

AIF COMMITTEE – GENERAL MEETING MINUTES
Monday, 16 December 2024, 7.30pm via Zoom

PRESENT: Helen Little (Southport), Peter Bain (Wentworthville), Sean Henly (Wentworthville), Anita Hawtin (Bondi Diggers & Bondi Junction Waverley), Pat Kinghorn (Bondi Diggers & Bondi Junction Waverley), Joanne Falla (Coogee Diggers), Bob Kelsall (Manly Diggers), Lynda Price (Coogee Diggers), Bob Clark (Cobar), Kerry Ryan (Gosford)

APOLOGIES: Michael McMahon (Coogee Diggers), Catherine Davis (Moree Diggers)

Helen Little welcomed everyone to the meeting.

ODE: The meeting opened at 7.30pm by Sean Henly reading the Ode.

CORRESPONDENCE

In: Fourteen clubs have submitted their membership forms.

Out: Carnival entry forms were sent out to all clubs on 5 November 2024 with a due date of 13 February 2025. Clubs were also requested to submit articles for the AIF Carnival Program by 3 February 2025.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Bob Kelsall advised that the current bank balance is \$16,725.99.

It was noted that 18 clubs have paid their affiliation fees and that Anita had only received 14 membership forms to date. One sponsorship has been confirmed from Cobar Yabbies.

The meeting welcomed the Sunshine Coast Cyclones as a new member of the AIF Swimming Association.

Action: Anita and Bob to reconcile who has submitted their membership forms and paid the \$50 affiliation fee. Anita to send a reminder to outstanding Clubs.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Helen advised that she has enough glasses and water bottles for carnival prizes but will need to order an additional 64 towels and arrange trophies. Helen will arrange for these to be transported to the function in Coffs Harbour.

Action: Anita to request Clubs to donate raffle prizes and to return trophies on the presentation evening.

2025 CARNIVAL UPDATE

- Peter advised that arrangements for the 2025 carnival are going well.
- Peter will liaise with the Ex-Services Club about timelines based on the last event held in Coffs Harbour.
- Peter has contacted the local swimming club regarding chairs, tables and a BBQ.
- Jo Falla agreed to assist Peter with the 25m and 50m races.
- A request for timekeepers etc will be sent out once entry forms have been received.

KERRY RYAN TROPHY

Kerry Ryan was pleased to hear that the Coogee Diggers Sub-branch will sponsor the *Kerry Ryan* trophy. Kerry will continue to sponsor the Gosford trophy.

2026 CARNIVAL

Discussion was held about the location of the 2026 carnival and the need to continue to build participation numbers.

The meeting discussed concerns about getting enough participation in Orange and agreed to look at other options including Nelsons Bay and Newcastle. Kerry Ryan also suggested Ashfield, Hornsby and the University of NSW.

It was noted that if we do not have a host club in 2026, then a sub-committee will need to be formed to manage the 2026 swimming carnival.

Ideally, the 2026 carnival should be announced at the presentation dinner and published in the AIF Program.

GENERAL BUSINESS

AIF Carnival Program

The meeting discussed the future of the AIF Program including the content. It was agreed that a digital version should be considered for 2026.

Actions:

Peter Bain to review the article prepared by Helen about the *Kerry Ryan* trophy for inclusion in the Program.

To ensure the Program remains relevant to members, Jo Falla will ask members of the Coogee Diggers Club for their feedback.

Lynda to request the Sunshine Coast Cyclones to prepare a feature article on their Club.

Anita to remind clubs that the Program articles are due on 3 February 2025 and request sponsors, noting that sponsorships will be published in the Program.

Wristbands

Anita advised that she had sought quotes for wristbands to be used at the carnival function.

Action: It was agreed that Anita go ahead and order 500 wristbands (minimum order) at a cost of approximately \$60.00.

Letterhead

Bob advised that he had made up a letterhead using the latest AIF logo.

Action: Bob to distribute the letterhead to the swimming committee for their review and formalise as a final version.

Meeting closed: 8.20pm

Next meeting: 20 January 2025