



Council of Clubs Meeting MINUTES

Wednesday 22nd November 2023 at 6.30pm
via Zoom

1. Introduction

The meeting opened at 6.30pm and President Fiona Wilkins welcomed all and confirmed a quorum present.

1.1 Accreditation of delegates/apologies.

President	Fiona Wilkins
Director Pool Competition	Richard Hughes
Director of Technical	Lynne Duncan
Director of Coaching	Siobhan Tyndall
Director of Open Water	Kate Baxter
Director of Finance	Stephen Fidge
Director	Mischa Huts
Director	Rhys King (Apologies)
Executive Officer	Sue Gliddon

State Officers

Coach Educator	Kim Tyler (Apologies)
State Recorder	Richard Johnson (Apologies)

Club

Armadale
Beatty Park
Belmont
Bold Park
Busselton
Carine
Central Aquatic
Cockburn
Claremont
Fremantle
Guildford/Kalamunda
Inglewood
Mandurah
Maida Vale
Perth City
Rockingham
Somerset
Superfins

Delegates

Rowena Burch
Heather Whitehead
Brendan Fawell
Colin Plant
Richard George
Miriam Everall
Carol Ann Infante
Peter Marr
Alison Farmer
Sarah Karran
Brenden Fawell
Will Suffel
Sue McDonald
Andrea Williams
Jacqui Gardiner
Richard Gorzkos
Stephen Cooper
Rob Beckett

Apologies:

Clubs:

Melville, West Coast

Life Members:

Sue Pow

Glenys McDonald (Apology)

Visitors:

Emma Smith (Cockburn Masters)

1.2 Confirmation of Minutes – Council of Clubs Meeting 23 August 2023

Moved: Peter Marr

Seconded: Colin Plant

Accepted

1.3 Business arising from Minutes

No business arising from previous meeting

1.4 Board & Committee reports – No reports submitted

2. Items for Discussion

2.1 Individual Affiliation Fee (previously circulated)

FW

The President presented the Individual Fees for 2024. Due to the increase in fees from MSA, MSWA Board have chosen not to increase fees for individual members for 2024.

2.2 Club Affiliation Fees (previously circulated)

The President presented the Club Affiliation Fees for 2024. There will be a slight increase.

Moved: Andrea Williams

Seconded: Heather Whitehead

Accepted

A question was raised from the floor as to what the Club Affiliation Fees cover.

EO responded the fees contribute to organisation resources, marketing and promotion of clubs and other operational items. A document is on file and will be updated and distributed to clubs.

Action: EO.

2.3 Pool Competition Calendar 2024

RH

Richard Hughes as Chair of the Pool Competition Committee thanked clubs for providing the EOI form for 2024 events. From the EOI's the calendar for 2024 will be a repeat of 2023 and clubs have requested the same events around the same times.

A draft calendar will be distributed as soon as possible.

RH also commented that clubs should be looking to host small invitational events for other clubs to participate in social events to engage the newer swimmer. This would work particularly well where there are a few clubs at the same venue. Central Aquatic offered to include other Masters in their club nights.

3. Items for Information

3.1 Summary of Coach and Club Conference

FW

- ◆ 25 people from 13 clubs attended the club conference. More engagement with the clubs is hoped for 2024 and clubs need to consider items of interest to be delivered.
- ◆ 32 coaches attended the Coach Conference. Peter Marr commented that it was a great day and a cross section of speakers.

3.2 Operations Update

FW

FW advised that a decision regarding a replacement Executive Officer will be made in the coming days.

Sadly, the organisation will be losing Hannah Lawton. Hannah successfully secured a position with Sport West in the role of Event Manager. This is a great opportunity for Hannah but a great loss for MSWA.

Sue Gliddon will be moving to Masters Swimming Australia as the National Governance Specialist with the role based in WA. As such, there will be a continued relationship and a thorough hand over to the incoming EO.

Question from the floor: Will K Preston be replaced.

This was addressed by the Chair of the MSWA Coaching Committee, Siobhan Wilkins.

SW advised that Couch to 2K programs continued to be delivered but were being undertaken by coaches local to facility clubs. This has created cross over to membership for clubs.

For other programs, a pool of coaches has been developed.

Programs will be run under the "Swim West" banner, a newly registered business name by MSWA. This is to attract a younger audience required to maintain 2024 funding by Healthway.

If coaches or clubs would like to deliver a Couch to 2K at their club, please reach out to the office for support.

4. Any Other Business

President of Rockingham Club asked SG about the availability of the Member insurance policy with MSA. SG advised she will again take this up with MSA and appreciated the need for club committees to understand the contents of the policy.

FW advised future meetings will be a combination of online, in person and educational sessions.

6. Next Meeting

Meeting closed 7.10pm

The next Council of Clubs: 20 March 2024, **including the AGM.**