

**Minutes of the Annual General Meeting for Masters Swimming WA Inc
held at the Royal Life Saving WA Training Room 1, 12 McGillvray Road, Mount
Claremont on Wednesday 18th March 2020**

I. INTRODUCTION

The meeting opened at 6.33pm. President Fiona Wilkins introduced board members and welcomed all members and thanked all for their time in attending the meeting.

I.1 Accreditation of Delegates

Board

President	Fiona Wilkins
Director of Finance	Lizzie O'Brien
Director Pool Competitions	Richard Hughes
Director of Technical	Lynne Duncan
Director of Coaching	Siobhan Tyndall
Director	Adam Pring
Executive Officer	Sophie Row

State Officers

Pool Meet Coordinator	Sue Pow
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Club	Delegate	Delegate
Armadale	Rowena Burch	
Beatty Park	Marshall Flower	
Belmont	Linda Stenning	
Bold Park	Lucy Stuart	Kate Baxter
Bunbury	Julie O'Connor	
Busselton	Richard George	
Carine	David Davies	
Claremont	Graham Croft	
Cockburn	Peter Marr	
Fremantle	Paul Clifton (Teleconference)	
Inglewood	Jo Stoddart (Teleconference)	
Leeming	Greg Bowater	
Maida Vale	Lynne Duncan	
Mandurah	Deborah Bloor	Des Seery
Melville	Pam Walker	
Perth City	Alison Hass	
Riverton	Graeme Pow	
Rockingham	Mark Jenkins (Teleconference)	
Somerset	Michael Millard	
Stadium	Peter Lyster	
Superfins	Robert Beckett	
Swan Hills	Debbie Cooper (Teleconference)	
Westcoast	Mike Kerman	

Visitors:

Staff: Tarquin Bateman

Life Members: Tricia Summerfield

Other: Wendy Holtom (National Board), Suzanna Olsen (Claremont)

Apologies:

Board, State Officers; Tanya Pavez, Ian Dunican, Sandra Mutch

Life Members: Jack Busch, Lynne Malone, Glenys McDonald, Kim Tyler, Kay Cox, Jude Crawford

Members: Andrea Williams (Maida Vale), Meralyn Burbidge (Stadium)

Clubs: Whitfords

1.2 Confirmation of Minutes from AGM 20th February 2019:

Moved by Alison Hass (Perth City), Seconded by Julie O'Connor (Bunbury)

Accepted

1.3 Business Arising from 20th February 2019 Minutes:

Nil

1.4 Reports from the Board of Directors:

The President requested the meeting refer to the reports in the 2019 Annual Report

2. REPORTS

2.1 Receive the 2019 Annual Report of Masters Swimming WA

The President thanked the Board and Executive Officer for their contributions to the report, which was tabled. Alison Hass (Perth City) moved and David Davies (Carine) seconded that the 2019 Annual Report be accepted.

Accepted

2.2 Receive the 2019 Financial Statements:

The President thanked Director of Finance Lizzie O'Brien. Alison Hass (Perth City) moved and David Davies (Carine) seconded that the 2019 Financial Statements be accepted.

Accepted

2.4.2 Receive the proposed budget for 2020

The proposed 2020 Budget was tabled. Stephen Smith (Geraldton) moved and Alison Hass (Perth City) seconded that the proposed budget for 2020 be accepted.

Accepted

3. ELECTIONS AND APPOINTMENTS

3.1 Elections:

The President thanked all board members for their contributions over the year.

The President's position had one nomination received from Fiona Wilkins (Perth City) and was elected unopposed.

Three director positions were available for election.

Tanya Pavez (Sandgroper) and Siobhan Tyndall (Perth City), who have filled two casual director positions during 2019 have been nominated and elected unopposed.

Kate Baxter (Bold Park) nominated for the third vacant director position and was elected unopposed.

The Masters Swimming WA Board has now filled all nine director positions.

3.2 Appointments

3.2.2 Auditor – the meeting was advised that Lloyd Scott of Byers Scott had confirmed to carry on as auditor. Stephen Smith (Geraldton) moved and Alison Hass (Perth City) seconded the confirmation.

Accepted

3.2.3 Patron – the meeting was advised that Priya Cooper had been confirmed as Patron and will continue in the role.

Accepted

3.2.4 State Officers - The President thanked all State Officers for their valuable contributions to Masters Swimming WA. State Officer positions as follows:

- State Recorder – Sandra Mutch (Swan Hills)
- Technical Education Coordinator - Lynne Duncan (Maida Vale)
- Pool Officials Coordinator – Pamela Walter (Stadium)
- OWS Officials Coordinator – Ron Gray (Leeming)
- Open Water Equipment Coordinators – Sophie Row
- Member Protection Information Officer – Sophie Row
- OWS Sanctions Coordinator – TBA
- Swim Meet Sanctions Coordinator – Sue Pow (Beatty Park)

4. PRESENTATION OF AWARDS

The President thanked all volunteers and members for their contributions to Masters Swimming WA. The following citations were tabled by the President and presentations made by the President, Fiona Wilkins

4.1 Perc Edwards Volunteer of the Year Award

Finalists in this category:

- Greg Frey – Armadale
- Gail George – Busselton
- Richard Hughes – Claremont
- Merilyn Burbidge – Stadium

Winner:

Richard Hughes – Claremont

Richard has been the Meet Director of the Golden Groper State Relay Carnival for the past three years. Without Richard the carnival would not have been so successful. The 2019 event was no exception. This Carnival takes a lot of volunteer time and, on its own, is worthy of a nomination for volunteer of the year.

