



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

Annual General Meeting
held on 12 May 2018
at Murray/Lachlan Rooms, 8 Parkview Drive,
Sydney Olympic Park.

Minutes

The meeting commenced at 10:35am with a video montage by Kim Back.

1. Welcome to members by President

Jane Noake welcomed and thanked the Member Clubs delegates and Registered Persons for their attendance followed by a remembrance statement and one minute silence.

Moments silence in memoriam of deceased members.

2. Apologies

Registered Persons: Gary Stutsel (Life Member), Beryl Stenhouse (Life Member), Jenny Whiteley (Endurance 1000 Recorder), Neil Keele (NET), Colleen Garland (NET), Jenny Shay (NLP), Susan Leech (NRY), Lindsay Mason, Steve Murray & Paul Vallis (NSA) and Opal Eddy (NET).

24 Clubs: Armidale, Bidgee, Clarence River, Coffs Harbour, Cronulla Sutherland, Ginninderra, Gosford, Lane Cove, Liverpool, Maccabi, Maitland, Molonglo, North Sydney, Novocastrian, Raymond Terrace, Sapphire Coast, Singleton, St George, Sutherland Sandbern, Tattersalls, Terrey Hills, Tuggeranong, Vladswim and Wyong.

Declaration of Delegates

Delegates for the 17 clubs present as follows:

Blacktown – Scott Hay

Blue Mountains Phoenix – Nerida Murray

Campbelltown – Greg Jacques

Cessnock – Phil Murray

Castle Hill – Imogen O’Neill

Hills – Di Coxon-Ellis

Manly – Ruth Fitzpatrick

Merrylands – Peter Johnston

Myall – Chris Lock

North Shore – Stuart Ellicott

Ryde – Andrew Mc Crindell

Seaside Pirates – Sue Tompkins

Trinity – John Kulhan

Warringah – Graham Campbell

Wett Ones – Kari Baynes

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) and Kerryn Blanch (West's Auburn)

Life Members: Helen Rubin (Ryde) and Mark Hepple (Hills)

Administrator/Minute taker: Jillian Pateman (Blue Mountains)

Registered Persons: Clary Munns (Blacktown); Lindsay Risk, (Campbelltown); Diane Partridge (Cessnock); Dawn Gledhill, Tony Goodwin, Diana Watts (Manly); Jamie Turner (Ryde); Jodie Burke (Seaside Pirates); Daphne Kulhan (Trinity); Paul Bailey & Peter Kaupert (Warringah); Cassie Anderson (West's Auburn); Roger Montgomery (Wollongong).

Guest: Kim Back (Marketing Coordinator) and Kevin Stirling (Campbelltown);

3. Declaration of Postal Votes

Three postal votes: Molonglo, St George, Tuggeranong.

4. Confirmation of Minutes of Annual General Meeting of 27 May 2017

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 27 May 2017 be accepted as correct.

Moved: Jane Noake (President); seconded: Terry Gainey (West's Auburn). All in favour.

Motion carried.

1042 Chris Lock arrived (Myall)

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: main note is increase of income due to carnival surplus, fortunate to again receive \$20,000 grant from NSW State Government. There was a surplus of funds in 2017. Questions from the floor asked where is the Wylas Timing system allotted and answered *in Assets* and will it be depreciating answered *yes, over five years*.

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 2017) 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: Terry Gainey (West's Auburn), Paul Bailey (Warringah). All in favour, nil against.

Jane thanked Stuart for his work in the role of Treasurer.

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.

Vice-President Country – Sue Wiles spoke to her report

The government funded Hunter Project went well with thanks to Di Partridge and Sue thanked all the clubs involved. Paul Bailey was thanked for his coaching visits in the Hunter. A new regional club has opened on the Sapphire Coast, Anne Smyth will monitor and advise them. The Endurance 1000 program was popular with regional clubs and with members 50+ finding it a positive activity. Sue is still working on providing alternate options to the 400m & 800m butterfly events for those over 75. Question from the floor asked if this was a branch or national move, answered *branch level*. Jon Hawton (National Delegate) commented that the idea was presented and rejected at a national meeting.

1050 Di Partridge and Phil Murray arrived (Cessnock)

National Delegate – Jon Hawton

Apologies for no written report in the Annual Report but had attended and represented MSNSW at both national meetings. Jon asked for questions and was asked if clubs could be advised when the branch puts motions to the national body.

