

## **AIF MINUTES**

### **MONDAY 25<sup>TH</sup> JULY, 2022 ZOOM MEETING**

#### **PRESENT**

Kerry Ryan (Gosford), Sean Henly (Wentworthville), Helen Little (Southport), Peter Bain (Wentworthville), Wally Northcott (Coogee Randwick), Michael McMahon (Coogee Randwick), Joanne Falla (Coogee Randwick), Bob Kelsall (Manly Diggers), Anita Hawtin (Bondi Diggers & Bondi Junction Waverley), Pat Kinghorn (Bondi Diggers & Bondi Junction Waverley).

#### **APOLOGIES**

Nil

#### **ODE**

The meeting was opened at 7 pm by Sean Henly reciting the Ode.

Kerry welcomed everyone to the meeting.

#### **MINUTES**

The minutes of the last Meeting were accepted as read.

Proposer: Michael McMahon, Seconder: Pat Kinghorn

#### **CORRESPONDENCE OUT**

The Carnival results were sent out. The invitation to this Zoom meeting were sent out.

Letter to NSW RSL

#### **CORRESPONDENCE IN**

Letter from Newcastle re closure of Newcastle swimming club.

Email from Michael McMahon re next year's Carnival.

Proposal: The minutes be accepted.

Minutes be accepted Proposer: Pat Kinghorn, Seconder: Kerry Ryan

## TREASURERS REPORT

This was read by Bob Kelsall. Details for the year:

Bank balance 30/6/22	\$15,677.77
Affiliation fees	\$1,215.00
Carnival entry fees	\$3,140.00
Stock on hand	\$756.00

Sponsorship by Clubs was \$1550. Raffle income was \$3,503.00

It was noted there was a \$2000 donation to Lismore for flood relief. This was from the Coff's Harbour pool raffle and a \$1000 donation from Nyngan.

Proposal: The Treasurer's report be accepted.

Proposer: Helen Little, Seconder : Michael McMahon

## GENERAL BUSINESS

**Life Membership** – Kerry read the following letter from Wentworthville re nomination for Peter Bain.

“On behalf of the Wentworthville Leagues Swimming Club I nominate Peter Bain for life membership of the AIF Swimming Association of Australia he has surpassed the 7 years on committee criteria.

Peter has served as Carnival director since 2013, 9 carnivals (1 cancelled due to Covid but entries prepared).

He has revolutionized the capture and processing of race results and point score tally processing, all results are available minutes after the final race is completed.

Peter has taken up the preparation of the carnival printed programme, this has been very well received by all swimmers in attendance.

His outstanding achievements are worthy of life membership.

Peter was made life member of the now defunct Western Metropolitan Swimming Association a few years ago based on his service to that organization.

Regards,

Sean Henly.

**Life Membership** – Kerry read the following letter from Southport re nomination for Helen Little.

“The Southport Sharks Swimming Club would like to nominate Helen Little for consideration as a Life Member of the AIF Swimming Association.

Helen has been a long serving member of the Association, firstly as a Captain/President of the Southport Sharks and secondly as the AIF Secretary.

She was Southport Club Captain from 1997 - 2018 and then has continued to serve as President from 2018. During this time she has been instrumental in ensuring that the Southport Club has remained a strong competitive club within the AIF and that they are very supportive of all AIF swimming activities. She has attended all national carnivals with the exception of one since 1997.

In 2014 Helen volunteered to be the Secretary of the AIF Swimming Association and immediately led us into the 21<sup>st</sup> century when she was involved, remotely, in all committee meetings using evolving social media technology. This innovation meant that it was then possible for other committee members, that were not from the Sydney area, to be involved on the Committee. Helen has enhanced the communication between the committee and all clubs due to her open and friendly personality and this has assisted in the administrative smooth functioning of all the national carnivals that she has been involved in.

She has made recommendations in other areas of management that have facilitated not only streamlining the administrative process but also initiated ideas that have provided a reduction in costs for the Association.

She is truly deserving of this recognition by the AIF Swimming Association.

Yours in swimming,

Wendy Stanford  
Club Secretary  
Southport Sharks.

**Kerry Ryan** said to the meeting:

Tonight we have 2 nominations for Life Membership for the AIF Swimming Association. For the first time in 34 years two proposals have been received in the one year. In my opinion I am proud to present these 2 nominations to our club both Helen Little and Peter Bain in their positions of Secretary and Carnival Director have steered the Association into the new era.

Peter has utilized his skills to transform the preparation of Heats / Results into whole new prospective. In fact, results are now available within minutes after the last event. (a bonus to myself and the other previous auditors on the day).

He is to be commended for his commitment involving long hours spent in preparation for a carnival and the non stop workload on carnival day not even swimming.

Also for his preparation of the Carnival Program which has been widely praised.

Helen Little has exceeded in the secretary position. Her skills have resulted in up to date communications to your Club. Never have Clubs been so informed. With her outgoing friendly nature she has built up a close rapport with clubs and is always available to them for any enquiries and assistance. I am aware of the respect she has from you all. With the cancellation of the 2020 Southport Carnival cancellation Helen was a major player in negotiations with Clubs /Venue / Pool and came out with the appreciation of all concerned.

Both Peter and Helen have together been able to not only bring myself but the Association into the electronic age. They have been an important component towards the successful carnivals we now enjoy - In fact nine years of loyal service to the AIF swimming association.

I thank them for the assistance and support they have always given me and I have no hesitation in endorsing their nomination for Life Membership.

Kerry Ryan

President AIF Swimming Association

**Peter Bain** replied: Thank you very much for the nomination. It is much appreciated.

There are only two things before the Entry form for 2023 is ready to go. We need the dinner prices (adults and children) and the age limit for children. Plus bank details for the direct debits, and address to send any cheques. The Entry fee must be confirmed at the AGM. Around October, November the Entry form will be ready and needs to be back by 20<sup>th</sup> February, 2023.

There is a change to the Entry form in that it is protected so people cannot put in any other details. Helen has been trialing this. Articles and photos for the programme are required. Perhaps anniversaries and photos of other events are good subjects. Even just a one page report.

**Helen Little** replied. Thank you for the nomination. It is much appreciated.

Re Service Eligibility – this had been queried at the last carnival. So to solve this before it becomes a problem a permanent record will be kept to prevent any issues at a carnival. Southport, Ballina and BJW have provided their proof of service (6 months and more of Service). Please note that eligibility criteria is in the constitution which is on the Association website.

**Michael McMahon** – discussed the public liability policy re insurance for the next Carnival. Coogee Diggers is following this up with their insurance broker to see if it can be added to their existing policy or is a stand-alone policy required.

The Sydney Invitational Carnival (held 24/7/22) was discussed where results were obtained straight away because the Dolphin blue timing system was used. However, the system would not work sufficiently quickly for the handicap events.

Helen said there was no reply to our letter requesting NSW RSL president to become our Association Patron.

**Bob Kelsall** – with the demise of the Newcastle club, should a miscellaneous spot be reserved at the Carnival for people who may still wish to be involved. Peter said they can swim under a neutral flag. Helen said that in relays, we have regularly worked to add people together to create relay teams – to give people more opportunities to participate in events. Kerry said re the winding down of small clubs, we must have a way to allow active swimmers to keep attending carnivals. There would just be a need to formally register them as a member of the AIF Association.

The AGM is scheduled for 29<sup>th</sup> August so please reply for the 2 above mentioned life memberships .

Meeting closed at 7.55pm