



Winter Swimming Association of Australia

Delegates Meeting Minutes

Saturday 17th August 2024

Location: Maroubra Seals Sports and Community Club

Attendees were noted in the Attendance Book.

The meeting was opened at 12.05pm, with the President welcoming all and thanking Maroubra Seals for Hosting.

The following items were discussed at the meeting:

- The Delegates held a minutes silence In Remembrance for three swimmers who had recently passed. John Sewann (Polar Bears); Norm Upton (Austinmer); Rob Watkins (Harbord)
- MR advised of Correspondence received.
- Discussion took place surrounding the 2024 Carnival with the following points noted:
- Delegates were advised that with the Association hosting the event, there have been a few challenges. We are putting a concerted effort in – and most things are in place.
- MR as Race Director – ran through the Itinerary for the weekend. Delegates were advised that this will be placed on the WSAA website for all participants to view.
- There will be no “dash for cash” being held on the Saturday.
- Marquees can be set up on Saturday – but must not stay up overnight. Clubs are strongly encouraged to do this on Saturday to avoid congestion, and save time on Sunday.
- Marquee hire can be arrange from Orange Hire if required.
- On Sunday – access for the pool can be made from 7.30am onwards.
- It is a nine lane pool
- We will aim to start the carnival at 8am.
- Pool entry will be included in the \$50 – along with a Program, and dinner ticket for the Sunday.
- Wristbands are to be organized – and can be picked up on the Fri night or Saturday.
Action item: LC to organize wristbands for carnival.
- Clubs will be encouraged to offer up timekeepers throughout the day. Delegates were advised that we required 2 timekeepers for each lane for the heats, and 3 for the finals.
- Alan Burn (Wobby Gongs) asked are clubs are to bring along their own stop watches.
Answer: YES please
- John Stapleton (Wobby Gongs) – when are clubs to provide names of timekeepers?
Answer: on the day.
- All were advised that first heats will be 50m, following by Relay Heats – then all Finals will take place.



- MR ran through the programme order.
- Delegates were advised that the pool has been very clear – NO outside coffee etc to be brought in to the pool.
- An itinerary will be sent out to all clubs.
- The dinner after the carnival will be held at the Orange RSL. With MR encouraging clubs to join as members. Ideally – this even will take place between 1.30 – 6.00pm. Medal presentations will take place whilst people are eating. After 6pm – all attendees will move downstairs.
- Discussion took place around False Starts. MR advised that we don't want to blow anyone off the blocks – please encourage your swimmers to practice their starts.
- Glenn Brown (Cronulla Polar Bears): questioned the timing methods. Answer: All were advised that the Dolphin Method was going to be used – but also manual times would be taken as a back up.
- Relay listings are to be submitted on the day.
- *Action item: LC to send out Relay Sheets to Clubs for completing.*
- Stacey Thomas (Icebergs): asked if there are less swimmers in relays – can participants “double up”. Answer: Delegates were advised that this had been raised, and discussed at Management Committee earlier – and decision was made that this would NOT be allowed.
- Sid Hammond (Kool Kats): what will be the process if you break? Answer: there will be a false rope start in place. Depends on how close the break is – race may be re-run.
- Marian Dawson (Floating Flamingos) – *the President Welcomed Floating Flamingos to the Association* – what if you want to leave after carnival and can't make the meal – do you still have to pay the \$50? Answer: yes.
- Al Burns (Wobby Gongs): if you want to swim on the Saturday, with the \$50 cover this? Answer – No. *Action item: MR to confirm this and revert to clubs.*
- Kellie Menzel (Sth Maroubra Dolphins) – when is the \$50 due? Answer: MR advised that correspondence will go out to all clubs this week regarding everything.
- MR advised that swim entries are to be submitted by COB 18/7/2024. Replacements can be submitted up until 25/8/24. Any changes after this date – will be up to the Race Directors Discretion.
- Marg Wilkinson (Coogee Penguins): can participants only swim in their one event? i.e. over 80's – that is the only race? Answer: Participants can swim “down” on their age. i.e. the over 80 – is allowed to swim in the over-70's category also.
- Stacey Thomas (Icebergs): Advised that at the recent Sydney Invitational meet we conducted a 100m race which was very popular. Has there been any consideration to include this? Answer: No.
- Delegates were advised that in relation to the 2025 Carnival – an announcement will be made at Orange as to the location of this meet.



- General Business: The following were also noted as to having passed away since previous meeting: Bruce Hammond (Coogee Penguins); Blair Keane (sp?) (Wobby Gongs); Jack Brown (Cronulla Polar Bears).
- No other General Business was conducted the President thanked everyone for the participation.

Meeting ended at 12.45pm

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