

AIF MINUTES - GENERAL MEETING
Monday, 22 April 2024, 7pm via Zoom

PRESENT: Kerry Ryan (Gosford), Peter Bain (Wentworthville), John Stanford (Southport), Helen Little (Southport), Stephanie Dickinson (Blacktown), Sean Henly (Wentworthville), Anita Hawtin (Bondi Diggers & Bondi Junction Waverley), Pat Kinghorn (Bondi Diggers & Bondi Junction Waverley), Joanne Falla (Coogee Randwick), Debbie Kleemeyer (Nerang), Bob Clark (Cobar)

APOLOGIES: Bob Kelsall (Manly Diggers)

Kerry Ryan welcomed everyone to the meeting.

ODE: The meeting opened at 7.08pm by Sean Henly reading the Ode.

MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting held on 11 March 2024 were accepted as correct. Pat Kinghorn moved the minutes be accepted, Helen Little seconded.

CORRESPONDENCE

In: The Cronulla and Maroubra clubs thanked the AIF Swimming Association on a successful carnival.

Richard Bloomfield made a special mention regarding the success of the stop/go signs on either side of the pool.

A suggestion was received from Pat Kinghorn that there should be a sign showing the events and heats.

Overall, the comments about the 87th Annual AIF Carnival were very positive.

Out: The carnival results were issued to all participating clubs.

It was proposed the correspondence be accepted. Proposer: Pat Kinghorn, Secunder: Stephanie Dickinson.

TREASURER'S REPORT

The Treasurer's report was read by Kerry Ryan. It was noted that the bank balance is \$16,487.09. The raffle raised \$2,500 with the only expense being the gift vouchers purchased for \$600.

Helen Little advised the Committee that there is now two years' worth of glasses and water bottles and the only prize required for purchase for the next carnival will be towels.

It was proposed that the Treasurer's report be accepted. Proposer: Stephanie Dickinson, Secunder: Bob Clark.

2024 ANNUAL CARNIVAL UPDATE

Peter Bain provided an update on the 2024 Carnival:

- Feedback on the carnival has been very positive with only one small glitch. On all accounts, it was recognised as one of the best run carnivals.
- Steve Donnelly and Gary Dickson confirmed that the stop/go signs worked well from their perspective. Steve will make some further minor recommendations for the next carnival.
- The committee conveyed their thanks to Coogee for the historical programs which date back to 1959. It was noted that only 1961 and 1962 were missing. Peter will scan and catalogue the programs and return them to Coogee. Peter requested that clubs ask if any of their members have programs that date prior to 1959.
- Peter will re-send the forms to confirm the booking for the Coffs Ex-Services Club and the pool agreement for the 2025 carnival. It was noted that we won't have a Certificate of Currency until closer to the carnival.
- It was noted that one of the championship results was challenged at the presentation. There was general discussion on how to deal with this in the future including having club captains be responsible for raising any issues. This item will be discussed at a future committee meeting.

Kerry Ryan provided an update on the 2024 Carnival:

- Kerry reiterated that the carnival was a success, and that Southport did an outstanding job as well as the AIF committee members, timekeepers, judges and runners.
- Specific mention was made on the excellent job that Peter did in the engine room.
- Thanks, was also conveyed to Richard Bloomfield who mentored members from Cronulla and Cobar for the recording.

CROWS NEST CUP SERVICES RELAY

Discussion was held about the Crows Nest Cup Services relay as there was only one team participating this year. It was noted that the number of clubs who participate in this relay varies from year-to-year.

John Stanford drew the committee's attention to the core responsibilities of the association as set out in the AIF Swimming Association's Constitution and recommended that no changes be made to this event. Instead, clubs should seek out and encourage current and ex-service swimmers to participate.

There was also discussion of a point score to further celebrate the service people. The Chair thanked everyone for their comments and recommended that this item be discussed at a future meeting.

GENERAL BUSINESS

Kerry Ryan announced that he is reluctantly standing down as the President of the AIF Swimming Association. He will fulfil his role until the next Annual General Meeting. Kerry acknowledged the previous and current committee for their work and commitment and wished the AIF Swimming Association all the best for the future.

Meeting closed: 7.50pm

Next meeting: To be advised.