

MINUTES OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF SWIMMING MID NORTH COAST Inc.  
HELD PORT MACQUARIE GOLF CLUB 25/5/2008

**CHAIRMAN.** Mr. Alan Newman

**PRESENT.** J.Barnett, A.Pilkie, L.Coombes, M.Jopling, M.Cornall, M. Mullens, W. Koudela., Peter Lozan SNSW, F. Rowles, A. Newman, C. Thompson, P. Guyer, R. Guyer, , L. Wright, , C.Pearson, C.Gill, G.Ferraro, S.Hunt, I.Lewis,S.Harrington,H.McCluskey, J.Lenton, , D. Cramp, D.Cook, J.Findlay, C. Stollery, K.Durbidge  
J.Cornell (visitor)

**APOLOGIES** E. Witchard, A.M. Hamilton, S.O'Donnell, J.Watts, D.Kirkland, C.New, S.Freeman, D.Howe, J.Kollen, G.Webb, L. Barrell.

**NON ATTENDANCE** Coffs Aquatic, Gloucester, Tea Gardens, Bulahdelah, Forster, Stroud Seals, Cundletown and Crescent Head Clubs.

**MEETING OPENED** at 9.40AM. by Vice President Alan Newman. A report from President Eric Witchard was read to the meeting.

Peter Lozan, President of Swimming NSW was welcomed to the meeting and invited to address the members. A discussion on the proposal to amalgamate the two northern areas then took place. The members were unanimous in their opposition to the proposal at this stage. Peter commented that there would be no forced amalgamation. Following this Peter indicated that he would like to return at a later date for further discussions.

**PREVIOUS MINUTES.** Minutes from A.G.M. held 27/05/07 were confirmed as circulated.

**BUSINESS ARISING.** Nil.

**CORRESPONDENCE.**

**Inwards and outwards** correspondence listed and circulated to meeting.

Of special note.

(i) Technical Official's Forums. Moved that the preferred dates be 30-31<sup>st</sup>. August at Coffs Harbour.

(ii) Swim NSW Business paper and Delegates nomination form for AGM 14/06/08. To be dealt with after elections.

(iii) Swim NSW. Ballot papers for B.O.M elections. **Moved** That this item be dealt with by the Executive.

**Seconded**

**Carried**

(iv) Thank you card from the Hudson family.

(v) Swim NSW Business paper and Delegates nomination form for Forum following AGM 14/06/08. To be dealt with after elections.

(vi) Swim NSW Annual Report / Championships records statistics. The area report was sent in but not used in the Annual Report. Moved that a letter be sent to Swimming NSW requesting that the Area Reports be re-instated in the Annual Report.

**Seconded**

**Carried**

**Moved** "That the correspondence as listed and presented be received."

**Seconded**

**Carried**

**REPORTS. PRESIDENT.**

Report was read at the opening of the meeting.

1. **President Eric** firstly apologised for not being in attendance. He added his welcome to President of Swimming NSW Peter Lozan. He urged Clubs to listen to the information on the proposed area mergers and let your Club's feelings be known about the changes.

2. **Obituary.** Long time member of the area Committee Selwyn Hudson passed away during the year. Faye Rowles lost her mother recently. Alan Newman's father also passed away.

3. **Administration.** During the past season the Executive made many decisions on your behalf. Hopefully they were the right ones. Robert and myself attended all meetings- especially the Area Boundary meetings. If you didn't agree with the stance we took please let us know.

4. **Competition.** Congratulations to all competitors for their fine performances again this year. They just seem to be getting better every year. I will leave the Point Score winners to the Registrar's report. A most successful Regional meet was hosted at Coffs Harbour and congratulations to all those involved. It's a pity that our local officials do not nominate to work at these meets but congratulations to those that did work over the two days of the meet.

5. **Development Program.** Thanks to the work of a few people on the committee the development program did eventuate this year and by all reports were successful. The A squad to New Zealand was a great success. Thanks to Faye Rowles for all her work and to Michael Mullens for donating the raffle prize.

6. **Thanks.** Thanks to all those that gave their time to see that things ran well and allowed us to have a successful season. A special thanks to the Executive for their dedication to the Area. As this will be my last report, I would like to thank you for your support over the years. I have enjoyed serving swimming I deem it an honour to have represented you as President. To the incoming Executive, I hope you have a successful season and get satisfaction from the job you do. As a parting gesture, if you as delegates still oppose the boundary changes after this meeting, then I urge you to fight Swimming NSW on the issue until they give up or you have exhausted all avenues open to you.

**Moved** that the report be received. **Seconded**

**Carried**

**REGISTRAR.** Report given by Lois Coombes.

**Registrations.** There were an additional three Clubs affiliated with the Area. Swimming NSW data base shows the statistics: Total members 1,723. Swimmers 1,333, non swimmers 315, Life Members 66, coaches 3 and Learn to Swim 9.

