

AIF MINUTES - GENERAL MEETING
Monday, 23 September 2024, 7pm via Zoom

PRESENT: Kerry Ryan (Gosford), Peter Bain (Wentworthville), Helen Little (Southport), Sean Henly (Wentworthville), Anita Hawtin (Bondi Diggers & Bondi Junction Waverley), Pat Kinghorn (Bondi Diggers & Bondi Junction Waverley), Joanne Falla (Coogee Randwick), Michael McMahon (Coogee Randwick), Catherine Davis (Moree), Karon Fuller (Warren), Bob Kelsall (Manly Diggers)

APOLOGIES: Bob Clarke (Cobar), Cronulla RSL, Nerang

ODE: The meeting opened at 7.05pm by Sean Henly reading the Ode.

Kerry Ryan welcomed everyone to the meeting.

Kerry conveyed his condolences on behalf of the AIF Committee to the family and friends of Harry Taylor (Blacktown) who passed away on 9 July 2024 at the age of 99. Harry Joined the AIF in 1961 and was a swimmer and volunteer worker.

MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting held on 22 April 2024 were accepted as correct. Pat Kinghorn moved the minutes be accepted, Michael McMahon seconded.

CORRESPONDENCE

In: 15 clubs responded positively to the introduction of a new trophy for the AIF carnival.

The Sunshine Coast has established a new club and have advised that they are keen to join the AIF Association. David Price is the contact. Welcome to the new club. We are looking forward to seeing them in the future.

Out: Email sent out to the President, RSL NSW, Mick Bainbridge, asking him to become Patron of our association. Awaiting reply.

Bob Kelsall advised that he has been corresponding to and from Coffs Harbour pool about the 2025 carnival.

It was proposed the correspondence be accepted.

Proposer: Bob Kelsall, Seconder: Helen Little.

TREASURER'S REPORT

The Treasurer's report was read by Bob Kelsall. It was noted that the bank balance as at 30 June 2024 is \$16,469.09.

It was further noted there is \$1,400 worth of prizes in stock. Helen Little advised the Committee that there is now another 2 years' worth of glasses and water bottles that can be used for carnival prizes and the only items required for purchase for the next carnival will be trophies and some towels

There are two less clubs affiliated with the AIF and thanks goes to Southport as there was no insurance bill last year.

It was agreed that Club affiliation fees and the entry fee remain unchanged.

The A12 form for the annual finance summary has been completed and will be lodged with the Department of Fair Trading following this AGM.

It was proposed that the Association's ABN contact be changed from Kerry Ryan to Bob Kelsall and add Helen Little and Peter Bain as associates. Kerry Ryan will remain as the Public Officer Holder.

It was noted that a *not-for-profit* return will be lodged with the Australian Taxation Office.

It was proposed that the Treasurer's report be accepted.

Proposer: Karon Fuller, Seconder: Jo Falla.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Kerry Ryan confirmed that he will be retiring this season. He re-iterated that the success of the association does not happen without the combined efforts of the Committee - Sean, Helen, Bob, Anita and particularly Peter for his support and contribution over the years.

ELECTION OF OFFICE BEARERS FOR 2024-25

- President – Helen Little (proposed Bob Kelsall, seconded Karon Fuller)
- Vice President – Sean Henly (proposed Helen Little, seconded Karon Fuller)
- Secretary – Anita Hawtin (proposed Helen Little, seconded Kerry Ryan)
- Assistant Secretary – Joanne Falla (Helen Little, seconded Bob Kelsall)
- Treasurer – Bob Kelsall (Helen Little, seconded Pat Kinghorn)
- Carnival Director – Peter Bain (Helen Little, seconder Kerry Ryan)

SECRETARY'S REPORT

Two clubs have left the AIF association, Albury and Cronulla Sharks who have amalgamated with Cronulla RSL.

CARNIVAL UPDATE

Peter Bain provided an update on the 2025 Carnival:

- Peter will visit the Coffs Harbour pool this week and ascertain whether a tent can be placed at the starting end, behind the marshalling area, as the room that is available is too small.
- Helen will talk to Grafton about the availability of a tent.
- The Coffs Ex-Services Club has been contacted regarding the presentation dinner and details including costs will be confirmed in time for the next general meeting.
- The 2025 carnival entry form will be sent out to clubs in early November.

GENERAL BUSINESS

Kerry Ryan proposed, and the Committee agreed, that the Honorariums remain the same as last year:

- President: \$150
- Vice President: \$150
- Secretary: \$250
- Treasurer: \$150
- Carnival director: \$250
- Assist. Secretary: \$150

It was noted that there were 15 positive responses to introduce a new trophy to the national carnival to encourage service swimmers. The trophy will be named the *Kerry Ryan* trophy in honour of the long service Kerry has provided to the AIF swimming community.

Coogee Diggers Sub-branch confirmed they will sponsor the Kerry Ryan trophy. Michael advised the meeting that pleasingly there has been an increase in membership of veterans to the Sub-branch over the last 12 months.

Bob Kelsall will investigate and report back on the option of moving the AIF Association's bank from Commonwealth to Bendigo Bank, noting opportunities for sponsorship.

To help support the AIF Swimming Association, Helen asked all members to think about sponsorship opportunities either from organisations or individuals.

On behalf of the AIF Committee, Peter Bain thanked Kerry Ryan for his assistance, guidance and friendship over the last 22 years as he served as President. Peter proposed, and the Committee agreed, that Kerry continue to be the announcer at the 2025 carnival.

Meeting closed: 7.50pm

Next meeting: Monday, 4 November 2024 @ 7.30pm.