



**THE NSW ASSOCIATION OF AUSSI MASTERS  
SWIMMING CLUBS INC**  
trading as Masters Swimming NSW

**Annual General Meeting**  
held on 19 May 2012  
at Ken Brown Rooms, 6A Figtree Drive,  
Sydney Olympic Park.

**Minutes**

The meeting commenced at 10:30 am.

**1. Welcome to members by President**

Jane Noake welcomed and thanked the Member Clubs delegates and Registered Persons for their attendance.

**2. Apologies**

Registered Persons: Sue Wiles (Board member), Gary Stutsel (Branch Life Member/ Technical Director/Molonglo), Mark Hepple (Branch Meet Recorder). Jenny Whiteley (Aerobics Recorder), Jodie Burke Safety Coordinator.

Clubs: Cook & Phillip, Myall Masters, Wett Ones.

**3. Declaration of Postal Votes and Delegates**

Delegates for the 26 clubs present as follows:

Blacktown – Scott Hay	Blue Mountains – Nerida Murray
Bushrangers – Jillian Pateman (Administrator)	Campbelltown – Owen Sinden
Caringbah – Carol Dawson	Castle Hill – Heather Cachia
Cessnock – Phil Murray	Coogee Randwick – Paul Wyatt
Cronulla Sutherland – Beryl Stenhouse	Ettalong – David Lynch
Gosford – Neil Keele (Country VP)	Hills – Di Coxon-Ellis
Hornsby – Stuart Ellicott (Board Member)	Lane Cove – John Notley
Manly – Ruth Fitzpatrick	Molonglo – Ruth Fitzpatrick
North Sydney – Grant Parr	Novocastrian – Carl Wallace
Penrith – Angela Elkington	Ryde – Helen Rubin

Sandbern – Paul Vallis

Seaside Pirates – Paul Slater

Trinity – John Kulhan

Warringah – Wilson Gamble

Wests Auburn – Wayne Sampson

Wollongong – Sue Johnstone (Life Member)

Other Registered Persons present were:

**President:** Jane Noake (Seaside Pirates)

**Vice President:** Tony Tooher (Warringah)

**Treasurer:** Stuart Meares (Warringah)

**Ordinary Member of the Board:** Jon Hawton (Blacktown); Sue Wiles (Blue Mountains).

**Life Members:** Helen Rubin (Ryde), Sue Johnstone (Wollongong)

**Registered Persons:** Diane Partridge (NSW Training Coordinator/Cessnock); Clary Munns (Blacktown) Barbara Briggs, Kevin Price (Campbelltown); Opal Eddy (Ettalong); Evelyn Kelly (Lane Cove); Stephen Lamy (Manly); Jamie Turner, Chris Lock, Wendy Magnus (Ryde); Ron Massar, Steve Murray (Sandbern); Daphne Kulhan (Trinity); Graham Campbell (Warringah); Terry Gainey, Roger Montgomery, Maureen Hall (West Auburn).

#### 4. **Confirmation of Minutes of Annual General Meeting of 21 May 2011**

As the minutes have been available on the MSNSW website, they were taken as read.

Matters arising:

Changing format of Splash magazine-to now be online only.

From June 2012 *Splash-e* will be available from the website and clubs can down-load a printable version for their members that request it.

**Motion:** That the Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on 21 May 2011 be accepted as correct.

Moved: Hills (Di Coxon-Ellis); seconded: Ryde (Helen Rubin).

Motion carried.

#### 5. **Receipt and review of the audited reports of the Statement of Income and Expenditure in the Treasurer's Report**

Stuart Meares spoke to the financial statements.

Matters noted:

The reports have been on the NSW website for viewing for four weeks and Stuart invited any questions.

Government grants are being distributed later each year, now coming in after our financial year end.

Clubs are requested to send in marketing ideas to increase member numbers.

**Motion:** That the Treasurer's report be accepted.

Moved: Manly (Stephen Lamy); seconded: Campbelltown (Owen Sinden).

