



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

Annual General Meeting
held on 16 May 2015
at Murray/Lachlan Rooms, 8 Parkview Drive,
Sydney Olympic Park.

Minutes

The meeting commenced at 10:40am.

1. Welcome to members by President

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

Moments silence in memoriam of passed members.

2. Apologies

Registered Persons: Gary Stutsel (Technical Director), Jenny Whiteley (Endurance Recorder), Jodie Burke (Safety Coordinator), Roger Dietrich (Facebook Administrator), Mark Hepple (Meet Recorder), Phil Murray, Neil Keele, Colleen Garland, Barbara Briggs, Greg Jacques, Lindsay Risk, Stuart Ellicott and Opal Eddy.

Clubs: Coffs Harbour, Cook & Phillip, Ettalong, Hornsby, St George, Tattersalls and Tuggeranong.

Declaration of Delegates

Delegates for the 19 clubs present as follows:

Blacktown Beavers – Remy Reinker

Blue Mountains Phoenix – Nerida Murray

Campbelltown – Russel McLeod

Castle Hill – Heather Cachia

Cessnock – Di Partridge

Cronulla Sutherland – Beryl Stenhouse (Life Member)

Liverpool Leatherjackets – Jenny Shay

Manly – Ruth Fitzpatrick

Merrylands – Peter Johnston

Myall – Chris Lock

Penrith – Angela Elkington

Ryde – Andrew McCrindell

Seaside Pirates – Jane Noake (Life Member)

Sutherland Sandbern – Paul Vallis

Trinity – John Kulhan

Warringah – Graham Campbell

Wests Auburn – Terry Gainey

Wett Ones – Tristan Bray

Wollongong – Sue Johnstone (Life Member)

Other Registered Persons present were:

Vice President: Tony Tooher (Warringah)

Treasurer: Stuart Meares (Warringah)

Country Vice President: Sue Wiles (Blue Mountains).

Ordinary Member of the Board: Jon Hawton (Blacktown); Owen Sinden (Campbelltown)

Life Members: Helen Rubin (Ryde),

Administrator/Minute taker: Jillian Pateman (Blue Mountains)

Registered Persons: Clary Munns, Sue Reinker (Blacktown); Kathy Henson (Castle Hill); Anita Saviane, Carol Dawson (Cronulla); Dawn Gledhill, Marie Taylor (Manly); Jamie Turner, Alan Burgess (Ryde); Steve Murray (Sandberns); Paul Bailey (Warringah); Kerry Blanch (West Auburn) Kari Baynes (Wett Ones); Roger Montgomery (Wollongong).

3. Confirmation of Minutes of Annual General Meeting of 17 May 2014

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

Matters arising:

Motion: That the Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on 17 May 2014 be accepted as correct.
Moved: Heather Cachia (Castle Hill); seconded: Helen Rubin (Ryde). Motion carried.

4. Receipt and review of the reviewed reports of the Statement of Income and Expenditure in the

Treasurer's Report

Stuart Meares spoke to the financial statements.

Matters noted:

A small financial loss was noted following on from the hosting of the 2013 National Championships. The main contributing factor was, in part, due to employing a Sports Development Officer.

As the reports have been on the NSW website for four weeks Stuart invited any questions.

Anita Saviane (Cronulla) asked on the relevance of holding surplus funds in term deposit. Treasurer thanked Anita for posing the question and remarked that there had been a concern that market rent may be applied for office premises but the recent move has allayed those concerns. Also mentioned was the high cost of venue hire at SOPAC for State Championships, a major expense which cannot be covered by entry fees.

It is noted that the report is tabled as fact and does not require a motion of acceptance.

5. 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 2014) 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: Terry Gainey (West Auburn). All in favour, nil against.

6. 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 thanked Jillian Pateman for office support, to Owen Sinden for his two years contribution serving the membership on the board and to Mark Hepple for his hours working solidly behind the scenes.

Jane asked that all clubs think about the organisations future and how we get and keep younger people involved in Masters Swimming. The National office has discussed ‘pop-up’ events, is this for MSNSW? The recent event in Griffith was brilliant so maybe more of that is needed and perhaps shorter events may be more attractive.

2015 is the organisations 40th anniversary and Gary Stutsel is acknowledged as the only active founding member. Jane expressed a wish that everyone attends the party, being held on 12 September at Ryde-Eastwood Leagues club.

It was acknowledged that coaches are the backbone of our organisation and we need to concentrate on coach clinics and educating/training our coaches. Jane was firm in that we need to put a lot into coaching.

Vice-President Country – Sue Wiles

Sue spoke to her report and added that planning was in place for more regional activities and that coaches are needed on a circuit for regional clubs. Sue stated that Go Country funds have been offered, for example to attend the Relay Championships to entice and support small regional clubs to compete together.

National Delegate – Jon Hawton

Jon spoke to his report. Jon finds it interesting observing how other branches work and sees that MSNSW does very well in comparison. At national meetings there have been discussions on how to stimulate activities and change the way we operate to offer a variety.

Administrator – Jillian Pateman

Jillian noted her report is on the website and advised that at the end of 2014 most paper archive records went to be scanned and digitalised. This should provide easier access to past and historical information.

Coaching Director Report –

Di Coxon-Ellis’ report is on the website. Di is away travelling for six months so, in her absence, Jane Noake, John Kulhan and Vicky Watson are overseeing the role.

Technical Director – Gary Stutsel

Gary’s report is on the website – Gary sent his apologies.

