



Council of Clubs Meeting MINUTES

Wednesday 23 August 2023 at 6.00pm

Sport HQ, WA Rugby Centre Underwood Avenue Floreat & via Zoom

1. Introduction

The meeting opened at 6pm 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 (Apologies)
Director of Technical	Lynne Duncan
Director of Coaching	Siobhan Tyndall
Director of Open Water	Kate Baxter (online)
Director of Finance	Stephen Fidge (online)
Director	Mischa Huts
Director	Rhys King
Executive Officer	Sue Gliddon

State Officers

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

Club

Armadale
Beatty Park
Bold Park
Central Aquatic
Cockburn
Claremont
Inglewood
Mandurah
Maida Vale
Melville
Perth City
Riverton
Rockingham
Somerset
Superfins
Westcoast

Delegates

Rowena Burch
Marshall Flower
Colin Plant
Carol Ann Infante (online)
Peter Marr (online)
Alison Farmer (online)
Will Suffel (online)
Sue McDonald (online)
Lynne Duncan
Carrie Forrester (online)
Perry Molendijk (online)
Monika Durrer
Brian Leavy and Mary Tagliaferri
Stephen Cooper (online)
Rob Beckett
Jeff Ernst (online)

Apologies:

Clubs:

Albany, Perth Rainbow Swans, Carine, Newman Churchlands, Stadium, Swan Hills

Life Members:

Kim Tyler, Jack Busch,

Visitors:

No visitors

1.2 Confirmation of Minutes – Council of Clubs Meeting 22nd March 2023

Moved: Lynne Duncan

Seconded: Colin Plant

Accepted

1.3 Business arising from Minutes

No business arising from previous meeting

2. Items for Discussion

2.1 16 Month Membership Fee

FW

Board endorsement in June 2023 - To align with fee increases across 2023, the 16-month membership fee also increase by 3.5% to \$59.50.

MSA Fee \$61.20

TOTAL - \$120.70 + Club fee

MSWA need to wait until 16-month fee active in Swim Central before we can set up.

All fees available on MSA website on their Membership page

2.2 Council of Clubs Reports, Meetings and Webinars

FW

- ◆ Seeking Club feedback on future content, preferences, and webinars

Council of Club meeting frequency, content and reporting was discussed. With varying opinions, MSWA EO will be distributing to clubs several options for feedback. Online, in person and reporting frequency.

The Presidents meeting held on 9 August and a summary provided by FW.

3. Items for Information

3.1 Update from Committee Chairs

- ◆ Coaching Committee – Siobhan Wilkins

SW advised a EOI for coaches has been distributed and a pool formed to deliver swimmer education and community programs.

Theme for Coaches Conference on 15 October is Open Water Swimming with a number of guest speakers secured. Presenters will be a mix of Masters Coaches and external speakers

◆ Open Water Committee – Kate Baxter

Open Water Committee met and confirmed dates for this upcoming season. All WOW forms and compliance documents have been updated and distributed to host clubs

◆ Technical Committee – Lynne Duncan

Updated rules and event guides will be tabled at the MSA Spring General Meeting on 21 October. There is updated rules to Open Water Swims and new rules will take effect 3 weeks after tabling and ratification by Branches.

We are planning several education sessions, namely Inspector of Turns, Judge of Strokes and Starter. Dates to be confirmed and clubs advised. Please encourage members to undertake the courses as the number of Technical Officials is limited but crucial for events.

3.2 Overview of completed pool events

SG

The following entry numbers to events was reported.

- ◆ State Pool Championships (222)
- ◆ Winter Solstice (225)
- ◆ Riverton Masters Club Carnival (70)
- ◆ Golden Groper Relay Carnival (276)

3.3 Summer Solstice Swim

SG

Summer Solstice planned over 3 days with the key date being 22 December. Handicapping system so entries ratioed to club member percentage so smaller clubs can have equal opportunity of winning. There will also be a minimum number of entries to go into the event and guidelines regarding the submission of photos.

3.4 Allianz Swim Club

SG

SG provided an overview of the Allianz Swim Club project that is in partnership with MSA and AustSwim.

15 clubs Nationally are involved with Mandurah, Leeming and Somerset participating in WA for the pilot program commencing on October 9th.

Adults that do not know how to swim have been provided vouchers for free lessons for 8 weeks at AustSwim. Each centre has 50 registrations, making total participation Nationally 800 participants. Most centres reached capacity within the first week of advertising. Following the lessons, participants will then be provided 3-month free membership to the Masters club.

Welcome Officers from each club have been appointed and they will assist the swimmers to transition into the club through social events. Clubs will receive funding support of \$1500 each and MSWA \$2000.

In response to this, a question was raised from the floor regarding flexible membership models for MSA and MSWA to increase membership options. Kate Baxter as a member of the National Membership

Committee responded that this is a topic discussed at the meetings, but no progress has been made to date.

It is a matter that MSWA have raised previously and will continue to address with MSA.

3.5 Future Funding

SG

DLGSC funding of \$70k for the next 2 years secured. Application made to Healthway for resourcing and a number of different programs to increase membership and build awareness of MSWA.

Virtual club Sandgropers are changing name. Registered business name Swim West for Sandgropers and delivery of community programs.

3.6. Club Conference Agenda

SG

The program for the upcoming Club Conference on 1 October will be:

- Grants – Sourcing grants and funding links (Hannah Lawton)
- Mental Health in Sport. resources and tools for clubs (Rhys King, Sport West)
- Interactive session, 2024 Create our Calendar (Siobhan Wilkins)
- Meet Manager (Richard Johnson)

More information and save the date to follow soon.

4. Items of General Business

4.1 Motions submitted to MSA for Spring General Meeting

FW

FW advised the council that 2 motions had been submitted to MSA for Spring General Meeting.

1) To increase the distance of Open Water Swims to 25kms. This is to provide greater options for members and the opportunity to set new times and records

2) MSA to manage and host the National Pool Championships annually rather than the event being allocated to Branches on a rotational basis. This is due to the burden on volunteers.

5. Any Other Business

A question from the floor enquiring if MSWA or delegates had heard of any more pools being built in Perth. General discussion followed but no new information regarding pools was forthcoming.

A suggestion was made that clubs should explore access to swimming pools at schools and build up a partnership for use.

6. Next Meeting

Meeting closed 7pm

The next Council of Clubs: 22 November 2023