



THE NSW ASSOCIATION OF AUSSI MASTERS SWIMMING CLUBS INC

trading as Masters Swimming NSW

Annual General Meeting

held on 27 May 2017

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.

2. Apologies

Registered Persons: Kari Baynes (NWO), Board member, Jenny Whiteley (Endurance 1000 Recorder), Jodie Burke (Safety Coordinator), Neil Keele (NET), Colleen Garland (NET), Roger Montgomery (NWL) and Opal Eddy (NET).

Clubs: Armidale, Bidgee, Coffs Harbour, Dubbo, Ettalong, Gosford, Jets, Lane Cove, Maitland, North Sydney, Penrith, Singleton and Wett Ones.

Moments silence in memoriam of deceased members.

Declaration of Delegates

Delegates for the 21 clubs present as follows:

Blacktown – Scott Hay

Blue Mountains Phoenix – Nerida Murray

Campbelltown – Lindsay Risk

Cessnock – Di Partridge

Cronulla Sutherland – Beryl Stenhouse (Life Member)

Hills – Di Coxon-Ellis

Liverpool Leatherjackets – Jenny Shay

Manly – Ruth Fitzpatrick

Merrylands – Peter Johnston

Molonglo Waterdragons – Gary Stutsel

Myall – Chris Lock

North Shore – Stuart Ellicott

Ryde – Susan Leech

Seaside Pirates – Jane Noake

Sutherland Sandbern – Lindsay Mason

Trinity – John Kulhan

Tuggeranong Vikings – Gary Stutsel (proxy)

Warringah – Graham Campbell

Wests Auburn – Terry Gainey

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 (Seaside Pirates), Kerryn Blanch (West's Auburn)

Life Members: Helen Rubin (Ryde),

Administrator/Minute taker: Jillian Pateman (Blue Mountains)

Registered Persons: Russell McLeod, Diane Baker & Owen Sinden (Campbelltown); Phil Murray (Cessnock); Carol Dawson & Anita Saviane (Cronulla); Mark Hepple (Hills); Dawn Gledhill, (Manly); Chris Mobbs & Linda Stubbs (Myall); Jamie Turner (Ryde); Stephen Murray (Sutherland Sandberner); Daphne Kulhan (Trinity); Paul Bailey & Peter Kaupert (Warringah).

3. Declaration of Postal Votes

No postal votes

4. Confirmation of Minutes of Annual General Meeting of 14 May 2016

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 14 May 2016 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 surplus of funds was noted. Both income and expenditure were down slightly in 2016. Moved Di Coxon-Ellis (Hills); seconded: Ruth Fitzpatrick (Manly)

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 2016) a review was made of the functions in the branch office by WW Vick & Co, as stated on pages 12 & 13 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.

The Board took on the comments from last years' Annual General Meeting and actively sought to offer a variety of activities. A Coach Project team was organised to work with Branch Coaching Director Di Coxon-Ellis.

The momentum has been maintained although the lack of response to communications is disheartening. Three Coach Courses were held. Paul Bailey has received a positive reaction to his efforts and clubs need to know

that a visiting coach is available.

It was recognised that communication and marketing was lacking so a team was put together and they energised and planned a strategy for the next 24 months. There will be more to come from this team.

Disappointment in the number of clubs that didn't lodge an Annual Report, it is concerning that clubs don't take up the opportunity to highlight their activities.

1055 Stuart Ellicott, North Shore Masters Swim Club arrived.

To be noted is that 2017 will be a busy year for competition with World Masters Games in New Zealand, FINA World Masters Championships in Hungary and Australian Masters Games in Tasmania so MSNSW will not hold as many BPS swim meets. The recent Branch Championships had the largest number of entrants on record.

Jane announced that both she and Branch Treasurer Stuart Meares will stand for one more year and then plan to stand down from the Board. President and Treasurer positions will be open and Jane asked that members plan ahead and seriously consider nominating then shadow the incumbents prior to May 2018.

Vice-President Country – Sue Wiles

Sue commented that that was a hard act to follow and that there was little to add to her written report. Regional clubs are still being assisted and more activities are to come in 2017. Clubs were contacted, coaches were dispatched where requested. Coffs Harbour Masters took up the initiative and gained members. It is frustrating that clubs didn't respond as any activities offered must be run by those on the ground.

Gary Stutsel asked how Bidgee club is faring—their numbers are stable.

Planning is underway for a social weekend in Orange.

Di Partridge suggested that coaching visits get advertised more widely.

National Delegate – Jon Hawton

Jon apologised for his report not being included in the Annual Report on the website. Jon usually attends two meetings a year at the national level. These meetings can be laborious but it is interesting to meet other branches. The 2016 Autumn meeting discussed national swim meet programmes and the outcome was to post a draft programme. Backstroke ledges were also discussed. The planning for co-sanctioning swim meets and having open meets with Swimming Australia Ltd continued.

The Spring meeting centred around the Swim Meet Guide and the Technical Committee talked on re-drafting swim rules. The rationale was to have a closer alignment to FINA rules so that if/when there are FINA changes there is a smooth transition.