Richard is also on deck to Officiate at most Masters Live Lighter Pool Events and especially the States. He also helps with other Clubs and their Carnivals.

Finally, Richard works hard on many issues within the Claremont Club, including our major work with the Swim Thru Perth. He provides mentorship for many of our younger swimmers and, on the weekend, he co-ordinates a regular group for a longer ocean swim. He has been a Masters Swim Coach since 2006 and has been Coach Co-ordinator during 2019. Richard is a very worthy recipient of this award.

4.2 Coach of the Year Award

Finalists in this category:

- Alan de Lacy – Freo Fins
- Suzanna Olsen – Superfins
- Joint nomination - Richard Linton, Colin Plant, Grayam Sandover – joint nominations – Bold Park
- Heather Croft – Armadale

Winner:

Suzanna Olsen for Superfins

Suzanna has been a coach at Superfins for five years and in 2019 stepped up to the role of Head Coach. She is responsible for overseeing the entire squad coaching program at Superfins including a Stroke Development Squad for swimmers and a Senior Squad for competitive pool and open water swimmers as well as coordinating a team of up to ten volunteer and paid coaches. Suzanna also supervises and mentors university students from the University of WA School of Sport Science and Exercise Health and Notre Dame University, who come to Superfins each year to undertake their practical hours.

In March 2019 Suzanna took a touring party of 15 swimmers to the Masters National Championships in Adelaide with the team achieving outstanding success by finishing

fourth overall out of 86 clubs. Collectively the team won 52 individual medals and nine relay medals. In addition, this team was awarded the Presidents Trophy which is awarded to a club with 21 - 50 Masters members that had the highest points average. The team also won the 72 – 119 (combined age) Age Group Relay Trophy. The success of this team was also acknowledged by the WA Disabled Sports Association by naming them its 2019 Team of the Year.

Throughout 2019 Suzanna has made an outstanding contribution to developing swimmers to compete at both a State and National level and has been instrumental in developing the capabilities of junior coaches at a club level.

4.3 Technical Official of the Year Award

Winner – Rowena Burch

Rowena commenced her training towards becoming a Referee in 2014 and qualified in 2018. She is now an accredited Masters Swimming Australia (MSA) Referee after completing the necessary components of the Technical Official Pathway. In her capacity as a Referee, Rowena has officiated at many events over the years including the State Swimming Championships, Livelighter Club Challenges, Distance Swim meets (Endurance 1000) and the 2018 Masters National Swimming Championships held in Perth. Rowena is also on the Pool Competition Committee, Technical Official Committee and is a member of the Youth Advisory Panel.

She undertakes these duties in a professional and competent manner, is able to work efficiently within the Technical Officials Team in whatever position she is assigned to and manages officials competently at events when Meet Referee

4.4 Annual Service to Masters Award

Winner – Sue Pow

Last year, Sue was awarded the 20 Year Distinction Award for services to Masters Swimming WA after many years of distinguished service in a variety of roles including State Coach, Refereeing and assisting the Nationals in 2018 as Meet Referee. This has not slowed her down at all as she continues to provide quiet support behind the scenes for Masters Swimming WA through her roles as Pool Meet Coordinator, responsible for sanctioning all pool meets, as well as roles on the Pool Competition Committee and Technical Official Committee. Sue's contribution to Masters Swimming WA in these roles has been of vital support and she is a very worthy recipient of this award.

4.5 McDonald Shield – Best Club Administration

Winner – Bold Park

Bold Park has had an extraordinary year, with membership growth of 42% during 2019. Bold Park regularly send out informative newsletters to their members with updates on forthcoming training, competitions and social activities. Their coaching has been tailored to offer a variety of sessions to different types of swimmers including a 'come

and try' session on Friday mornings. The newsy and friendly newsletter format and willingness to introduce new initiatives and tailor the club offering for the benefit of members makes Bold Park a worthy recipient of the McDonald Shield.

4.6 Vorgee State Endurance 1000 Winning Club

Winner – Claremont Masters

4.7 Vorgee Country Cub Endurance Winning Club

Winner – Bunbury Masters

4.8 Five Years Service to Masters Swimming WA

- Rowena Burch
- Viki Shelver

4.9 LiveLighter Club Challenge Series

- **Fred Johnson Award – Improvement Factor**
Winner - Swan Hills
- **Kay Cox Award Improvement Factor**
Runner Up- Belmont
- **Frank Mongan Award – Average Points**
Winner – Superfins
- **Dave Cummins Award – Average Points**
Runner Up - Swan Hills

4.10 Country Correspondence

Winner - Bunbury

5. OTHER BUSINESS

Nil

Meeting closed at 7.15pm

These minutes are confirmed as a true record of the meeting held on Wednesday 20th February 2019.

Signed:

Date: ___/___/2020

Fiona Wilkins – President