



# THE NSW ASSOCIATION OF AUSSI MASTERS SWIMMING CLUBS INC

trading as Masters Swimming NSW

## Annual General Meeting

held on 15 May 2021

at Murray/Lachlan Rooms, 8 Parkview Drive,  
Sydney Olympic Park and online via ZOOM.

## Minutes

The meeting commenced at 10:30sam.

### 1. Welcome to members by President

Kerryn Blanch gave an acknowledgment of Country and welcomed and thanked the Member Clubs' delegates and Registered Persons for their attendance.

**Moment's silence in memoriam of deceased members.**

### 2. Apologies

Registered Persons: Gary Stutsel (NCN), Life member; Jenny Whiteley (NRY) Endurance 1000 Recorder, Jenny Banks (NBM), John Collis (NCN), Linda Buckley (NSP), John & Daphne Kulhan (NTR) and Anne Smyth (NTN), Terry Gaaney (NWS), Tony Fulton (NWO).

Clubs: Armidale, Wyong & Coffs Harbour

### Declaration of Delegates

Delegates for the 22 clubs both present and online as follows:

Bidgee – Nancy Cauduro via Zoom	Blacktown City – Mark McDonald
Blue Mountains Phoenix – Sue Wiles via Zoom	Campbelltown Collegians – Greg Jacques
Cessnock – Phil Murray	Hills – Di Coxon-Ellis
Lane Cove – Nigel Van Reyk	Manly – Julie Orr
Merrylands – Alison Johnston via Zoom	North Sydney – Mickaela Mate via Zoom
Raymond Terrace – Lesley Potter via Zoom	Ryde – Stephen Black
Seaside Pirates – Jane Noake	Trinity– John Kulhan
Tuggeranong – Anne Smyth via Zoom	Warringah – Graham Campbell
Wests Auburn – Kerryn Blanch	Wett Ones – Robert Hardie
Wollongong – Sue Johnstone (Life Member)	

Other Registered Persons present were:

**Vice President:** David Loader (Wett Ones)

**Treasurer:** Paul Bailey (Warringah)

**Vice President, Country:** Lawrence Powderly (Wett Ones)

**Ordinary Members of the Board:** Jon Hawton (Seaside Pirates), Lesley Potter (Raymond Terrace)

**Life Members:** Sue Johnstone, (Wollongong), Jane Noake (Seaside Pirates), Helen Rubin (Ryde), Mark Hepple (Hills) via Zoom.

**Administrator/Minute taker:** Jillian Pateman (Blue Mountains)

**Registered Persons:** Scott Hay (Blacktown) Suzie Haddad, Russel McLeod & Janette Towell (Campbelltown); Di Partridge (Cessnock); Dawn Gledhill, (Manly); Jamie Turner (Ryde); Daphne Kulhan (Trinity); Anne Smyth & Greg Gourley (Tuggeranong) via Zoom; Tony Tooher, (Warringah)

**3. Declaration of Postal Votes**

No postal votes

**4. Confirmation of Minutes of Annual General Meeting of 27 June 2020**

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 June 2020 be accepted as correct.  
Moved: Jon Hawton (Seaside Pirates) seconded: Greg Jacques (Campbelltown). Motion carried.

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

Financial reports are presented in the Annual Report. Moved: John Kulhan (Trinity) seconded: Lawrence Powderly (Wett Ones). 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 2020), a review was made of the functions in the branch office by Cabel Partners, as stated on pages 22 & 23 of the Annual Report.

Appointment of Reviewing Accountants Cabel Partners confirmed.

Terry Gainey (Wests Auburn) moved the motion that they remain. Seconded: Dawn Gledhill (Manly).

All in favour, nil against. Motion carried.

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

It was agreed that all reports would be accepted (or not) at the conclusion of the presentation of them all.

*Helen Rubin, (Ryde) arrived.*

**President – Kerryn Blanch**

Kerryn spoke to her report which is on the website.

