



Minutes of the 42nd Annual General Meeting
Held at Maroubra Seals Sports and Community Club Limited
Saturday 29th April 2017

The Meeting Commenced at **12:00** and closed at **13:40**

Attendance:

7 Current Management Committee Members present (Patron John Sharpe apology)
50 Delegates representing 25 member clubs as per the attendance book

Welcome:

The Chairman, Greg Holland (President WSAA) opened the meeting and welcomed all the attendees and gave a special welcome to the Life Members and Committee members. He also acknowledged the club delegates that had travelled significant distance to be present at the meeting.

The president thanked those on the committee for their work throughout the season.

A minute silence in honour of deceased winter swimmers was carried out with those present facing the water.

Minutes:

The minutes of the 2016 AGM had been distributed to all affiliated clubs prior to the meeting for review.

A call for amendments to minutes was put to the floor. No amendments were requested.

Motion to accept the minutes of the 2016 AGM as a true record of that meeting was moved by Steve Goddard (BI) and seconded by Eric Hayne (PP)

Correspondence

The Secretary and President commented on importance of communication.

- WSAA Website is the main source of information.
- Facebook page under development.
- Correspondence continue to be sent by the Secretary.
- Newsletter being sent monthly.
- Welcome of Jervis Bay 'Wobbegongs' Winter Swimming Club.

President John Stapleton- Warren Bos (Life Member proposed) – R.White (Balmain Kool Kats) seconded.

Motion to accept the correspondence was moved by Lyn Chapman and seconded by Steve Goddard (BI)

Financial Report

Treasurer Tony Beger provided an overview of the WSAA financial position. The Association's financial report was made available on the day for distribution.

Key Line items mentioned:

Medals costs down

Highest line item of expenses were for \$300 for the President (Agreed by Management for out-of-pocket expenses.)

\$4000 agreed for international WSAA to come to Australia.

Robert Simms was the Auditor

David Handley raised comments on importance of entering tax return on time to avoid- No filing fee & penalty

Neville Barker raised need for reimbursement of \$1200 for Raffle Tickets
(A Notice on the \$1200 for Neville Barker was raised to be investigated.)

Ben Morrissey (Bondi Icebergs) for invoice request

Treasurer Tony Beger thanked Auditor Robert Simms for his support in compiling this year's financial report.

A Motion to accept the 2016 season financial report as a true record was moved by Rob (Balmain Kool Cats) and seconded by John Suann (Gunnamatta Greys)

2016 Championship Referee Report

Carnival Referee, Michael Ryan, provided the meeting with a review of his referee report.

Key Highlights

- Swimmer highlighted was Men Over 50's- Andrew Dupree
- Twin Town Diggers- Only 3 people, however, received 2 silver medals and 5 Medals in 4 Years.

Michael also thanked all those that supported him on the day to make the carnival a success especially Mark Cavanaugh and Steve Weller from the Merewether Mackerels.

Steve Weller addressed the group and thanked Michael Ryan, Greg Holland and Lyn Chapman for all their support.

Steve Weller mentioned the Mereweather Mackerels did make a profit for their club following the championship review.

Election of office bearers

The 2016 President, Greg Holland, called for the election of office bearers for the 2017 season. Prior to vacating the chair, Greg thanked all the Committee for the efforts throughout the 2016 season.

2017 committee positions which were filled as follows:

Patron:	John Sharpe (MS)
President:	Greg Holland (CPB)
Vice President:	Steve Goddard (BI)
Secretary:	Vijay Jootna (BI)
Race Secretary:	Lyn Chapman (CE)
Treasurer:	Tony Beger (BKC)
Committee Person:	Neville Baker (CC)
Committee Person:	Rob Taylor (HFF)
Carnival Referee:	Michael Ryan
Deputy Referee:	David Hanley (PW)
Deputy Referee:	Don Gain (HFF)
Chief Judge:	Steve Goddard (BI)
Chief Time Keeper:	John Suann (GG)
Registrar:	Peter Cullen (CPB)
Assistant Registrar:	Anne Cullen
Chief Marshall:	Clive Smith*
Publicity Officer:	Vijay Jootna (BI)
Announcer:	To be held over
Host Representative:	Terry Smith (GCM)
Auditor:	Robert Simms

*President commented on the status of Clive Smith and Dan Handley to take if not available.

2017 Annual Championship Update:

2017 Champion Host Club (Gold Coast Marlins) representative, Terry Smith, provided an overview of the preparations for the 2017 Championships to be held on the 10th of September.

- Question raised around Accommodation and GC commented that Individuals to book their own rooms at the moment. (No Packages/discounts available)
- Request for single point of contact for championship information
- Updates to be provided on the WSAA Website

2018 International Winter Swimming Carnival

President Greg Holland provided an update to the AGM.

WSAA committed to sharing updates on International events around the world on the website

Proposed carnival to be held on the Long weekend in June 2018.

Approximations provided \$300K Estimated Cost - \$150K Aspiration to be provided from the government.

At the moment there is a projected \$9k profit.

President Greg Holland asked the Delegates to continue to pursue hosting an International Event in Sydney.

Steve Goddard (BI) approved and Daniel Handley (PP) seconded on behalf of the Delegates present.

The AGM Delegates present approved the formation of a separate Organizing committee Steve Goddard agreed to Chair the committee. The committee to include:

- Steve Goddard (Chairman of the Committee)
- Lyn Chapman
- Alan Langford
- Mariann Smith,
- Vijay Jootna
- Tony Beger
- Eric Hayne
- Neville Baker
- Robert Taylor

2018 Championships Hosts

President Greg Holland commented on the consultation and positive, amicable agreement with the Cottesloe Crabs to withdraw from hosting the 2018 Championships due to the planned International event.

Nominations to host the 2018 Championships were raised.

Bondi Icebergs – Ben Morrissey expressed interest to host the 2018 WSAA Championship.

There were no further nominations.

Bondi Icebergs to host the 2018 Championship - Michael Ryan (CC) Agreed, Neville Barker (CC) Seconded

Council Meetings

A call for host clubs for the June and August 2017 Council Meetings was made:

- 24 June - Cronulla Polar Bears (Ian Reprich)
- 12 August Maroubra Seals (Brett Rugless)
- 14 October Venue TBC

General Business

- Honorary Legal advisors to be Kemp Strang
- Motion raised by Steve Goddard (BI) , Ian Reprich (CPB) seconded – carried

- Raffle – Tickets to be sold again this year. Tickets books to be delivered.

Anne Curtis - (Forster Turtles) commented on WSAA ability to get involved in a governance matter for a regional invitational event.

Greg Holland to investigate issue further.

- Motion Raised in accordance with AGM procedure and communicated prior to the meeting.

"A trophy, (to be named), is introduced to be contested by those WSAA clubs who have both male and female members."

Martin Palfremen (BS)-Raised motion

Several comments from delegates on need and purpose of one trophy.

Outcome is that the matter is to be referred to the swim committee to present a workable solution for how a One Trophy and how it will be calculated. At the next delegates meeting, the proposed workable solutions will be raised and voted on.

Meeting Closed at 1340