

Minutes of the Council of Clubs Meeting for Masters Swimming Western Australia Inc held at the Royal Lifesaving Society WA, McGillvray Road, Mount Claremont on Wednesday 4th September 2019

I. INTRODUCTION

The meeting opened at 6.35pm. President Fiona Wilkins welcomed everyone and thanked all for their time in attending the meeting.

I.1 Accreditation of Delegates

President	Fiona Wilkins
Director - Pool Competition	Richard Hughes
Director – Technical	Lynne Duncan
Executive Officer	Sophie Row

Club	Delegate	Delegate
Armadale	Rowena Burch	
Beatty Park	Marshall Flower	
Busselton	Darryl Kelly	By teleconference
Bunbury	Julie O'Connor	By teleconference
Belmont	Andrea Chase	
Bold Park	Lucy Stuart	
Carine	David Davies	
Claremont	Graham Croft	
Fremantle	David Tydeman	
Geraldton	Stephen Smith	
Inglewood	Will Suffell	
Leeming	Greg Bowater	
Mandurah	Des Seery	
Maida Vale	Lynne Duncan	
Melville	Pam Walker	
Perth City	Jackie Gardiner	
Riverton	Graeme Pow	
Rockingham	Karen Jenkins/Mark Jenkins	By teleconference
Sandgroper/NBM	Wendy Holtom	
Somerset	Stephen Cooper	
Stadium	Peter Lyster	
Swan Hills	Annette Hill	
Westcoast	Mike Kerman	

State Officers: Sandra Mutch (State Recorder)

Visitors: Jules Isbill – Bold & Beautiful (part)

Apologies:

Board, State Officers; Lizzie O'Brien, Dr Ian Dunican, Adam Pring, Andy Muller

Life Members: Tricia Summerfield

Members: Heather Whitehead

Clubs: Cockburn, Superfins

- 1.2 Confirmation of Minutes from 29th May 2019 Meeting:**
Stephen Smith noted that the Great Southern Splash should be Albany, not Kalgoorlie.
Moved by Darryl Kelly (Busselton), Seconded by Des Seery (Mandurah)
Accepted

1.3 Presentations

Bold & Beautiful Website – Julies Isbill

Jules Isbill from Bold & Beautiful presented the swim tracking website that is available to all clubs for free. The swim tracking website can be set up for any club for swimmers to log their swims. The website has significant functionality allowing clubs to set up different types of swims (pool and open water), create mini-competitions, swimmer of the day, swimmer of the month, internal messaging amongst others. The swims can be exported and used for endurance swim records. Busselton Masters currently use the website and highly recommend its use for the fun and sense of community it builds amongst swimmers. JI advises that any clubs interested in setting up a club membership should contact her. It should be noted by clubs that there is no cost to join, the data is not on-sold or used for any other purposes, ie there are 'no strings attached'. JI advised that the website is purely around encouraging participation – there is no monetary gain and is done voluntarily.

To maximise the opportunities for clubs, JI advised that there should be a member who champions the website's use. Interested clubs should contact JI to have their club set up and learn more of how to set up their club's page.

1.4 Business Arising from 29th May 2019 Minutes:

SR advised that a number of items from the previous Minutes had been reported on in this month's Executive Officer Report distributed at the meeting.

1.5 Executive Officer and Board Updates:

1.5.1 The Executive Officer's Report was tabled for the clubs and taken as read

1.5.2 Inaugural Annual Conference 17th August 2019

SR advised that feedback from the Club Conference had been very positive. For next year, clubs indicated interest in sharing information about how clubs manage their coaches. More feedback will be sought prior to the Club Conference next year to develop an agenda and presenters of interest to clubs.

1.5.3 Pool Competition Committee Update

RH advised provided an update following the Pool Competition Committee meeting

- The committee are currently reviewing the pool competition format and restructuring the pool meet calendar, looking at shorter events, different venues

formats to attract more swimmers including a younger demographic.

I.6 Notices of Motion

I.6.1 “That the clubs endorse an increase in the MSWA component of the 12 month membership fee for 2020 by \$5 to \$43. The MSA component will remain the same at \$42”.