Kerryn expressed some highlights and low points of 2020. Board, Committee members & individuals pushed resilience through, in particular Jane Noake, Mark Hepple, David Loader & Jillian Pateman. Kerryn

expressed thanks to these, we missed the National Championships but came through the year with new friends, new ideas and congratulations to all for that.

**Vice-President, Country – Lawrence Powderly**

Lawrence noted his report is on the website.

**National Delegate – Jon Hawton**

Jon noted his report is on the website.

**Administrator – Jillian Pateman**

Jillian noted her report is on the website.

**Coaching Director Report – Anne Smyth**

Anne Smyth's report is in the Annual Report on the website. Anne, via Zoom, thanked Greg Gourley for his efforts in writing a National program for 'return to swimming' and noted that many clubs across the country have taken advantage of the document. A lot of work was put into coaching, all behind the scenes.

**Technical Director – Marilyn Earp**

Marilyn's report is on the website.

*Tony Tooher (Warringah) arrived.*

**Training Co-ordinator – Diane Partridge**

Di commented it was a very slow year.

**Endurance Report – Jenny Whiteley**

The report is on the website- Jenny sent her apologies.

**Meet Recorder – Mark Hepple**

Mark's report is on the website and he had nothing further to add.

**Motion:** Kerry Blanch moved that all the above-mentioned reports be accepted.

Accepted: Lawrence Powderly (Wett Ones) Seconded: Helen Rubin (Ryde). All agreed

**8. Election of Office Bearers—**all positions are declared vacant.

**Election of Executive**

**President** — one nomination had been received for Kerry Blanch, who was declared elected.

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

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

**Treasurer** — one nomination had been received for Paul Bailey, who was declared elected.

Paul Bailey, after taking a period of leave from position as Treasurer, has nominated to return to fill the role and is warmly welcomed back. Thanks to Anthony Fulton (Wett Ones) for standing in during Paul's absence.

**9. Ordinary Members of the Board –**

Three nominations had been received for the three positions – Jon Hawton (Seaside Pirates), Mark McDonald (Blacktown City) & Lesley Potter (Raymond Terrace).

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.**

No agenda items were received.

#### 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
- Webmaster team
- Endurance 1000 Recorder
- Branch Safety Co-ordinator
- Social Media team

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.

Anne Smyth accepted being nominated for BCD and for Di Coxon-Ellis to fill in the form on her behalf.

#### 11. Close

The meeting closed at 10:45am.

General discussion followed.

Question to the President:

“there has been a drop off of member numbers, what is MSNSW doing?”

Kerryn replied that our membership did drop in 2020 but numbers are now on the rise. The Resurrection series, working with Country clubs and providing subsidised Coaching clinics are all tools targeting members by providing opportunities and value-adding.

Di Partridge commented that those with Swimming NSW qualifications need to get them converted to MSNSW to ensure currency. These are valued officials, contact Di to update qualifications, it is an easy process.

Technical Officials courses are available via Zoom and this can be one-on-one and takes one hour.

Jane Noake spoke on the 2022 Short Course National Championships planning and preparation. Mark McDonald is Social Co-ordinator and needs assistance, Mark Hepple is running the website & entries, but so many more volunteers are needed. All will be replicated from the 2020 event. It will be difficult to get sponsorship due to Covid19 repercussions to the business world. Profits are expected to be low but it is important to host a major event. More Officials are required to be trained, qualified and in many cases reaccredited. The members attending today are requested to encourage club mates to get qualified, looking for Inspectors of Turns in particular.

Multi-class classifications are not being recognised at this event, Branches can include Multi-class athletes in their own events but not (yet) for National Championships.

Di Coxon-Ellis congratulated Jane Noake in her position as MSA National President and to Robert Hardie for being on the National Board of Management.

The Coaching course is now entirely online and the Officials courses will also be put online, content is currently being written—hopefully by 2022.

Coaching weekend coming up, carnivals and country events too. Video finish with thanks to David Loader.