

# NEPEAN AQUATIC CENTRE

## SWIM CLUB INCORPORATED



### MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

**Wednesday the 22<sup>nd</sup> July 2020**  
**at Nepean Aquatic Centre, 16-19 Lambridge Place, Penrith**

The meeting was opened and chaired by Steve Amies commencing at 7:05pm

**Present** Alan Bentley, Steve Amies, David McAuley, Jackie Barck, Julie Sheldrake, Neil Rowley, Rachel Nekic, John Rohloff, Dave Cooper, Corrine Quinn, Nick Pryke, Geoffrey Elks, Rita Hall, Cassie Mobbs

#### **Apologies:**

Moved by: Steve Amies That the attendance as per the **attendance book** and apologies as received be accepted

Seconded by: Neil Rowley

#### **MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS GENERAL MEETING**

The minutes of the previous AGM were distributed and passed as true and correct. Moved by Steve Amies, seconded by Neil Rowley

#### **ERRORS OR OMISSIONS**

Nil

#### **BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES**

Nil

**ANNUAL REPORTS****PRESIDENT - Vacant****TREASURER – Alan Bentley****Summary of Financials for 01/04/19 - 31/03/20**

Income:	\$ 49,573.90
Expenses:	\$ 50,057.62
<b>Deficit:</b>	<b>\$ 483.72</b>

Bank balance	\$ 31,136.00
Term Deposit	\$ 14,000.00
Total Cash	\$ 45,136.00

The club has recorded a surplus of \$20,193.88 total receipts of \$50,573.90 and expenses of \$50,057.62

During the year our major fundraising events were as follows:

- Winter Short Course Carnival (net) \$ 10,155.40
- Open Water Meet (net) \$ 7,541.77
- Club night BBQ \$ 1,617.10
- Bunnings BBQ \$ 1,811.45
- Ironman 70.3 Volunteers \$ 1,440.00

Our major expenditure was as follows:

- Starting Blocks \$ 11,154.00
- Apparel & swim equipment \$ 9,067.14
- Presentation (Summer & Winter) \$ 2,621.20
- Funding for coaches & swimmers \$ 3,396.14
- Social Activities \$ 3,263.00

With the ongoing situation with coronavirus, the club has lost the opportunity to host our annual winter meet which is our largest fundraiser. Our second largest fundraiser is our open water swim meet. It is too early to tell how that may be impacted but we must be prepared that it may not be able to proceed to the level which we saw last year. The Ironman 70.3 event where we volunteer and receive a donation from Ironman is scheduled for 27th September 2020. At this stage, the event is due to go ahead but it may also be in doubt. The potential loss of these three fundraisers will leave a large hole in our revenue for the next 12 months. We are fortunate to be in a strong financial position which will ensure we can absorb this projected drop in revenue.

I would like to thank the committee for any assistance they have given me this past year. A special thank you to Steve Amies who finishes in his role as Club Secretary. He has done a fantastic job over the past three years, not only as Club Secretary but also as the driver of our club night BBQ's and hotdog stalls. Thank you to Rita Hall who has once again done an incredible job as club night co-ordinator. Without this position, we would not be able to hold a club night in its current format. I would also like to thank our senior technical officials John Rohloff, Dave Cooper and Jann Fathers. Without their help and guidance, we would not have been able to run our Winter Swim Meet and Open Water meet. These two events alone raised over \$18,000.00 for the club.

#### **HEAD COACH – Jackie Barck**

Firstly, I would like to say a huge thank you to the retiring executive for support shown to the athletes and to myself. Your tireless efforts with fundraising have been second to none. Most of the committee had to double up in second roles to fill the gaps in numbers needed to get the job done at times and this has not gone unnoticed by me or by the swimmers who pass on their thanks.

Voluntary roles are sometimes not seen by others to be voluntary and sometimes the committee cops an unfair shake.....hopefully, this is a thing of the past as we have all been through some quite tough months with the covid 19 pandemic which has really allowed us to be grateful and appreciative of what we have because nothing makes you appreciate something more than when it is taken away from you. – Lost opportunity for the athletes to shine in 2020 has certainly caused some grief and mental strain. However, hopefully things will take on a better outlook moving towards the end of the year and Australia can fire up to be a force to be reckoned with on the world stage. For our club, this can only happen if there is a unified team of supporters who will step up onto the new committee for the benefit of the athletes in the club.