FW and SR provided background to the increase as follows:

- Benchmarked against other aquatic sports and other Masters Swimming branches, WA’s membership fees continue to be lower than other sports and a number of other Masters state branches
- Operational costs are increasing considerably with increases in rent, utilities and other fixed costs
- Funding from Healthway and DLGSC continues to be reliant on MSWA improving the way we operate and generating alternative revenue from grants
- Membership fees have only increased \$18 since 2006 with no increases in six out of the past thirteen years
- The board and management seek to continue to improve the availability of support and programmes to both clubs and members, which requires appropriate funds to deliver
- In real terms \$5 is a small increase over a year

The majority of Club Delegates voted to support the motion (17 votes)

Following the resolution of the motion, Darryl Kelly (Busselton) queried whether there would be increases in membership in following years. SR advised that the Board has agreed that future incremental increases should be expected annually based on a notional concept of CPI plus \$1.

I.6.2 That the clubs endorse an increase in Branch Affiliation fees for 2020 as per the table:

No. Members	Tier Code	Proposed Fee 2020 2% increase
Clubs up to 24 Members	A	\$ 45.00
Clubs 25-49 Members	B	\$ 90.00
Clubs 50-74 Members	C	\$ 146.00
Clubs 75-99 Members	D	\$ 208.00
Clubs 100+ Members	E	\$ 280.00

The majority of Club Delegates voted to support the motion (20 votes)

ITEMS OF GENERAL BUSINESS

2.1 Incident Report Template

Following an incident at Fremantle, David Tydeman queried the requirement for signatures and details from the cleaner on duty in the Insurer issued Incident Report Template on the MSA website. “Cleaner on Duty: Cleaning Supervisor: Time location last inspected: Time Last Cleaned:”

DT noted that sometimes this is irrelevant to the incident and/or difficult to obtain and sought clarification from the insurer and confirmation in writing on how this should be dealt with to ensure any claims are not invalidated.

2.2 Direct Swimmer Entry

David Tydeman advised that Fremantle will not be taking up the offer of direct swimmer entry for their upcoming meet on 27th October. SR responded that this was fine, it had only been provided as an opportunity for Fremantle should they wish to trial it.

Sandra Mutch advised she disagrees with the direct swimmer entry and that clubs should not be forced to use this entry system. SR responded that clubs will be encouraged to use it and that at the previous Council of Clubs, when delegates were asked their opinion of its introduction, that support for the change was unanimous. SR reiterated the benefits that it will derive for clubs and swimmers being:

- Clubs can monitor live current swimmer registrations (meaning clubs don't need to wait until the deadline to see how many swimmers they have)
- Payments are made by the swimmer via the gateway online and then similar to membership fees, get credited directly to the club's account
- Reduces the burden for all club volunteers in terms of managing their clubs' entries and payments
- May encourage swimmers from clubs that don't usually participate in club meets to compete
- If club meets promoted via social media, may encourage new membership

2.3 Eight event pool meet restriction

Sandra Mutch disagreed with the restriction to pool competitions being eight events only with no sub-events. LD (Technical Director) advised that this has been recommended to ensure meets do not become too long. Feedback from officials and the general decline in swimmer numbers in pool competitions suggest that pool meets are too long and should be shorter. In previous years an 8-event restriction has been in place. SR advised that the Pool Competition Committee will be looking at all clubs' proposed events to ensure a

good spread of events across the year. This is a practise that used to be done in the past and will be reintroduced for 2020.

David Tydeman noted that due to some pool competitions running over time and the propensity for the relays at the end to be dropped off the programme to ensure the meet runs to time, that Fremantle will be holding their relays up front in their upcoming LLCC on the 27th October.

2.4 Discounted memberships for Concession Card Holders

Julie O'Connor queried whether MSWA and MSA would consider discounted memberships to concession card holders, suggesting that some members have difficulty in paying the fees. FW advised that clubs may create their own categories of membership providing discounted rates for such members but noting that the discount comes from the club component of the membership. SR advised that should JO wish for it to be considered by MSWA and MSA, that she should put it to the MSWA board for it to be recommended as a Notice of Motion for MSA to consider at a General Meeting.

Next Meeting:

Council of Clubs Meeting

Date: Wednesday, 27th November 2019

Time: 6.30pm

Venue: Royal Life Saving Society Training Room, McGillvray Road, Mount Claremont

Meeting closed at 8.05 pm

These minutes are confirmed as a true record of the meeting held on Wednesday 4th September 2019

Signed:

Date: ___/___/2019

Fiona Wilkins – President