Motion carried.

**6. Appointment of an independent assurance practitioner for the next financial year**

In 2008 the Association gave the Board the discretion to present an independent assurance practitioner's review of accounts by a qualified accountant to the Annual General Meetings. Again this year (31 December 2011) a review was made of the functions in the branch office by WW Vick & Co, as stated on pages 13 &14 of the Annual Report.

Appointment of Reviewing Accountants WW Vick & Co confirmed and Stuart moved the motion that they remain. Seconded: Manly (Stephen Lamy) All in favour, nil against.

**7. To receive reports on the activities of the Association**

It was agreed that a motion accepting all reports would be moved at the conclusion of the presentation of them all.

**President — Jane Noake**

Jane spoke to her report which is on the website.

Jane acknowledged the passing of Peg Wilson (Life Member) and asked for shared memories from the floor. Sue Johnstone (Wollongong) described the work and effort Peg put into Masters Swimming.

Jane acknowledged Di Coxon-Ellis retired from the position of Administrator and expressed gratitude in her now taking up the role of Branch Coaching Director. Jane expressed her thanks to incoming Administrator Jillian Pateman.

Jane acknowledged Stuart Meares and Mark Hepple for the length of service and size of the voluntary contributions they both make.

Also acknowledged was Colin Casey, currently experiencing ill health and who has recently retired from Referee duties. MSNSW thanks Colin for all his work, dedication and service to the organisation.

Acknowledgement was also given to Danny Crowe (Wett Ones) on being named not only

NSW Coach of the Year but also receiving the honour as National Coach of the Year.

Disappointingly there were no nominations for Official of the Year as it's seen that NSW officials are the best nationwide. It was asked of those clubs attending the AGM to return to their clubs and discuss this missed opportunity. Jamie Turner (Ryde) requested closing dates of nominations be highlighted on home page of website to attract attention. There is an unawareness of the issue at member level. Ideas such as inserting dates on the meet calendar were discussed. Clubs should be made aware that they do not need to nominate only from within their club but can go Branch wide.

Jane highlighted Gary Stutsel's induction into the International Masters Swimming Hall of Fame, a well-deserved recognition from global the swimming fraternity.

As yet there is no sponsorship for the 2013 National Championships in Sydney. Members are requested to contact potential companies they are connected with.

The meet will be held at SOPAC 17 to 20 April, 2013. Venue hire fees are high (Stuart Meares suggests \$25,000) and a sanction fee is paid to Masters Swimming Australia of around \$5000. Beryl Stenhouse (Cronulla Sutherland) suggested posters go to all clubs promoting the Nationals.

Jane acknowledged the Board for all the hard work they do for MSNSW without which we wouldn't have any swimming.

#### **Vice-President Country — Neil Keele**

Neil spoke to his report.

- Neil asks the regional clubs contact him so he can further represent their needs at the monthly Board meetings.

#### **National Delegate — Stuart Ellicott**

Stuart Ellicott spoke to his report.

Stuart discussed the National meetings he had attended and reminded the meeting that the NBM serves the membership so are open to ideas, suggestions and questions.

#### **Administrator — Jillian Pateman**

Jillian spoke to her report.

- Personal thanks for the support shown by the board and the enthusiastic response from the membership.

### **Technical Committee and Training Co-ordinator – Gary Stutsel & Diane Partridge**

At Gary Stutsel's request, Di Partridge spoke to Gary's report.

Gary will stand down from the position of Director with the NBM in 2012 but intends to remain on the panel.

Diane Partridge spoke to her report which is on the website:

- Diane Partridge stressed the need for all members to train up and share the load. DiP explained that reaccreditation is only required every four years and that officials need to officiate at a meet at least once a year.
- It was highlighted that 77 officials covered 480 positions at meets throughout 2011.

### **Aerobics Report – Jenny Whiteley**

At Jenny Whiteley's request Helen Rubin spoke to the report:

It is expected that problems will be lessened with the new Endurance 1000 program. Data entry should be simplified and remain at club level being overseen by Jenny.

