

## **AIF MEETING by Zoom SATURDAY 4th SEPTEMBER 2021. 11 am**

**PRESENT** Kerry Ryan (Gosford), Sean Henly (Wentworthville), Noel Ryan (Manly), Helen Little, Peter Bain (Wentworthville), Jo Falla (Coogee Randwick), Michael McMahon (Coogee Randwick), Wally Northcott (Coogee Randwick), Pat Kinghorn (Bondi Diggers & Bondi Junction Waverley).

**APOLOGIES** Bob Kelsall (Manly)

**ODE** Sean opened the meeting by reciting the Ode. He asked us to remember members who had passed away recently. These people were Lilly Pearce (Hornsby) and Nick Donato (Wentworthville / Seven Hills).

**MINUTES** The minutes of the last meeting were accepted. Proposer: Michael McMahon, Seconder: Pat Kinghorn

**CORRESPONDENCE IN:** Email from Steve Harper (Cronulla RSL) with suggestions. The time and thought put into this was much appreciated.

**CORRESPONDENCE OUT:** Emails to all clubs re AIF meeting via zoom. Correspondence be accepted Proposer: Michael McMahon, Seconder: Noel Ryan

**TREASURERS REPORT** Bob Kelsall had prepared his report and sent his apologies for not being able to attend. Kerry said the balance at 1st September was \$16,031.48. The \$640 for towels for Coffs Harbour has already been paid (but not the embroidery of those towels).

Re the enquiry from the Taxation Department mentioned at last meeting – Kerry contacted them. They said that the wrong information had been entered by the Taxation office. They didn't have us down as a 'sporting body'. They have adjusted their records. Kerry will keep all documentation re this. Treasurers report be accepted Proposer: Mick McMahon Seconder: Helen Little

**LIFE MEMBER NOMINATIONS:** nil received

**CHANGES TO CONSTITUTION:** nil received

### **GENERAL BUSINESS**

Carnival 2022. Costs for Coffs Harbour – these cannot be calculated at the moment so the swimmers entrance fee will be left to next meeting. There could be hidden costs we don't know of yet.

Stock on hand – Helen has purchased 60 towels at \$8.50/towel. Embroidery will probably cost the same amount. Peter Bain will check to see if he can get a better price. Mugs – we have sufficient Pens – we have sufficient Service Trophies. Will ask in future to have year added separately. We may be able to reuse some that were not needed that way

Recording sheets – Peter said these will be redesigned if necessary. Perhaps shading will be added.

Pool & Club function costs – will be investigated. Food at the pool - ? Subway may provide and sell. ? a marquee (as at Nelson Bay) may be hired. ? a local swimming club may wish to run a BBQ. We would still need to buy water. Or a nearby may be able to supply food packages and we will pay them. Pool Cost – we may hire the pool and retain the gate takings or they (it's a Council pool) will charge entry fee and retain money themselves.

Insurance – Southport's own insurance covered everyone at the last carnival but in Coffs Harbour we will have to purchase. Helen will investigate

Change 30metre races to 25 metres – this was unanimously agreed to at a committee meeting so will be sent out to all clubs for comment.

Suggested Reasons for change.

- 1)30m race was a hangover from the days of 33 1/3 yard pools
- 2) Problem of marking the 30m line. As we currently have 30m races and 25m races, the line marking can be confusing.
- 3) Most pools have a distinctive 25m mark already – and often there is also the option of adding the line above the pool for extra clarity.
- 4)There are some clubs who swim in a 25M pool.
- 5)Also after the current 30m races we run the 25m races so this change could be smoothly incorporated into our current programme.

Accommodation at Coffs Harbour – if clubs are having trouble getting accommodation it was pointed out that there is a lot of accommodation south of Coffs Harbour (rather than looking north). Eg Sawtell and Urunga. There is also Woolgoolga.

Peter Bain – mentioned that the 30m race is a big pain point. It's fast and furious and becomes a bit of a nightmare. It has to be managed so that recorders can have a swim. He said we need people there who know what they are doing. If they are not experienced, details can be recorded against the wrong heat.

**Carnival for 2023** – we should put out feelers to clubs to see if they are interested.

Steve Harper (Cronulla RSL) – we very much appreciate his ideas which included moving 80/85 years to 50m races – ( this is always under revision by the committee to be reviewed should these age groups start to fill up but at this stage we do not wish to exclude swimmers who only swim the 25M)

Hard to get Service people to swim – At the 2021 carnival both Peter and Helen mentioned that we had more younger service people than previously ( Afghanistan and Timor etc) which, given we are an AIF based swimming club was very good to see.

Should the Ray Weeks age group now 140 years – increase to 240 years. The committee was asked to think about this. We have already introduced the Gosford cup relay for the 'middle' group of swimmers. Electronic timing – for a variety of reasons this will not be done. Eg it would slow down the carnival as resetting has to be done after each race. Also some people would not hit the pads hard enough to register. Relay races would be a big problem as would the 30m (25m) races – very messy. It adds about \$2000 to the carnival cost. Peter noted that the timing for the championship events in particular has been very good in that judges and timekeepers agree – with less than .1 variation. Kerry thanked Cronulla RSL for their input and interest and for sending in their questions.

Sean mentioned that a person from Sale Victoria was interested in starting a club. He has passed on the information to Helen

**Sponsors – Helen asked if all clubs can seek sponsors for the carnival.** This year, the AIF itself will be the host for the carnival. If we are able to get sponsors for events, it will enable us to keep the costs down for all swimmers. The costs for sponsoring individual age groups would only need to be about \$30 an event – more for handicap and relay events. Helen will approach Speedo, Funkita and Budgy Smugglers again, but all help will be greatly appreciated.

AGM will be a zoom meeting on 9th October . Time TBA. If you are interested in attending the meeting via Zoom, please let Helen know so that the link can be sent.

Meeting closed at 11.50am