Thank you to the race committee for allowing club night to develop. Rita has been extra awesome with dealing with the referees and running club night events. In addition, Dave with his computer experience helping swimming NSW establish the system on Swim Central to run an open water meet with help from Kathy of course who is always our 'go to' person...her support to the club over the years has been magic and to have her back as a club member is great. Cassandra as our Registrar has navigated the new system and is very approachable helping new members.

It is also a fitting time to recognise and acknowledge the efforts of Jann and Fred for giving up their time on a Friday evening and for club championships to referee. As well, we owe thanks to Robb, Sue and Jenni for setting up and their starting skills plus, time devoted to encouraging new technical officials as well as the swimmers. Also, thanks to John and Dave who are always there to gather the troops to officiate at our annual short course meet and open water meet that supply the club with our biggest influx of funds.

A huge thank you to Karen, Lisa, Debbie, Sarah, Steve and Megan for their varying coaching roles over the past year and for attending club nights and swim meets in support of the athletes. James Sweeney has continued to be involved with the development of our teenage athletes since our return to training following the government covid shutdown. He has done an excellent job with the strength training programme to keep it interesting and appropriate. The programme has been working very well for those who have attended regularly and we have a new group beginning who will also enjoy the benefit of working with a specific strength and conditioning coach who has an interest in their swimming career. As a whole, it has been encouraging to see the safe strength development of the individuals whilst growing through teenage years and their application to continue with good form technique and cardio preparation whilst training in isolation and reporting to me via video link etc.

New design club shirts, swimmers & deck coats plus distribution of all uniform supplies has been well managed and supplied to the pleasure of our swimmers. They have looked great and are proud to wear the gear. This does not happen without someone steering that effort and we should thank Rachel for her work in making ordering user friendly for all members.

Communication to the members has continued to improve with Julie trying to increase team app membership and looking into the updating of our club website. The streamlining of communication to members is always well received. Thank you to Julie for making my communication to swimmers and parents a lot less complicated. As competitions were cancelled and information released by swimming Australia / swimming NSW / swimming metro south west, Julie relayed the relevant details as quickly as practicable and she is looking for information weekly now to be onforwarded.

Our club championships were swum and it was a great day of competition however, the awards for this meet and the whole season have not been recognised as our presentation venue and trophy supplier closed their doors. Now that businesses are slowly reopening, a date will be set for a big celebration as soon as restrictions allow for us to hold the evening within social distancing regulations. I have prepared a slide show presentation to highlight the achievements of the athletes at the events that were held over the season and I will look forward to showing it on the night.

Throughout the covid shutdown period, there was much need for everyone to feel 'not forgotten'. Fear was the biggest factor as athletes and parents were worried about what they were missing out on and how far behind the swimmers would be in water fitness. The fear factor was alleviated with the team staying linked really well with me and by support shown between the swimmers of varying ages. This was good and has continued since returning to training with our what's app chat groups.

Thank you to the parents and swimmers for believing in what we are doing and committing to the club in this wonderful sport that will assist the athletes in so many more ways than keeping them healthy. Shame about the bushfires destroying our camp in January but the February Junior Camp was great and loads of fun. Tasmania and Melbourne competition visits were great experiences Club Captains – Ryan Slaughter and Arianne Thomas plus Vice Captain Taylor Cameron have been supportive and have stepped up whenever I have asked for their input etc. most recently at the squad junior development day. Thank you for taking on the duties associated with being Club Captain and for supporting me, other coaches, committee, and representing all swimmers in an official capacity.

To Neil and Mel for steering the team and other people who always put up their hand to help with fundraising activities.

A huge thank you to Alan Bentley who basically single handed organised the support for the 70.3 and to Erin Bleasdale for arranging Westpac sponsorship of medals for our 2 major competition events –the short course meet in August and the open water meet in October. Sponsorship and funds raised have benefitted all swimmers with subsidising of uniform shirts & swimmers plus supply of towels, drink bottles, marshalling bags. The Bunnings bar-b-ques, the 70.3, the swim-a-thon and Cadbury chocolate fundraising events were heaps of fun and it was the efforts of the swimmers that shined there.

