

AIF MINUTES

MONDAY 4th SEPTEMBER, 2023 ZOOM

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

PRESENT

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

APOLOGIES

Sean Henly (Wentworthville), Anita Hawtin (Bondi Diggers & Bondi Junction Waverley),

ODE

The Zoom meeting was opened by Kerry reading the Ode.

Kerry welcomed everyone to the meeting.

MINUTES

The minutes of the last Annual General Meeting and also the last General Meeting were accepted as read.

Proposer: Michael McMahon, Seconder: Bob Kelsall.

CORRESPONDENCE OUT nil

CORRESPONDENCE IN

Replies from clubs – mostly re Insurance

Minutes be accepted Proposer: Peter Bain, Seconder: Pat Kinghorn

VOTING

Kerry handed proceedings over to Helen to run the election of President. After being elected, Kerry Ryan ran the elections.

Helen Little declared all committee positions vacant. The results of elections were:

Patron: position to be left vacant at present.

President: Kerry Ryan

Vice President: Sean Henly

Secretary: Helen Little

Treasurer: Bob Kelsall

Carnival Director: Peter Bain

Assistant Secretary: Anita Hawtin

All the above were elected unopposed. Wally Northcott congratulated everyone for taking up their positions again.

GENERAL BUSINESS

Insurance – The Committee have decided not to proceed with the insurance proposal that would include clubs under one cover. There was a small response received from the clubs as quite a few clubs are covered by an RSL/Sports Club. It was felt the idea was good in principle, however, with a smaller number of clubs the benefits would not be substantial enough. All clubs would have needed to send existing swimmers details and those of any new swimmers joining during the season and this would require constant updates.

Carnival timekeeping – Peter spoke of the need for a simple writeup (3 pages) of content to inform clubs before a carnival of what is required of timekeepers. The pages detail Team A (odd numbers) and Team B (even numbers) time as shown on the clock. There is a separate page for Championships. It was decided to send to clubs before the carnival to make sure they are read. Team A would always start timekeeping for a new event. There was discussion re ‘changes to submitted forms’. There will be an absolute “no extra entries on the day”, and the cut-off date for changes to the submitted form will be very clear to all. Peter has been too kind in the past, but it adds much to the workload on the day. Kerry will make this part of his list of regulations.

Team A – always start timing on 1st heat.

No conversion of minutes to seconds.

It was proposed that the timekeeping and form filling instructions be tightened.
Proposed: Bob Kelsall, Seconder: Helen Little

Prizes and trophies. Helen said we are starting from scratch again. She called for suggestions. Scotch glasses in their own box were suggested, plus microfibre towels. Pens? Caps?

Honorariums for Committee members – these are unchanged from previously:

President	\$150
Vice President	\$150
Secretary	\$250
Treasurer	\$150
Carnival Director	\$250
Assist. Secretary	\$150

Honorariums be accepted Proposer: Michael McMahon, Seconder : Peter Bain

Affiliation Fees of \$50 for clubs This increase was proposed by Kerry Ryan,
Seconded by : Helen Little.

Carnival entry fee \$15 is unchanged.

Letter from Grafton. “It is 12 months on the 12.09.2023 since the Clarence Valley Council (CVC) decided not to reopen the Grafton Pool complex due to its deteriorating condition after 65 years of operation. The CVC has put in place plans for a new lifestyle complex which is shown in the Grafton Pool Update and EOI report which is attached. Currently the CVC Councillors are dragging their feet on this decision, while the Council has done all the background work and is ready to go. Could you please send out the attached letter asking all Clubs to respond ASAP to the Clarence Valley Councillors to make the decision to commence this very necessary community facility. We are seeking your support to enable the complex to commence. Regards, Steve Donnelly, President GDSC swimming club.”

“Grafton Aquatic Lifestyle Complex

Dear Clarence Valley Councillors,

Our swimming club would like to support the completion of the whole Grafton Aquatic Lifestyle complex as soon as possible.

The National AIF Carnival with 400 – 500 swimmers has been held in Grafton on two occasions which bring great benefits to the community and showcases the Clarence Valley.

Optional: Our Club has been to both these carnivals and on other occasions and enjoyed friendly country people at a great complex and would like to see this continue into the future.

(XYZ) Club would like to see the new complex completed urgently as there are great benefits to the community and teaching children to swim is so important.

Regards

Secretary/ President

(XYZ) Club”

Next Carnival – Saturday 23 March 2024 at Southport

Succession Planning for Committee members – Joanne Falla suggested one of their members, Mick Ousley may be able to assist Peter Bain.

Meeting Closed at 8.15 pm.

Next meeting 23rd October, 7.00pm