**ENTRIES.** Championship entries were down from 4,332 to 4,013

**RECORDS.** Forty three records were broken with Reece Turner 13 and Djaran Smith 7 being the most successful.

**DISQUALIFICATIONS.** There were 64 D/Q's during the Championships.

**TOP CLUB.** Congratulations to Port Macquarie with 6,150 from Macksville 4,780 and Sawtell 2,353. Handicap

Point score Port Macquarie 1,275.5 from Kempsey 682 and Lower Macleay 386.5.

**AREA TOP SWIMMERS.** Men's James Magnussen (PM). Ladies Leah Bird (S). "More Than Gifts Shield" Country Point score Leah Bird 197 points from Djaran Smith 169 points.

**Results.** Country Short Course. 3 Gold, 8 Silver and 5 Bronze.

NSW State Age Short Course. 1 Gold and 2 bronze.

NSW State Open Short Course. 1 Bronze.

NSW State Age L/C. 6 Gold, 1 Silver and 2 Bronze.

NSW State Open L/C. 1 Bronze

NSW Country L/C. 6 Gold, 15 Silver and 8 Bronze

Speedo Sprint Series. 4 Gold, 7 Silver and 2 Bronze.

Australian Age L/C 3 Gold, 1 bronze.

**Finally** This will be my last report thanks to those that helped during the season and the friends I have made over many years.

A question was asked as to the whereabouts of the "More than Gifts Shield." This is to be followed up.

**Moved** that the report be received. **Seconded**

**Carried**

**PUBLICITY OFFICER.** During the year all the print media were contacted via Email which sped up the process of reporting both local and State events. Reports on the AGM, Block Meet results, State and Open Championships and Development days received publicity. The New Zealand trip was in the news with a news release in March. Photos were taken and a press conference held with the members and sponsors at the Port Macquarie Pool. The last report of the season was for the Australian Open Selection trials with Reece Turner, James Magnussen, Olivia Halicek, Shannon Clarke and Adam Frost competing at these Championships.

**ALEC CONVENOR.** Report was given by Janelle Barnett.

1. 1<sup>st</sup>. May saw the start of the new Swimming Australia National Officiating program. All officials holding credentials should have now received their National accreditation card.

The new program has had a dramatic effect on the number of new officials becoming accredited throughout the state.

Education and understanding of the system seems to be the main problem and with this in mind as well as the usual Forum in Sydney, Swimming NSW will be conducting Regional Forums in the coming months, and Technical Officials and those wishing to gain their credentials are encouraged to attend these forums.

2. **Examinations.** There were 15 examinations conducted with 6 Clubs participating resulting in:-  
7 Timekeepers, 2 Starters, 2 Judges, 2 Check Starters and 2 Recorders being issued with Swimming NSW Credentials. 6 presenters and 5 Assessors were also accredited. Training days were held at Kempsey, Wingham and Coffs Harbour.

3. **Thanks** to all those Officials that worked at Area and Club Meets during the past season.

4. **Area Officials** worked at the Regional Championships, NSW State and Country S/C and L/C Age and Open Championship Meets.

5. **The ALEC Committee** met at Kempsey in October to allocate Referees and assistants for the season and to discuss current information.. Thanks to the Committee for their assistance during the year.

**Moved** that the report be received. **Seconded**

**Carried**

**DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE** A report on the New Zealand trip was given by Faye Rowles. Clubs congratulated those involved with the trip. Peter Lozan commented on the problems Swimming NSW was having getting permission for overseas trips from Swimming Australia. A report on B and C squads held at Forster was given by Alan Newman. Darren Howard from Swimming NSW was in attendance. The local Club and the YMCA were most helpful on the day. D squad day was scheduled for 1st. June at Port Macquarie.

**Moved** that the report be adopted.

**Seconded**

**Carried**

**Meeting Adjourned for lunch 12.03pm. and resumed at 12.40pm.**

**TREASURER.** 1. Balance sheet was circulated. Explanation on figures and Register of Assets.

2. Working Balance as at 31<sup>st</sup>. March 2008. Cash at Bank \$18,999.00

Development Squad account \$ 7,852.85

**Moved** that the report as presented be adopted.

**Carried**

**ELECTION OF OFFICERS.** Peter Lozan took the Chair for the election of Officers and Committees.

Moved that "in the event of a ballot for positions, this be done by secret voting."

**Seconded**

**Carried**

**LIFE MEMBERS.** C.Hawes, E.Witchard, L.Coombes, R.Guyer, R. Agland OAM. J. Barnett, I.King OAM (dec)  
B.Lovett (dec), S.Hudson (dec)

**PATRONS.** A.Stoner MP, J.Turner MP, M.Vail MP, R.Oakshot MP, A.Fraser MP, L. Hartsuyker MP.

**PRESIDENT.**

Alan Newman

Nominated and elected unopposed.

