excited at the prospect of developing further contacts and clubs in Victoria, and introducing a new venue for all our participating clubs). It is hoped that membership in Victoria would be boosted by having the carnival in Melbourne. This carnival was agreed to at the meeting and will be confirmed at the AGM in August.

From Steve O'Connell ( Secretary of the Victorian Branch)

We consider that holding the Australian carnival in Melbourne would be a great boost to the swimming association in Victoria as it seeks to regain lost numbers over recent years predominantly due to the loss of some of our long term elderly swimmers. We also see this as an opportunity to encourage other RSL's to set up swimming sections (whilst there has been interest from various RSLs over the past few years, such an event may be the impetus we need to get them over the line):

Date: Saturday 2nd March 2019. This date has been selected to ensure that accommodation is available for interstate participants. The following weekend is Moomba in Melbourne (and a long weekend) and the weekend after that is the Formula One Grand Prix.

Pool Venue: Noble Park Aquatic Centre – 9 Memorial Drive, Noble Park, Victoria. The venue will provide a 50 metre length outdoor pool (diving allowed at one end only) and an area for the engine room. The pool is about 35 kilometres and 30 minute drive from the centre of Melbourne. The nearest railway station is around 300 metres from the pool.

We acknowledge the outstanding efforts from the Albury club over the last 20 years, and we will seek to make use of that experience to provide an exceptional carnival in 2019 should it be determined that the carnival is to be held in Melbourne.

Presentation Venue: Longbeach RSL – 4 Thames Promenade, Chelsea, Victoria. The venue will cater for 450 plus attendees and would involve a 2 course sit down dinner (soup and main) with drinks at bar prices. Expected cost per person would be \$45. It is expected that the room (which will be in the Chelsea Town Hall) will be available from 5pm on the day and that entrees would be served around 6.45pm and mains around 7.45pm. The Town Hall is about 14 kilometres and 20 minute drive from the pool venue.

We anticipate holding a happy hour get together on Friday night from 6pm at the Longbeach RSL for the carnival management team to advise final arrangements for the carnival.

There will be a list of accommodation venues suggested, and also the transport facilities available.

Next Meeting AGM 28<sup>th</sup> August 2017