MSWA asked to host the 2018 National Championships at a regional venue and this has since been changed to a metro centre in Perth.

Open Water rules were discussed and the idea to host a National Open Water swim event.

MSNSW put forward a motion to trial a dual membership option with Swimming NSW and this was voted down.

Gary Stutsel asked if there had been any effect from MSV's reduced fee for 18-24's. Jon wasn't aware of any.

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 offered her congratulations to the Board for setting up the Coach Project Team and also to Paul Bailey for his efforts. Di spoke to a correction for her written report that the Griffith Grape Escape was not in 2016.

Di complimented both Anne Smyth and John Kulhan saying they had been great throughout the year and Paul Bailey added that coach visits promoted the Club Coach course and encouraged clubs to be self-sufficient.

Paul Bailey completed the online Presenter course so MSNSW now has four qualified Coach course presenters. Di thanked Paul, John and Vicki Watson and passed on her congratulations to Jane Noake for qualifying as a coach.

Di thanked Jillian Pateman for her administrative support.

Numbers of nominations for Coach of the Year were disappointing, the requirements had been simplified but there were still low numbers. Di begs clubs to recognise their coach and finished by thanking all the coaches out there.

Gary Stutsel commented on a concern of masters groups that receive inappropriate methods and age not being taken into account.

Stephen Murray noted that council operated pool are using council paid coaches that are not targeting adult squads. Lindsay Mason asked what the requirements were to gain qualification.

Technical Director – Gary Stutsel

Gary's report is on the website – Gary spoke that compliance with rules has been good but that younger and new masters swimmers have had false start problems. Gary acknowledged Di Partridge with training Officials.

Gary spoke of his concern with some national level decisions with the example of changes to the Top Ten rule which has since been reviewed. Also concerned that there is a need for Timekeepers to be trained and clubs need to take some responsibility in ensuring they get their members qualified as it is more than simply working a stopwatch.

Jamie Turner requested that errors noted in Meet Reports go to all clubs and in particular to all host clubs to prevent repeated mistakes. It was explained that problems that arise are discussed by Technical Officials and reported down.

Training Co-ordinator – Diane Partridge

Di spoke to her report and noted that host clubs need to look ahead to ensure they have enough qualified Officials trained up in positions in advance. Trainees are rushing through training and not getting enough experience. Di recommends that host clubs train members in each position.

Di requests that swimmers do not ask Timekeepers for their swim times from the water and that if they want splits they need to ask fellow club members to take them. Swimmers are to take responsibility for their card, their lane and checking their name. Clubs need to train & retrain their timekeepers as correct times are important to swimmers.

To date 21 from 43 attendees qualified from courses held in 2016.

Referees need to publish an Officials roster and Officials need to work to it.

100% of Inspector of Turns and Starters reaccredited in 2016.

Terry Gainey thanked Di for travelling to Wests Auburn's carnival to reaccredit officials. Scott Hay asked if a host club can provide three Inspector of Turns and one Chief Timekeeper which was answered yes but not ideal. Di gave her thanks to Mark Hepple for providing the database in Dropbox for efficiency and Di Coxon-Ellis added her thanks to Mark as he has done the same with the Coaches Register.

Jane Noake repeated Terry's thanks to both Di and Noel Partridge for their efforts throughout the year.

Endurance Report – Jenny Whiteley

Jenny's report is on the website- Jenny sent her apologies and with a note of congratulations to Singleton masters for coming third in e1000 results and as a new club participating in the program.

Meet Recorder – Mark Hepple

Mark's report is on the website.

Safety Co-coordinator — Jodie Burke

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

Webmasters team — report is on the website. Helen Rubin thanked Mark for the details he has assisted in.

Communications team — report is on the website.

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

Accepted: Terry Gainey (West's Auburn) Seconded: Di Coxon-Ellis (Hills).

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 –

Three nominations had been received for the three positions – Kari Baynes, Jon Hawton & Kerry Blanch.

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.

Sue Johnstone commented on the number of Board members that attended all meetings was high.

10. (a) General Business

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

No agenda items were received.

(2) To consider conferring Life Membership of Masters Swimming NSW to Mark Hepple

A summation of Mark's contribution to Masters Swimming NSW outlined that while Mark does get paid to attend swim meets as Recorder 70% of his contribution to our sport is as a volunteer and includes Awards organisation, digitalising all forms, instrumental in the website design, creation of Youtube videos, advises other Branches, created maps, provided training for Meet Manager, has standardised meet flyers and written the style guide/template, created the online entry system, prompts new ideas, checks sanction documents and initiated the Dropbox databases.

Motion: Jane Noake moved that Life membership be awarded to Mark Hepple.

Voted 34 for, 2 abstain, no against.

Accepted: Terry Gainey (West's Auburn) Seconded: Di Coxon-Ellis (Hills).

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.

General discussion:

Campbelltown Masters asked how new members can be encouraged, looking for club growth and discussion followed with the main idea being to promote the buddy system.

Beryl Stenhouse requested a list of clubs and their member numbers be included in the Annual Report.

11. Close

The meeting was closed at 12:45pm.