



Winter Swimming Association of Australia 2023 AGM Minutes

Saturday 29th April 2023

I. Call to order

President Lyn Chapman (LC) called to order the 2023 AGM of the Winter Swimming Association of Australia at 12:20pm on the 29th of April 2023, at the Maroubra Seals Sports and Community Club Ltd.

II. Welcome

LC welcomed all attendees to the 2023 AGM and conducted a roll call and called for apologies. The following club delegates were present, and apologies listed. Refer to Annexure A for the attendees and apologies. The attendance book is held by the Secretary.

III. Minute silence

LC called for a minute silence as a mark of respect for winter swimmers that had passed since the 2022 AGM.

IV. Approval of minutes from last meeting

One correction was noted in the 2022 AGM minutes. Item XIII under General Business. It should read Balmain Kook Kats (not Ballina Kook Kats).

Motion to accept minutes: Don Gain (HFF)
Seconded: Paul Cavanagh (CPB)
Motion carried.

V. Correspondence

Michael Ryan (acting Secretary) provided items of note from correspondence:

- A letter was received from Swimming Victoria. The Brighton Icebergers are interested in joining the winter swimming association. They will affiliate and look to swim at the 2023 titles.
- The Dee Why Icepicks will host the 2023 Australian Winter Swimming titles on Sunday 17th September.



- The 2022 Australian Winter Swimming title carnival results have been posted to the WSAA website.
- The Wagga Crows set up a Face Book page for the 2022 titles. This page will need to be managed going forward.
- The Crabs have proposed a new mixed relay event be incorporated at the 2023 titles.

Moved: Jon Thomson (DWI)

Seconded: Brett Rugless (MS)

Motion carried

VI. Financial Report

Treasurer Anne Cullen (AC) presented the accounts for financial year 2022/23, highlighting the following:

- a) The accounts were unable to be audited before the meeting, but will get them audited ASAP and advise all clubs of the outcomes
- b) The bank balance at 31/3/23 was \$29,268.22. The full report is attached.
423.51

Moved to accept the accounts: John Stapleton (JBW).

Seconded: Mick Grey (MS)

Motion carried

VII. President's Report

- The outgoing President (Lyn Chapman) thanked the committee for all their support during her time as President.
- The current patron, John Sharpe (JS), is standing down for health reasons. Don Gain (HFF) was nominated by the floor for the Patron position. As there was only one nomination, Don Gain accepted the position and was elected to the role of Patron.
Seconded: Neville Barker (CC)
- It was suggested by Warren Bos that a thank you letter be sent to John Sharpe.

Moved by: Jon Thomson (DWIP)

Seconded: Brett Rugless (MS).



VIII. Election of Office Bearers for the 2023 / 24 season

Lyn Chapman vacated the chair and Don Gain proceeded with the election of office bearers.

The election of office bearers was duly conducted in line with the constitution. The duly elected WSAA committee for 2023 – 2024 is shown below:

New President Neville Barker (CC) took the chair and thanked the outgoing President Lyn Chapman.

He stressed the importance for delegates to update club contact information.

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| President | Neville Barker (CC) |
| Vice-President | Lyn Chapman (CE) |
| Secretary | Stacey Thomas (BI) |
| Treasurer | Anne Cullen (GBGS) |
| Carnival Director | Michael Ryan (TH&C) |
| Committee Person 1 | Peter Cullen (GBGS) |
| Committee Person 2 | Brett Rugless (MS) |
| Referee | Don Gain (HFF) |
| Deputy Referee | Mark Herrington (CE) |
| Registrar | Peter Cullen (GBGS) |
| Assistant Registrar | Anne Cullen (GBGS) |
| Chief Judge | Steve Goddard (BI) |
| Chief Marshall | Vacant |
| Chief Timekeeper | Brett Rugless (MS) |
| Announcer | Nick Nezval |
| Publicity Officer | Vacant |
| Carnival Secretary | Lyn Chapman (CE) |
| Host Club/Association Representative | Jon Thomson (DWIP) |
| Honorary Auditor | Geoff Thoroughgood |

IX. Update on the 2023 Winter Swimming Championships to be hosted by the Dee Why Ice Picks

Jon Thomson (from the Dee Why Ice Picks) provided the following update on the 2023 Championships to be held:

- Welcome – Friday 15th September (late afternoon)



- Welcome swim and BBQ (swim at Isaac White pool at Dee Why) – from 12noon
Drinks at a new distillery (gin and whisky tasting)
- Carnival
Sunday 17th September
Warringah Aquatic Centre (8 lanes)
Pool opens at 7am, competition starts at 8am
Official opening at approx. 10a
Aim to finish the carnival by 1.30pm
Format of the carnival will be heats / nominated time relays / finals / relays
There will be no courtesy buses to the after function
The pool is only 1m deep so a waiver as an association or club will need to be signed

Sunday 20th August is the date for final nominations for the 2023 championships

- Presentation/reception is at the Dee Why RSL club after the carnival (the cost is \$55pp)
Dinner is a buffet

X. Selection of Host Club for the 2024 Australian Winter Swimming Championships

- Currently no nominations to host the 2024 Australian Winter Swimming Championships have been received. The association would be happy to cohost. Potential options need to be considered.
- Neville Barker advised he is investigating Darwin as a host, but this would not be to 2025 or 2026.