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 thanked Paul and the Coaching team, particularly Anne Smyth leading the team. Di asked that clubs see the offer of a visit from a coach as a positive initiative and not as a threat against their current activity. Di explained that her role is responsible for accrediting and reaccrediting coaches and to this end there was one coach course held in 2017. 2018 is the Year of the Coach and a coach course will be held in Pambula in July. A subsidy is being offered by Masters Swimming Australia for two people which needs to be applied for, forms are available on the website. Anne Smyth will train as a presenter at this course run by Di, John Kulhan and Paul Bailey. Di is looking at succession planning for her role and asks members to consider and discuss this opportunity with her.

Di gave a huge congratulations to Peter Johnston (Merrylands) for winning the Masters Swimming Australia title of 2017 Coach of the Year.

Technical Director – Gary Stutsel

Gary's report is on the website. Di Partridge spoke to Gary's report, notes were provided. Timekeepers course is easy and necessary, clubs are requested to entice members to get this qualification. The National Technical Committee (NTC) is a bit slow at getting changes made, both Di Partridge and Neil Keele are on the NTC and have got the DQ codes updated.

Training Co-ordinator – Diane Partridge

Di spoke to her report and noted that there were only fourteen Officials accredited in 2017 and while this is appreciated there needs to be more. Currently there are 215 qualified timekeepers but they are not upskilling. Eighty- three active Officials, twenty-five are needed at each swim meet and all need to work at multiple meets for depth of experience. We now need to look ahead to 2020 and our hosting of the National Championships. 2017 has seventeen courses offered and while there were some teething problems with the new timing system introduced during the year it is up to the swimmers to be in the right place at the right time. Swimmers cannot be late for their heat at heat seeded meets and courtesy is required by all parties on pool deck.

Questions from the floor asked how the new Wylas timing system was to be taught in the timekeepers course and Di replied that she will discuss this with the Recorder. A member asked for advice on a turn change in freestyle and John Kulhan explained the details but also that it only relates to the Individual Medley. Mentioned was that the sanction documentation requires a certain number of officials to be allocated to each position but if they are all swimming in the same event then even more qualified people are required to work. It was asked if there is a Meet Director course and replied that there are MD notes on Masters Swimming Australia's website which should cover all queries.

Sue Johnstone advised that younger trainees are needed coming through the ranks.

Endurance Report – Jenny Whiteley

Jenny's report is on the website – Jenny sent her apologies and noted congratulations to Tuggeranong and Campbelltown for their great efforts with this program of swims. Thanks were expressed to Jenny for being our E1000 Recorder.

Meet Recorder – Mark Hepple

Mark's report is on the website. Mark pointed out that there is a perception that numbers of attendees at meets was down but statistics show this is not correct, numbers remain at a consistent average. Mark expressed his thanks to Patrick Chandler (Warringah) for writing and merging Meet Manager details. Masters Swimming South Australia has adopted our Sports TG Online entry system to use for the 2019 National Championships. Pat Chandler has enabled us to use this system. Mark also noted that the new WYLAS Timing system has been perceived as less accurate but analysis shows that this is not the case. S. Ellicott asked how often there are variances Wylas v. stopwatches & M. Hepple provided a printed report. D. Gledhill asked if closing time of entries could be extended from noon, reply no as any time allotted will not suit all. R. Fitzpatrick asked if Wylas was going to be made mandatory at club carnivals, answer no. H. Rubin replied that licences would need to be purchased so not appropriate. G. Campbell noted that Wylas is used by other sports very successfully and that TK's will get used to the new system. S. Ellicott asked if the condition of the buttons was being worked on, an affirmative response. DiCE asked for consideration in assisting members having issues with online entries.

Jane thanked Mark Hepple for all the time he puts in for the membership as a volunteer.

Safety Co-coordinator — Jodie Burke

Jodie apologised for the lack of a written report and presented a verbal report, starting with a wish for a Happy Nurses Day to all our members in the nursing profession. It was noted that a member died at a training session during the year and the club involved is to be congratulated on their extreme efforts on the day of the event.

Jodie noted that clubs are hard at work keeping their members safe and that she is working on guidelines for safe swimming temperatures for older swimmers. MSA is looking at a policy of no watches being worn in training due to incidents that have occurred, this will be discussed with the MSNSW Board soon.

Jodie thanks the MSNSW Board for their support and asks clubs to remember to send incident reports in a timely manner.

Webmasters team — report is on the website.

Communications team — report is on the website.

Kari spoke to the report, the team meets monthly and Kari introduced Diana Watts, Peter Kaupert & Kim Back as part of the team. Kari briefly explained some of the activities that Kim has been involved in. D. Watts described the Communications team focus is on fun & friendship for MSMSW members as opposed to competition and explained that the new website is going to prove beneficial to this end.

President – Jane Noake

Jane spoke to her report which is on the website. A powerpoint presentation was provided.