Thank you to Steve for holding down the secretary role as well as co-ordinating the club night bar-b-que, hot dog, cheese toasties, hot chocolate & brownies in style with the assistance of his band of merry men. These things raise needy funds and appreciation is bestowed on the boys for getting in and making the swimmers happy with their food treats and keeping the bank balance ticking over to cover much needed running expenses for the club. It is great to have good people behind the scenes supporting our athletes who work so hard to achieve in the water. I am grateful to each and every one who has helped over the past 12 months – it makes my job so much easier when I have happy athletes to coach. At the moment, despite the disappointment with cancellation of many many events including travel to Perth for national championships, our team is going very well in training and are the most supportive of each other with appreciation for the talent that lies within. I believe that covid shutdown has taught us a lesson and that this will foster even better team morale when we begin to race.

To the swimmers, I applaud you for your achievements and your resolve. I look forward to the upcoming season of competition. I trust that our national team will be bigger in numbers in 2021. I still believe in our club motto 'Passion Perseverance Power' -probably more so after the happenings in the world that have affected our wonderful sport.

**ANNUAL ELECTION OF OFFICERS/NOMINATIONS**

Steve Amies declared all positions open and called for nominations

**EXECUTIVE:**

**President:** No nominations received

**Vice President – Competition:** Dave Cooper nominated Rita Hall and was seconded by Steve Amies

**Vice President – Social:** No nominations received

**Secretary:** Steve Amies nominated Neil Rowley and was seconded by Julie Sheldrake

**Treasurer:** Julie Sheldrake nominated Alan Bentley and was seconded by Steve Amies

**Head Coach:** Steve Amies nominated Jackie Barck and was seconded by Dave McAuley

**Race Secretary:** Neil Rowley nominated Dave McAuley and was seconded by Cassie Mobbs

**Publicity Officer:** Alan Bentley nominated Julie Sheldrake and was seconded by Jackie Barck

**OFFICE BEARERS:**

**Club Coach #1:** Alan Bentley nominated Karen Bentley and was seconded by Julie Sheldrake

**Club Coach #2:** Jackie Barck nominated Lisa Thomson and was seconded by Cassie Mobbs

**Registrar:** Steve Amies nominated Cassie Mobbs and was seconded by Dave McAuley

**Club Night Race Secretary:** Alan Bentley nominated Rita Hall and was seconded by Steve Amies

**Property Officer:** Dave McAuley nominated Corrine Quinn and was seconded by Jackie Barck

**Club Night and Swimming Meet Convenor:** No nominations received

**Social Secretary:** Jackie Barck nominated Vanessa King and was seconded by Rita Hall (acceptance pending confirmation)

**Assistant Secretary:** No nominations received

**Assistant Treasurer:** No nominations received

**Fund Raising Coordinator #1:** No nominations received

**Fund Raising Coordinator #2:** No nominations received

**ELECTION OF DELEGATES**

**Delegates to NSW Swimming:** No nominations received

**Delegates to Swimming – Metro South West #1:** No nominations received

**Delegates to Swimming – Metro South West #2:** No nominations received

**ELECTION OF COMMITTEE:**

**Program Committee #1:** Jackie Barck nominated Karen Bentley and was seconded by Dave McAuley

**Program Committee #2:** Alan Bentley nominated Jackie Barck and was seconded by Steve Amies

**Program Committee #3:** Jackie Barck nominated Dave McAuley and was seconded by Neil Rowley

**Program Committee #4:** Vacant Position

**Social Committee #1:** No nominations received

**Social Committee #2:** No nominations received

**GENERAL BUSINESS**

\$1000 grant from the NSW government has been applied for and we are awaiting response

Bunnings BBQ – Neil Rowley to stay in touch with Bunnings for when they resume

Club night needs a backup organiser person, to support Rita. Swim Central settled down, good time to train someone else up - **Action for the incoming committee**

Trophy cabinet needs to become a priority - **Action for the incoming committee**

Meeting closed at: 7.34pm  
Next Meeting: 26<sup>th</sup> August 2020  
Location: Meeting Room, Nepean Aquatic Centre  
Start Time: 7pm

Confirmed as a true and correct record:

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President:

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Outgoing Secretary: **Steve Amies**

Date: 22<sup>nd</sup> July 2020