**VICE PRESIDENTS.** Presidents of all Area Clubs.

**SECRETARY.**

R. Guyer

Nominated and elected unopposed.

**COMPETITION SECRETARY**

D. Howe

Nominated and elected unopposed

**TREASURER**

P. Guyer

Nominated and elected unopposed.

**PUBLICITY**

Faye Rowles

Nominated and elected unopposed.

**REGISTRAR**

D. Howe

Nominated and elected unopposed.

**ALEC CONVENOR**

J.Barnett

Nominated and elected unopposed.

**STATE DELEGATE** A. Newman

Nominated and elected unopposed.

ALEC COMMITTEE A.M.Hamilton, J.Barnett, R.Guyer, A.Witchard, F.Rowles, Ann Pilkie  
JURY OF APPEAL. A.Pilkie, P.Guyer, J.Barnett, A. Witchard, F. Rowles, A. Newman  
AUDITOR. KTS Accountants.  
REFEREES. J.Barnett, R.Guyer, A.Witchard, AM Hamilton, A. Pilkie. F.Rowles  
WINTER DEVELOPMENT A. Newman, F. Rowles, M. Mullens  
SELECTION COMMITTEE. F. Rowles, M. Mullens, P. Guyer  
PUBLIC OFFICER. L. McMeeking.

**Seconded**

**Carried**

**PRESENTATIONS.** A presentation was made to outgoing Registrar Lois Coombes for her service to the Area over a thirty year period. A presentation to outgoing President Eric Witchard will be made at a later date. It was also noted that the work of outgoing Race Secretary Leesa Barrell be recorded in the minutes. Peter Lozan then announced that Eric Witchard would be the recipient of a Service Excellence Award from Swimming NSW.

### **NOTICES OF MOTIONS**

1. **Kempsey. Moved** "That By-Law 3.3 be amended to read:

**Championship Relays.** 1<sup>st</sup> placings to receive a medal and 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> placings to receive ribbons.

**Seconded**

**Carried**

### **GENERAL BUSINESS.**

1. Alan Newman will represent the Area at the AGM and Forum in Sydney.

**Moved** "That reasonable expenses be paid for the Registrar to attend the Forum in Sydney."

**Seconded**

**Carried**

2.**Moved** "That the work done by retiring Committee members Eric Witchard, Lois Coombes and Leesa Barrell be acknowledged and recorded in the minutes.

**Seconded**

**Carried**

### **3. ALLOCATION OF MEETS.**

#### **CHAMPIONSHIP MEETS**

15/11/2008	BLOCK 1.	Port Macquarie	(Qual)
29/11/2008	BLOCK 2	Coffs Harbour	(Qual)
13/12/2008	BLOCK 3	Macksville.	(Qual)
31/01/2009	BLOCK 4.	Kempsey	(Qual)

#### **NSW COUNTRY REGIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS**

24-25/01/2009	Bathurst,Queanbeyan, Singleton	(Qual)
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#### **SPEEDO SPRINT HEATS.**

7/02/2009	Port Macquarie	(Qual)
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#### **OTHER APPROVED MEETS.**

25/10/2008	Sawtell SC	(Qual)
1/11/2008	Forster Aquatic SC	(Qual) TBC.
8/11/2008	Woolgoolga	Picnic
22/11/2008	Bellingen SC	(Qual)
22/11/2008	Wingham	Picnic
20/12/2008	Laurieton	(Qual)
17/01/2009	Taree	(Qual)
14/02/2009	Gloucester	Picnic Subject to approval.
16/05/2009	Forster Aquatic	(Qual) TBC

4. President Alan Newman would look into hiring a mini bus and run from Coffs Harbour to the AGM and Forum 14<sup>th</sup>. June.

5. Meet Mate Program. Discussion took place on the failure of the company to provide a working system. Clubs were attempting to get refunds for the product.

6. A financial report on the New Zealand trip was read. It was pleasing that the expenses came in under budget. The withdrawal of Tricia Stephen was discussed.

**Moved** "That a 30 day account be sent to Tricia Stephen for costs which cannot be recouped.

**Seconded**

**Carried**

7. Request that the work of those involved with the New Zealand trip be recognized and recorded in the minutes. Comment was also made that this trip has given swimmers an incentive to qualify for a similar trip if possible in 2009.

8. Discussion on shirts for the development squads.

9. There were problems with 16/over records conflicting with Open records. This may have to be looked at next season.

10. There were some problems with the criteria for Grants to State & National Touring Team members. Reece Turner had asked for a grant to attend Nationals as a member of the NSW Relay Team. As he had entered individual events as a member of Port Macquarie, the grant was not paid.

11. **Moved** that the new version of Team Manager be purchased at the best possible price.

**Seconded**

**Carried**

**Next meeting** set for. 31<sup>st</sup>. May 2009 at the Port Macquarie Golf Club.

**Meeting closed 2.51pm.**