Clubs are asked to promote Endurance swimming within their training programs.

Swim meet swims will automatically be recorded in the system.

### **Meet Recorder — Mark Hepple**

As Mark Hepple had sent his apologies-report is on the website.

### **Records Recorder – Jillian Pateman**

Jillian spoke to her report: Congratulated all who strive for record times.

### **Safety Co-coordinator — Jodie Burke**

Jane spoke to her report

- Thanks to Jamie Turner for assistance in producing the report tables. The importance of safety was stressed and that clubs should keep it foremost in their minds.
- Warm up lanes at meets need to be supervised and the WUS vest needs to be worn. It will be in the red bag and swimmers need to recognize and respect the WUS's instructions/advice. Club officials and coaches need to make members aware of warm up lanes and etiquette.

**Webmaster — Helen Rubin**

Helen spoke to her report:

There is a new-look website. Peter Gregory's areas of results etc could not be transferred across easily, this will be researched further. Facebook and twitter as communication options need to be explored. Many thanks go to Lindsay Brice and Lynette Falconer for their ongoing work behind the scenes.

More stories are requested for the e-news to flash across the home page screen.

**Motion:** Jane Noake moved that all the above mentioned reports be accepted.

Accepted: Neil Keele (Gosford); Seconded: Opal Eddy (Ettalong)

Motion carried.

**8. Election of Office Bearers**

Due to decision made at Special General Meeting held prior to Annual General Meeting Stuart Meares withdrew his nomination for President.

**Election of Executive**

**President** — one nomination had been received for Jane Noake, who was declared elected.

**Vice-President** — one nomination had been received for Tony Tooher, who was declared elected.

**Vice-President Country** — one nomination had been received for Neil Keele, who was declared elected.

Due to decision made at Special General Meeting held prior to Annual General Meeting Jane Noake withdrew her nomination for Treasurer.

**Treasurer** — one nomination had been received for Stuart Meares, who was declared elected.

**9. Ordinary Members of the Board – Three nominations had been received for the three positions - Stuart Ellicott, Jon Hawton and Sue Wiles, who were declared elected.**

The elected Executive and Ordinary Members will constitute the MSNSW Board from the conclusion of this meeting until the next Annual General Meeting.

## 10. General Business

(a) **To consider motions and all agenda items for which due and proper notice has been given.**

No agenda items have been received.

(b) **To consider matters for discussion:**

### Expressions of Interest

The Board has sought expressions of interest in appointment to the following positions prior to the AGM.

- Branch Coaching Director — Di Coxon-Ellis;
- Branch Technical Director — Gary Stutsel;
- Branch Training Coordinator — Diane Partridge;
- *Splash-e* Newsletter Editor — Nil;
- Webmasters — Helen Rubin, Lynette Falconer and Lindsay Brice;
- Endurance 1000 Recorder — Jenny Whiteley;
- Branch Safety Co-ordinator – Jodie Burke.

These positions will be ratified at the following Board Meeting.

An expression of interest form is available for Member Clubs.

Paul Slater (Seaside Pirates) took the floor to thank the members of the Board for their work.

Heather Cachia (Castle Hill) spoke for Robina Fellner with the question “why do aerobic results take so long to come out?” Answered that historically they have been presented at AGM, they will now be announced at State Championships, although no State Championships are to be held in 2013 due to hosting the National Championships in April.

Beryl Stenhouse (Cronulla Sutherland) asked if timekeepers could be allocated electronically? Paul Slater is working on a computer program.

Suggestions came for the hosting of the National Championships: could the Board ask members to billet swimmers? Could posters be sent to surf clubs to inspire interest? Could the NSW State Government be approached for a three day travel pass? Would SOPAC provide a reduced long term parking deal? -Committee will explore these options.

**11. Close.**

The meeting was closed at 12:35pm.

**Action Items: nil**