



THE NSW ASSOCIATION OF AUSSI MASTERS SWIMMING CLUBS INC

trading as Masters Swimming NSW

Annual General Meeting

held on 14 May 2016

at Murray/Lachlan Rooms, 8 Parkview Drive,
Sydney Olympic Park.

Minutes

The meeting commenced at 10:42am.

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: Jenny Whiteley (Endurance 1000 Recorder), Jodie Burke (Safety Coordinator), Di Coxon-Ellis (Branch Coaching Director), Mark Hepple (Branch Recorder), Heather Cachia (NMT), Neil Keele (NET), Colleen Garland (NET), Barbara Briggs (NCT), Roy Smith (NMT) Judy King (NCM) Gordon Ferguson (NET) Robyn Hoare (NMB) and Opal Eddy (NET).

Clubs: Bidgee, Clarence River, Ettalong, Maitland, Oak Flats, Wyong, Sutherland Sandbern and Lane Cove.

Moments silence in memoriam of deceased members.

Declaration of Delegates

Delegates for the 24 clubs present as follows:

Blacktown Beavers – Scott Hay

Blue Mountains Phoenix – Nerida Murray

Campbelltown – Greg Jacques

Castle Hill RSL – Scott Andrews

Cessnock – Di Partridge

Cronulla Sutherland – Beryl Stenhouse (Life Member)

Gosford Seagulls – Col Hodgson

Hills – Freya Shearer

Hornsby – Stuart Ellicott

Liverpool Leatherjackets – Jenny Shay

Manly – Ruth Fitzpatrick

Merrylands – Peter Johnston

Molonglo Waterdragons – Gary Stutsel

Myall – Linda Stubbs

North Sydney – Scott McLeod

Penrith – Chris Coburn

Ryde – Andrew McCrindell

Seaside Pirates – Paul Slater

Trinity – John Kulhan

Tuggeranong Vikings – Gary Stutsel (proxy)

Warringah – Paul Bailey

Wests Auburn – Terry Gainey

Wett Ones – Peter McGee

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 Members of the Board: Jon Hawton (Blacktown), Chris Lock (Myall) Kari Baynes (Wett Ones)

Life Members: Helen Rubin (Ryde),

Administrator/Minute taker: Jillian Pateman (Blue Mountains)

Registered Persons: Lindsay Risk & Owen Sinden (Campbelltown); Noel Partridge (Cessnock); Carol Dawson (Cronulla); Dawn Gledhill, Lindsay Brice (Manly); Chris Mobbs, Shirley Darch & Brad Jensen (Myall); Jamie Turner (Ryde); Daphne Kulhan (Trinity); Graham Campbell & Peter Kaupert (Warringah); Kerry Blanch (West's Auburn); Roger Montgomery (Wollongong).

3. Declaration of Postal Votes

Ettalong Pelicans Masters Swimming Club Inc.

4. Confirmation of Minutes of Annual General Meeting of 16 May 2015

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

Matters arising: nil

Motion: That the Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on 16 May 2015 be accepted as correct.
Moved: Jane Noake (President); seconded: Terry Gainey (West's Auburn). Motion carried.

5. 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: a small loss was noted in part due to declining entries at Branch meets. SOPAC is an expensive venue to hire and delegates attending this AGM are asked to discuss the option of alternate venues with their club members. Paul Slater (NSP) asked if it could be decided now to move away from SOPAC in 2017. Jane Noake replied that the membership were surveyed last year and the preference was to stay. Beryl Stenhouse (NCS) recognised that there were two major expenses in the Financial Statements that were not ongoing so the loss need not be repeated in 2016.

It was asked if membership numbers increased would this situation change at all. Jon Hawton (Branch Delegate) replied that from a national perspective the majority of the membership do not compete. Terry Gainey (NWS) stated that the members like to swim in the Pool of Champions.

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

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 2015) 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 Meares moved the motion that they remain. Seconded: Paul Bailey (Warringah). 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 and read an addendum (copy attached).

Jane thanked Jillian Pateman for office support, Chris Lock for his two years contribution serving the membership on the board and Mark Hepple for his hours of unpaid work particularly on the website and updating documents throughout 2015.

Vice-President Country – Sue Wiles

Sue spoke to her report and added the focus is on small regional meets run by the country clubs themselves but what is needed is an active person on the ground. Talks are under way with Coffs Harbour, Clarence River and Port Macquarie to hold mini-meets. The plan is then to move onto Tamworth, Armidale and Blue Mountains perhaps at Lithgow. Sue is asking regional clubs if they would welcome a circuit coach and explained that the Endurance 1000 program is an interesting activity for country clubs.

National Delegate – Jon Hawton

Jon spoke to his report. Jon attends two meetings a year at the national level. MSNSW introduced and promoted the idea of a national Swimmer of the Year award and it has been launched as of 2016.

Clary Munns (Blacktown) won the inaugural award.

Administrator – Jillian Pateman

Jillian noted her report is on the website.

Coaching Director Report – Di Coxon-Ellis

Di Coxon-Ellis' report is on the website. Di has sent her apologies, in her absence, John Kulhan spoke to her report. The first Club Coach course has been presented in NSW and very successfully. John asks that anyone interested in training as a Masters level coach can attend the next course planned for August, John said the Coach Development clinics have been well received by both swimmers and coach mentees. There were no nominations for Coach of the Year award and this is very sad as Coaches need to be recognised, they are the base of the club and they drive a lot of our clubs, John asks that club please lodge nominations.

Technical Director – Gary Stutsel

Gary's report is on the website – Gary cheerfully added that, to his disappointment, nothing had happened in 2015.