Training Co-ordinator – Diane Partridge

Di spoke to her report and noted that 2014 had forty nine new officials accredited. Di reminded host clubs that they now need to provide four officials from within their membership to run an event. There were twenty five courses offered and seventy five members took up the opportunity.

Host clubs are asked to utilise newly accredited officials and to use an updated version of the contact list rather than rely on past issues. Di requested that, even if organising six months ahead of the swim meet, clubs use the current list.

Kerryn Blanch (West Auburn) suggested that facebook be used to request officials.

Sue Wiles mentioned that regional members don’t get training opportunities so please ask them and that Go Country funds could, perhaps, be accessed.

It was suggested that perhaps the list could be coded with an asterisk for newly accredited and c for country member. (Note the club code is stated on the list.)

Endurance Report – Jenny Whiteley

Jenny’s report is on the website- Jenny sent her apologies

Meet Recorder – Mark Hepple

Mark's report is on the website –Mark sent his apologies

Jane thanked Mark for all the work that he does behind the scenes and noted that we will be moving to an online swim meet entry system which will lessen the workload for clubs Race Secretaries.

Records Recorder – Jillian Pateman

Jillian noted her report is on the website.

Safety Co-coordinator — Jodie Burke

Jodie sent her apologies, her report is on the website.

Webmaster — Helen Rubin

Helen spoke to her report: thanks go to Mark Hepple for the tremendous effort that he has put in not only in maintaining the website but also in updating nearly every document. Helen also thanked Lindsay Brice and Lynette Falconer who have also been working diligently behind the scenes. Lynette received Volunteer of the Month award which she truly deserved but is now standing down from the role so another volunteer is being sought to assist. The statistics of usage numbers is stable in regards to visits to the website.

webmasters@mastersswimmingnsw.org.au

Social Media – Roger Dietrich

Roger's report is on the website – Roger sent his apologies and sent through a request for all clubs to put content@msnswfacebook.info into their group email address book to enable all activities to get a wider audience and to share information to the membership as a whole.

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

Accepted: Angela Elkington (Penrith); Seconded: Roger Montgomery (Wollongong)

7. Election of Office Bearers

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 Sue Wiles who was declared elected.

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

8. Ordinary Members of the Board –

Three nominations had been received for the three positions – Kari Baynes, Jon Hawton, Chris Lock.

President commented that it was great to have a new face on the Board and a new club represented.

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

9. General Business

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

No agenda items were received by the Board

9.1 (a) Expressions of Interest

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

- Branch Coaching Director
- Branch Technical Director
- Branch Training Coordinator
- Newsletter Editor
- Webmasters
- Endurance 1000 Recorder

- Branch Safety Co-ordinator
- Social Media

These positions will be ratified at the following Board Meeting.

An expression of interest form is available for Member Clubs and it was requested that all members seriously consider volunteering as succession planning is essential.

9.1 (b) To consider matters for discussion:

- The proliferation of swimming pool closures across the State of NSW is a cause of concern for MSNSW clubs. As a State Sporting Organisation and affected stakeholder should MSNSW lobby federal and state politicians to create awareness of this issue?

Prompted by the threatened closure of Epping Pool Ryde AUSSI Masters club asked if this is an opportunity for MSNSW to be a voice in lobbying council and government bodies? Data shows it costs \$300,000 annual running costs and local councils need to plan and budget for this expense. The population is increasing but leisure space is decreasing and this is a state wide problem not limited to Epping or metro areas. Can MSNSW be a lobby group, write to the State Minister for Sport now while the issue is debated in the media?

Di Partridge (NCK) is on a committee called Pool Users Group at a local level and organised a field visit to Woy Woy pool for local councillors. \$25-\$30 million funding was required

Jon Hawton referred to his Delegates report where Graeme Stephenson from SAL spoke on these very concerns and said that pool management is being outsourced and these groups are more interested in gyms and classes as that's where profit can be made.

Sue Reinker (NBT) spoke of how hard they had lobbied and now have six-monthly meetings with the Mayor as a user group.

Alan Burgess (NRY) suggested an expert consultant is required to provide back up support for the idea that Epping pool could be refurbished then last another 50 years.

Carol Dawson (NCS) commented that Shire pools are refurbished frequently, that there is a budget of \$2 million for this and that the advantages of the activity of swimming needs to be highlighted. Recommends writing to Ministers then councils, mayor and also local groups.

Nerida Murray (NBM) commented that her council has five pools in the area and that upkeep is a constant battle and that you need backing from other sports groups, Nerida agreed it is a health issue for the community.

Chris Lock (NMM) mentioned that Tea Gardens pool is also of concern and there is a council meeting next week with this on the agenda.

Terry Gainey (NWS) suggested we need to be in contact with local Asian groups and share concerns as they are frequent pool users and that they need to be made aware that their swimmers will eventually have nowhere to go.

Kerryn Blanch (NWS) asked that the Board contacts the Minister of Sport with these concerns.

Peter Kaupert (NWG) added that a copy needs to go to the Health Minister.

Alan Burgess finished the discussion with the request that a letter goes to Hornsby Council prior to their June 10 meeting.

Jane Noake noted the Board will discuss further and there may be a need to create a group to action this on a wider scale and that Sue Reinker could be an advisor through her recent experience. It was stated that the Board will need help with this to lobby and called on clubs to contact the branch office so the organisation can move on this.

Ruth Fitzpatrick (NML) asked if there was word on issues from the recent Nationals in Tasmania, particularly timekeeping anomalies. Jon Hawton said it was discussed at the National Board meeting.

Sue Wiles (NBM) would like to start a project team for regional activities, all interested are to contact her directly.

10. Close.

The meeting was closed at 11:55am.