

AIF MINUTES MEETING 18th APRIL 2016

PRESENT

Margaret Farebrother (Wentworthville), Kerry Ryan (Gosford), Sean Henly (Wentworthville), Helen Little (by Speaker phone- Southport), Peter Bain (by speaker phone - Wentworthville), Michael McMahon (Coogee Randwick), Wally Northcott (Coogee), Judy Watts (South Sydney), Pat Kinghorn (Bondi Diggers).

APOLOGIES

Barbara Urquhart (Bondi Junction Waverley), Don Johnston (Bondi Junction Waverley), Brian O'Keeffe (Hornsby), Kerry Smith, Roland Nicholson (Maroubra).

MINUTES

The minutes of the last meeting were accepted as read. Proposer Wally Northcott, 2nd Michael McMahon.

CORRESPONDENCE IN : Thank you emails for a successful carnival from Bronte, South Sydney, Manly Diggers, Hornsby, Ballina, Maroubra, Cronulla RSL, Cobar, Bondi Diggers.

CORRESPONDENCE OUT : Minutes of last meeting, Handicap results.

Carnival Directors Report

One word comes to mind when I think of the 2016 carnival and that is SUCCESS.

That success wasn't just what happened at the pool. It started with the great job done by most clubs in getting their entries in on time and accurate. Of course there were a few exceptions to that and a few late changes but we'll keep working with those clubs to keep improving. It was very helpful when clubs gave us early notice of withdrawals too as we were able to have everything ready at the pool in time for each event.

As well as the clubs themselves which make this organization what it is, I would like to thank those who helped make the carnival the success that it was.

- To Helen Little for accepting the entries and passing them on to me after some clever editing. Also for your help in the engine room on the day of the carnival and for your emotional support leading up to the big day. Great teamwork.
- To John Stanford and members of the Southport club for all the lead up work for the carnival. There was nothing I needed on the day that wasn't already there for me. It made the day run so smoothly from where I sat in my air conditioned room. Very spoiled and now sets a pretty high standard for the future.

- To Keith Elliot for his assistance in entering results for the 50m and 30m and helping with some spot checking of other results. Due to Keith's assistance I was able to have sheets for marshals, recorders, and the announcer ready to go when they needed them. It also allowed me to be up to date with recording results. I was even able to watch the last relay as it was the only event yet to be recorded.
- To Kerry Ryan for your organizational abilities to keep everything running so smoothly. Also for all your support before, during and after the carnival.
- To Ed Semmens and your team of recorders for the timely and accurate recording of the results. I think there was only one result we questioned on the day which is fantastic as there were 1350 individual times taken and recorded on the day. This also shows how well Ed and his team train new groups of time keepers every year.

We can all now look forward to Grafton in 2017 with the same enthusiasm that made this year's carnival the success it was.

Peter Bain

Carnival Director

President's report

I can only reiterate what I said on the night of the presentation I regard the 2016 carnivals one of the most successful events we have ever run. The Friday night is proving very successful in sorting out any issues and answering questions before the carnival. Thank to Helen for working this on the night.

From the very start on the day we had timekeepers ready to start on time and the co-operation of this by the clubs was first class.

As I said on the night timekeepers and runners are essential to a smooth carnival and in this case their work was exceptional.

The engine room was a pleasure to watch. Peter and Keith need to be congratulated as they were completely up to date throughout the day. A special note about the outstanding runners (not children) on the day.

Helen and Peter have proved they are a formidable team when it comes to preparation and execution of the large entries. The time they both put into this is enormous.

On the night of course I must thank the raffle people as they were still working at the presentation. A big thank you goes to Bondi Diggers who put their hand up early to do this task and did it well and also to Bob Kelsall and Sean Henly for running the raffle on stage for their first time.

Finally to John Stanford and the Southport club A MIGHTY THANK YOU. Your work as a club helped to make this carnival such a success.

Overall it makes me eager to do a repeat in Grafton 2017

Kerry Ryan
President AIF Swimming Assn of Australia Inc.

TREASURERS REPORT

Southport Sharks – hire of tent and engine room hire – total \$1677.50 However the Southport Club were able to gain a grant of \$1000 through community grants – towards tent hire – so the cost to the Assn is \$677.50. Thank you to the Sharks club for pursuing the grants

Current balance \$19,649.38 The raffle at the club made a profit of \$1208 after purchase of tickets

GENERAL BUSINESS

Besides the appreciation of a well organized carnival from many clubs, clubs raised a few suggestions. Helen noted that the feedback is always appreciated.

Cronulla RSL has suggested that all championship races be held over 50M. The feeling at the meeting was that clubs would be asked to vote on extending the 75-79 age group races to 50M(numbers in these age groups were good). (this will be sent out to clubs before the AGM –please discuss this in your clubs) However as the 80 plus age groups were still poorly patronized, it was decided that the 80 plus age groups at this time will still be 25M.

Several clubs have suggested that people balloted out of the finals of the handicap events should still be awarded a towel at the presentation. Kerry Ryan has taken this under consideration for future carnivals - in discussion with Peter Bain regarding numbers who missed out. Cobar also suggested that it would a good idea to have 2 timekeepers for the handicap finals, as it is disappointing if there is a mess-up in the timing at this stage. This suggestion has been passed on to the Ed Semmens and Peter Bain.

It was felt in general that timekeeping from the teams was better, although there were some complaints that some teams did not do their fair share. Helen noted that each lane had approximately the same number of nominated swimmers per lane to share timekeeping opportunities.

Bondi Diggers noted that several clubs did not supply a raffle prize and some swimmers seemed unaware of the raffle, and perhaps this could be promoted more before the next carnival.

Next carnival is at Grafton on March 18th– information about accommodation can be accessed on Facebook- just search GRAFTON AIF 2017 – thank you Steve Donnelly.

Sean Henly has added the photos from Southport onto the AIF website. This meant that the website needed more memory, which is to be organized by Sean. Thank you the Southport for these, and the “photo session” on the presentation night was enjoyed by all.

The next meeting will be on July 11th at 7.00pm. Any nominations for life membership, and any suggested changes to the constitution or carnival rules need to be handed in by this meeting for consideration by the meeting, and if necessary sent out to clubs, so that clubs can vote before the AGM.

The AGM will be on August 15th at 7.00pm