



Minutes of the Council of Clubs Meeting for Masters Swimming Western Australia Inc held at the Beatty Park Pool Clubroom, North Perth on Wednesday 16th May 2018.

1. INTRODUCTION

The meeting opened at 6.30 pm. Chairperson – **Fiona Wilkins** welcomed everyone and thanked all for their time in attending the meeting.

1.1 Accreditation of Delegates

President/National Delegate	Fiona Wilkins
Director of Club Development and Marketing	Graham Senders
Director of Events	Julie O'Connor
Director of Administration & Communication	Lynne Duncan
Director of Finance	Matthew Brehany
Director of Recording	Sandra Mutch
Executive Officer	Sophie Row

Armadale	Rowena Burch
Beatty Park	Mary Heath
Beatty Park	Heather Whitehead
Belmont	Andrea Chase
Bold Park	Colin Plant
Bunbury	Julie O'Connor
Carine	David Davies
Claremont	Suzanne Bird
Fremantle	David Tydeman
Fremantle	Paul Clifton
Geraldton	Stephen Smith
Inglewood	Will Suffell
Leisurepark	Kaye Harvey
Maida Vale	Lynne Duncan
Mandurah	Deb Bloor
Melville	Peter Clarke
Perth City	Jon Haines
Perth City	Maele Bourdais
Perth City	Andy Muller
Riverton	Graeme Pow
Rockingham	Erica Thomas
Somerset	Mike Millard
Stadium	Barry Green
Superfins	Robert Beckett
Superfins	Katya Anderson
Swan Hills	Sandra Mutch
Westcoast	Mike Kerman

Visitors:

Life Members: Sandra Mutch, Tricia Summerfield
Mary Ellen MacDonald

Apologies:

Board, State Officers, N18 OC:

Life Members:

Clubs:

1.2 Presentations

It was noted that State Open Water Swim and Pool States will be awarded at the Volunteer Thank You and Swimming Awards event to be held on 25th May 2018.

1.3 Confirmation of Minutes from 21st February 2018 Meeting:

Moved by Colin Plant (Bold Park), seconded by David Davis (Carine) **Accepted**

1.4 Business Arising from 21st February Meeting Minutes:

(2.6) Notice of Motion from Steve Crake will be held over to the next meeting

1.5 Board Matter Updates:

1.5.1 Nationals wrap up:

Fiona Wilkins provided a verbal update and thanked the committee and their volunteers for the massive contribution, which involved significant volunteer hours over 12 months. There were in excess of 120 volunteers involved. Specific thanks to the sub-committee of Nick Wyatt, Elena Nesci, Sandra Mutch, Siobhan Wilkins, Lizzie O'Brien, Erica Thomas and Heather Whitehead for their considerable efforts. Thanks to Claremont and Cockburn clubs for their assistance. The event attracted 630 The cash surplus was significant and will be presented to MSWA at the Volunteer Thank You event to be held on 25th May 2018. Projects will be identified to utilise the surplus.

1.5.2 Board Positions:

Fiona Wilkins (Meet Convenor and Director) advised:

- Matthew Brehany, Carine has now accepted the Director of Finance
- A vacancy for Director of Governance has arisen following the resignation of Martin Lodge due to heavy work commitments
- Pool Sanctions vacant for 2019 season (Erica Thomas)
- OWS Sanctions Officer vacant for 2018/19 season (Jon Haines)

1.5.3 Fiona Wilkins congratulated Darryl Kelly from Busselton for the great initiative of the Restart Programme, which is something every club can utilise

2. ITEMS OF GENERAL BUSINESS:

2.1 Kerensa Allason Legacy Grants:

Kerensa's mother, Mary-Ellen MacDonald presented the grants and certificates to individuals and clubs on the night. Lynne Duncan thanked Mary-Ellen for coming to the meeting and there was recognition of Kerensa's generosity.

2.2 MSWA OWS events - EOIs

Fiona Wilkins explained that MSWA ran 2 events of the OWS from last season. Fiona Wilkins asked for clubs to consider running either the States and/or the 10km. Clubs that were potentially interested were invited to attend the OWS workshop to be held at Beatty Park on 25th May at 12.30pm. RSVP attendance to Sophie Row.

2.3 Busselton Restart Program

Fiona Wilkins thanked Darryl for providing details of the Restart Program and congratulated him and the club for their work.

2.4 Barry Green – Stadium Masters

Raised that the cost of Club Challenges is increasing and asked if there is any sway with Venueswest to assist with reduction or maintenance of costs. Fiona Wilkins recommended that cost increases will need to be passed on to swimmers.

2.5 Suzanne Bird – Claremont

Raised the issue of lack of equity in regards to the number of events that can be swum as part of MSA swim series where only 3 events could be swum at the Stadium Masters LiveLighter Carnival meet instead of 6. Fiona Wilkins will follow up and clarify.

2.6 Pool swimming

Julie O'Connor advised she'd like to bring forward the Club Captain's meeting earlier in the year so there is more time for planning and sought feedback. It was agreed that the planning meeting will be brought forward to be held at the end of June/early July.

2.7 Freo Fins – New equipment

Advised they are considering purchasing a PA System. It was noted that Nick Wyatt has been collating information from clubs in regards to equipment requirements to be purchased or upgraded to go in the Trailer. It was also explained that storage of the Trailer to a more secure location is currently being investigated. Freo Fins to advise Nick Wyatt of the PA options they have been investigating.

3. ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

3.1 Mandurah Masters – LLCC Entry Fees – Late payment

Deb Bloor raised the issue of non or late payment of LLCC entry fees is becoming time-consuming in follow up and some clubs and individuals are out of pocket because they are having to pay fees for no-shows. It will be a requirement from now on that payment be made prior to the event. A consistent approach is required across all clubs. Erica Thomas (Swim Meet Coordinator) to update the flyer template to note that payment must be made prior to the event. However, if there is a no show, payment is still required. The club is then responsible for going back to their swimmers to recoup payment from the swimmer.

3.2 Constitution Update

A draft of the new Constitution is close to being presented to the Board. The Model Rules should be used as the basis for the new constitution with appropriate modifications. Stadium Masters and Swan Hills both noted that their clubs had updated Constitutions and were happy to share with the wider group. Barry Green and Sandra Mutch to email copies of their Constitution to Sophie Row.

It was noted that there is only one more year until all Constitutions should be revised and updated to comply with the new Act.

3.3 Video Link-Up Regional Clubs

Teleconferencing will try to be organised for the next meeting for those interested clubs. It may require a change of venue. Sophie Row to organise and advise accordingly.

Council of Clubs Meeting:

Date: Wednesday, 15th August

Time: 6.30pm

Venue: Currently Beatty Park, Club Room however may change due to videolink requirements. Delegates will be notified.

Meeting closed at 7.25 pm.

These minutes are confirmed as a true record of the meeting held on Wednesday 16th May 2018.

Signed: *SRow on behalf of*

Date: 15/8/2018

Fiona Wilkins – President