Peter Johnston asked for a progress report on discussions with Swimming NSW and was advised there is active and ongoing dialogue and a very good relationship.

Motion: Jane Noake moved that all the above-mentioned reports be accepted.
Accepted: Helen Rubin (Ryde) Seconded: Ruth Fitzpatrick (Manly).

All carried.

8. Election of Office Bearers

Election of Executive

President — one nomination had been received for Kerryn Blanch, 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 Paul Bailey, who was declared elected.

9. Ordinary Members of the Board –

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

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.

10. (a) General Business

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

See separate document Appendix 2—Submission of two motions by Hills AUSSI Masters.

Motion:

- 1 (a) Hills AUSSI Masters Swimming Club Inc proposes a change to Rule D14 (j) to rectify the seeming bias against smaller clubs conducting sanctioned meets.

Di Coxon-Ellis spoke to the motions with explanation of percentages and current inequity of requirements. J. Hawton asked if there had been any analysis of the visiting Officials, answered-no. L. Risk asked for clarification of the current rule-provided.

J. Turner spoke against the proposal deeming the percentage application not appropriate, NRY could not provide ten Officials. R. Fitzpatrick spoke against the regimentation of the rules and suggested another change to rule 33 to a more simplified line (provided). A. McCrindell recommended two instead of three Officials for small clubs, G. Campbell spoke against the motion believing a percentage rule couldn't work in practice, NWG could not comply. D. Partridge voiced concerns about Officials gaining qualifications just to work for their clubs own carnival, that they prove to be inexperienced and ineffective. P. Bailey agreed. K. Baynes asked if smaller clubs could amalgamate carnivals (tried previously) & K. Blanch asked if second claim members could be used (against the spirit of the rules intention).

Voted: 1 + 7 postal votes for, 27 against.

Motion defeated

Accepted: Terry Gainey (Wests Auburn) Seconded: Kerryn Blanch (Wests Auburn).

- 1 (b) Plus an addition to D33 which currently reads D33 The MSNSW board retains discretion at all times to modify the application of these Rules, or to exempt a host club from their application, in exceptional or unexpected circumstances.

P. Johnston said there was benefit in the motion but not written specifically enough. S. Ellicott believes a relaxation of the rules could be considered. D. Partridge clarifies the history of the requirement.

T. Gainey moved the Motion be put forward.

Hills AUSSI Masters withdrew the Motion.

T. Gainey asks the new Board to reconsider the Rules of Competition and review in detail. D. Coxon-Ellis seconded. All in favour.

DISCUSSION ITEMS.

- (b) Should small individual trophies still be presented at State Championships? Do clubs want to receive

them? *No strong opinions either way.*

(c) Blacktown City Masters would like to propose that, at swim meets, the AVERAGE BETWEEN THE 2 X RECORDED TIMES is recorded as the official time.

S. Hay spoke to the item. Motion from the floor that the MSNSW Board take this to the National Board. G. Stutsel had sent his opinion that this can't be calculated. D. Partridge spoke against the item.

For 16 Against 7.

The MSNSW Board will discuss the item further.

(d) Blacktown City Masters ask if there is a competent timekeeper on the lane where the swimmer would like to know their time on completion, & is able to offer the swimmer their time without holding up the start of the next heat we don't believe that this should be stopped or frowned upon.

S. Hay spoke to this item. NBT believe this is a courtesy and many can offer the time to the swimmer, this can be offered quickly and not hold things up. Comments from the floor included that the stopwatch time can be wrong compared to electronic results, stated that swimmer can go to timekeeper once out of the pool to see it written, it is easily open to error. S. Hay replied that it should not be frowned upon to ask and acknowledged that it would be an unofficial time.

10. (b) Expressions of Interest

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

- Coaching Director
- Technical Director
- Training Coordinator
- Webmaster
- Endurance 1000 Recorder
- Safety Co-ordinator
- Facebook Administrator

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:

Tony Toher gave a brief description of Stuart Meares time on the Board, that he brought MSNSW from a position in the red to a healthy financial position.

Tony also spoke of Jane Noakes time on the board, being a member since 1992 and joining the Board in 1999, detailed Jane's Life Membership of Wests Auburn, Seaside Pirates and Masters Swimming NSW.

Paul Bailey spoke of Jane's commitment being a credit to MSNSW and Sue Wiles finished with comments of the pleasure it was to work together with Jane.

Standing ovation.

Kerryn Blanch, current Board Member and incoming President presented Jane Noake and Stuart Meares with a gift of thanks form the membership for their many years on the Board.

11. Close

The meeting was closed at 13:25pm.