Training Co-ordinator – Diane Partridge

Di spoke to her report and noted that NSW had 127 active officials in 2015. Still there are clubs that do not have any qualified Officials. Di explained that Officials need to gain experience from swim meets other than their own and should want to work at more than one meet a year. 2015 was the year for Chief Timekeepers to reaccredit (every four years) and 33 out of the list of 52 did so successfully. Mark Hepple will now email competitors if/when a course is being run at the meet they have entered. Host clubs are asked to consider using new people at their meet for experience & that it's ok to have too many so new people can be mentored. Stuart Ellicott (NHS) asked if Di could send a list to clubs of newly trained people. Paul Bailey (Warringah) said that NSW Officials are well ahead of other branches in their level of competency. Terry Gainey (West's Auburn) thanked di for going out of her way to assist clubs and members.

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.

Safety Co-coordinator — Jodie Burke

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

Webmasters team — report is on the website. Jane Noake thanked all the team but particularly Mark Hepple who is doing a wonderful job behind the scenes renewing and refreshing the IMGSTG site.

Social Media team — Roger's report is on the website. Roger has resigned from the position and is taking time off from MSNSW due to business reasons. Thanks were expressed to Jon Hawton and Terry Gainey for the fabulous photos that they upload to our facebook page. We now have over 1760 likes.

Questions from the floor—Jon Hawton was asked within MSA what areas are declining and what are increasing? Jon replied that MSV had an increase in membership due in part to hosting the National Championships and to employing a successful Sport Development Officer. Finding the right person for this role is crucial. MSV also run their own open water events. MSA are trying to define 'member benefits' as each branch has different challenges. Beryl Stenhouse would like to see a list of member numbers per club in the Annual Report. Gary Stutsel replied that there is a list in the National Annual Report. John Kulhan asked if MSA spends any advertising money on the sport to which Jon replied no. Jenny Shay (Liverpool) commented there are new Australians who don't branch out and integrate but the next generation may join in.

Motion: Jane Noake moved that all the above mentioned reports be accepted.
Accepted: Graham Campbell (Warringah); Seconded: Andrew McCrindell (Ryde).

8. 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.

9. Ordinary Members of the Board –

Two nominations had been received for the three positions – Kari Baynes, Jon Hawton.

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

Jane Noake acknowledged Chris Lock who is stepping down after two years of service and thanked him for his contributions over this time.

10. General Business

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

Chris Lock spoke to Myall Masters six proposals—see attached.

Peter McGee (Wett Ones) asked where the link is between membership growth and Board restructure. Chris replied the Vice President-Country has a lot of country to cover & the regions proposed gives a conduit for all clubs to have a voice. Paul Bailey (Warringah) questioned how restructuring a board will affect members number, that clubs need their own efforts to grow and that at present there is a Board vacancy. Stuart Ellicott (Hornsby) congratulates Myall on thinking this through but again is not sure how a Board restructure will change things. Travel to meetings is onerous even for metro members and meetings by electronic means may assist. We need to encourage people now to go on the Board. Andrew McCrindell (Ryde) asks where we would get the twelve people from as we can't get seven as it is now. He suggests a technical solution may be required. Col Hodgson (Gosford) commented that filling vacancies is not the Boards responsibility but the new regions would be responsible and that it will have an advantage of tying those areas together. Kerry Blanch asked how were the suggested regions developed and was it based on member numbers? Jenny Shay commented that the Vice President-Country has asked for assistants already but with no response from membership. Di Partridge said that clubs have the right to put ideas to the board already. Beryl Stenhouse said the main thrust is membership so asked do we need a Sport Development person? Jane Noake replied yes, and that is on the table. Jon Hawton said the National Board are also looking to assist in this line. Paul Slater (Seaside Pirates) stated that the current meetings are open to the membership already. Gary Stutsel said the

AIS website supports some of Myalls motions but not all and that Sue Wiles is on the right track o involve country clubs to work together. Regions have a place but not on the Board. Gary quoted the AIS in regards to Motion 1 recommends two or three year terms, that we currently offer one year terms and Ruth Fitzpatrick (Manly) asked would two years be too daunting a commitment.

Voting then took place:

1. To give each member of the MS NSW Board a two-year term in office before their positions are up for re-election.
16 For 25 against 1 abstain

2. To stagger the election of Board members so that half are elected in odd numbered years and the other half in even numbered years. As Motion 1 was not passed Motion 2 lapses.

3. To divide Masters Swimming NSW into eight (8) regions: Metropolitan North, Metropolitan South, Metropolitan North-West, Metropolitan South-West; ACT-Riverina-South Coast, Central Coast, Hunter-New England, and North Coast. 7 For 34 against

Gary Stutsel moved that the board changes into regions as the Board sees fit. Peter Johnston (Merrylands) asked what the purpose of the current regions are and Sue Wiles replied that it supports funding (Go Country grant) and gives a focus and cohesion to club needs and swim meets.

4. To restructure the Board so that it consists of an executive of the President, a Country Vice President, a Metropolitan Vice President, and the Treasurer, plus eight Regional Directors representing the regions shown
As Motion 3 was not passed Motion 4 lapses.

5. To limit the President to a maximum of two consecutive terms of two years each.

10 For 29 against 4 abstain

Gary said his clubs (Molonglo and proxy for Tuggeranong) agree in principle but it is too early to do this.

6. To consider an allowance being paid to Board members to cover the costs of attending Board meetings where they necessitate overnight accommodation.

14 For 26 against 4 abstain

Jane Noake thanked Myall Masters for providing this discussion and Ruth Fitzpatrick suggested we could 'sister' clubs for mentoring and fellowship. Col Hodgson asked that his region now plan a get-together, Sue Wiles replied that MSNSW will assist wherever possible in this initiative.

10 (b) 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.

- No further items were discussed.

11. Close

The meeting was closed at 12:35pm.