XI. Selection of venues and dates for the 2023 Council Meetings

- Delegate meeting 1 to be held Saturday 24th June, hosted by Harbord Frigid Frogs. Venue to be confirmed.
- Delegate meeting 2 to be held Saturday 19th August, hosted by Maroubra Seals. Venue is Maroubra Seals club.

XII. General Business

- Key focus areas raised by the President will be:
 - Updating of the WSAA website asap



- Rewriting of the constitution (at a minimum it must include a list of the responsibilities of committee members).
 - Attract younger people
 - Propagate the benefits of winter swimming and community
 - Need host for the 2024 titles
- There are currently 37 member clubs (used to be 78)
- Warren Bos (Life Member requested to speak). Things he said need looking at:
 - Member clubs and history should be in the carnival program
 - Constitution and rules need updating
 - Website needs updating and improving
 - 5 swim rule should be enforced
 - History/origins of the association should be compiled
 - Promotion of the benefits of the association.
 - Should be encouraging younger members
 - Association needs a Publicity Officer
- New President Neville Barker thanked Warren for his comments and said most of these issues were noted at the management meeting prior to the AGM and the new committee would be addressing them.
- Neville has spoken with a lawyer regarding the constitution and the website will also be updated as a priority.
- Sue Patterson (CE) put forward a motion that a mixed relay event be introduced at the next titles. This was seconded by Don Gain. A vote was taken, and this will be included in the program.
- Michael Ryan stated it would be an open age event (non-championship). 4 person = 2 males + 2 females. (It will be discussed whether this will be a point score event for next year).
- The Maroubra Seals Treasurer stated that insurances had gone through the roof and sought advice. Jon Thomson (DWIP) asked could the association have a blanket cover for all clubs. It was advised by the President that this was not feasible.
- Ron White (BKK) suggested that the 20 clubs who don't come to the championships should be contacted. Michael Ryan will contact these clubs.
- John Stapleton enquired about the Orange championships. It was pointed out that the association was going to run the carnival but decided to go to Wagga instead.
- The Port Stephens club could be interested in rejoining the association.



Close of Meeting

President Neville Barker thanked all attendees for coming to the meeting today and advised that light refreshments would be provided shortly. The 2023 WSAA AGM was closed at 1.38pm.

Minutes submitted by: Stacey Thomas - Secretary

Minutes approved by: Neville Barker – President



Annexure A

Attendees

| Name | Club |
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| Michael Karp | Bondi Icebergs |
| John Stapleton | Jervis Bay Wobbeongs |
| Christine Stapleton | Jervis Bay Wobbeongs |
| Steve Goddard | Bondi Icebergs |
| Terry D | South Maroubra Dolphins |
| Mark Herrington | Clovelly Eskimos |
| Brett Rugless | Maroubra Seals |
| Warren Bos | Life Member |
| Susie Peterson | Clovelly Eskimos |
| Sue Purcell | Killcare Frigid Digits |
| Paul Chipehase | Harbord Frigid Frogs |
| Don Gain | Harbord Frigid Frogs |
| Dave Cook | Harbord Frigid Frogs |
| Ron White | Balmain Kool Kats |
| Fran White | Balmain Kool Kats |
| Rick Hayes | Maroubra Seals |
| Paul Cavanagh | Cronulla Polar Bears |
| Stacey Thomas | Bondi Icebergs |
| Mick Dalton | Cronulla |
| Adam English | Cronulla |
| Michael Ryan | Tweed Heads & Coolangatta Dolphins |
| Anne Cullen | GyMEA Bay green Slugs |
| Peter Cullen | Cronulla Polar Bears/ GyMEA Green Slug |
| Gemma Lumley | Coogee Penguins |
| Jon Thomson | Dee Why Ice Picks |
| Neville Barker | Cottesloe Crabs |

Apologies

| Name | Club |
|------------------|----------------------|
| Dave Smith | Gold Coast Marlins |
| Lynne Fitzsimons | Bondi Icebergs |
| Shayne Keys | Bondi Icebergs |
| Alan Langford | Maroubra Seals |
| Scott Simmons | Cronulla Polar Bears |
| Anthony Paul | Wagga Crows |
| Paul Damkjaer | Cronulla Polar Bears |