



MINUTES

of the 105th Annual General Meeting of the Auckland Swimming Association
held on Thursday 20th September, 2012
at Sports House, Harbour Sport, Stadium Drive, Albany

1. WELCOME

- 1.1. The President of Auckland Swimming, Mr David Jack welcomed all members of Swimming Auckland including Life Members and Delegates to its 105th Annual General Meeting. The President noted that this has been a year of change for the sport. He extended his thanks to the Board of Auckland Swimming for their efforts and asked that the meeting show their appreciation. The President also noted the recent recognition of Ross Bragg as a life member of Swimming New Zealand.

2. ROLL CALL

The President noted that the roll call of delegates and members should be recorded as per the written record which had been collected on entry and that a quorum as required by Constitution is established for this meeting. The roll call is as follows:

2.1. Delegates:

Ian Burrow, Paul Jerrom (Central City), Jane Wright, Willem Coetzee (Coast); Lianne Williams, Jim Swanson (Mt Eden); Jane Hanley, David Abernethy (Mt Wellington); Malcolm Donaldson, Trudy Wotherspoon, Mike Kinney (North Shore); Matt Dodd, Fiona Wilson (Parnell); Viti Flanagan (RNZAF); Tim Wadley, Steve Mason (Mt Roskill); Brian Tong, Tim Benson, Suzanne Speer (United); Gwen Ryan, David Priscott, Karen Woodgate (Waterhole); Stephanie Pilling (Waitakere City)

2.2. General Attendance:

David Jack (President); Andy Harper (ASA Life Member); Teresa Stanley (Chairman – Board Member); Willem Coetzee (Board Member); Cameron Gibson (Board Member); Claudia Hill (Board Member); Rossanna Palmer, Ross Bragg (SNZ Life Member); Craig Stewart, Lisa Crene (NSS), Max Walker (Mt Wellington), Mihai Mandache (Coast), Sandra Burrow (ASA Life Member, CCY), Tonia Wheeler (ASA), Brian Palmer (ASA)

2.3. Apologies:

Norma Williams (Life Member), Cliff Williams, Sandra Burrow (Life Member), Elizabeth Grimmer (Life Member), Eperthea Coetzee, John Mace (ASA Life member), Tony Cooper, Jo Davidson, David Priscott.

2.4 Proxies:

Karen Woodgate carried a written proxy for David Priscott.

2.5 In Memoriam :

The President noted the passing of Jack Donaldson (SNZ Life member) and asked that Auckland's sorrow at his passing be recorded.

3. PREVIOUS MINUTES

- 3.1. The minutes of the Previous AGM held 28th July 2011 were reviewed.



Moved by Jim Swanson that the minutes of the 104th Annual General Meeting be approved as a true and correct reflection of the meeting.

Seconded Gwen Ryan

Carried

3.2 The minutes of the SGM held 12th July 2012 were reviewed.

Moved by Gwen Ryan that the minutes of the Special General Meeting be approved as a true and correct reflection of the meeting.

Seconded Willem Coetzee

Carried

4. DELEGATES TO SWIMMING AUCKLAND FOR THE ENSUING YEAR

(Notified to date)

Central City	Paul Jerrom, Ian Burrow
Coast	Willem Coetzee, Jane Wright
Kings	
Kowhai	Robin Baddock
Mt Eden	Jim Swanson, Lianne Williams
Mt Wellington	Jane Hanley, David Abernethy
North Shore	Malcolm Donaldson, Trudy Wotherspoon, Mike Kinney
Onehunga	
Parnell	Matt Dodd, Fiona Wilson
Roskill	Tim Wadley, Steve Mason
RNZAF	Viti Flanagan
United	Tim Benson, Brian Tong, Suzanne Speer
Waitakere City	Stephanie Pilling
Waterhole	Gwen Ryan, David Priscott, Karen Woodgate
West AK Aquatics	

5. CONSIDERATION OF THE ASSOCIATION'S ANNUAL REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 APRIL 2009

5.1. Accepted, subject to audit confirmation. The executive Officer spoke to the accounts and explained the progress which has been made which show not just positive cash flow return but also a small accounting profit.

Moved by Teresa Stanley

Seconded Jim Swanson

Carried

6. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT - Teresa Stanley

- 6.1. The Chair, Ms Teresa Stanley reported on the key issues which the Association has faced during the year and which were raised in her written report as contained in the Associations Annual Report.
- 6.2. She extended thanks to Brian Palmer, Executive Officer for the efforts relating to the Associations finances and noted the milestone of being able to report a profitable trading year.
- 6.3. This has been a challenging year, but the Chairman is proud of the way in which the board has met the governance challenges.
- 6.4. Various Board members have carried very large levels of commitment. These include:
- 6.4.1. Jim Swanson, SNZ Review Steering Group; Teresa Stanley, SNZ Working Group; Cameron Stanley, NZ Swimmers Association.
- 6.5. By way of an update as to where SNZ is at. Concerns still remain as to the legality of the Constitution. With the adoption of the new SNZ Constitution the ASA is now bound to adopt a new constitution of its own. This has not yet been sighted and based on legal advice supplied is contrary to the requirements of the ASA's own constitution which provides that the ASA Constitution can only be changed with the authority of an AGM or a SGM called specifically for that purpose. As the objects of the ASA's constitution require the ASA to remain affiliated with SNZ the alternative option of ceasing to affiliate under the existing constitution as suggested by the working groups legal advice is not tenable. It was for this reason that the ASA abstained from voting on the SNZ Constitution at the SNZ SGM as to have done otherwise would have been acting ultra-vires to our own constitution.
- 6.6. Sue Suckling in her capacity as the SNZ Governance administrator has been holding bi-weekly conference calls with the Regional Association chairs.
- 6.7. SNZ will be appointing a new HP Director by the end of the year. Katie Sadlier (HPSNZ) is working with SNZ to prepare a funding application to HPSNZ, Brent Leighton has been appointed as the new Chair of the SNZ Board.
- 6.8. Our next major challenge is working through the proposed, but as yet unsighted regional constitution.
- 6.9. There is to be a HP Workshop held in Wellington on October 14/15th in Wellington.
- 6.10. Thanks particularly are extended to Jim Swanson and Suzanne Speer both of whom are retiring from the ASA Board at this meeting.
- 6.11. Chairs Report proposed for acceptance:
- Moved:** Teresa Stanley
- Seconded:** Max Walker **Carried**

7. ELECTION OF OFFICERS

- 7.1 With the retirement of Jim Swanson and Suzanne Speer a two board vacancies exist. There is a single nomination (Claudia Hill).

7.2 Following suitable discussion on the subject it was moved by Lianne Williams (LME), second T Stanley (ASA) that nominations be closed and that Claudia Hill be appointed by election to fill one of the vacant positions.

Moved: Lianne Williams

Seconded: Theresa Stanley

Carried

Office **Nominee**

7.2 **President:** David Jack

7.3 **Life Membership & Awards Committee.**

Sandra Burrows retires by rotation. It was noted that this position needs to be filled by a nominee who is the holder of a service award only. David Jack suggested that the Awards Committee should look to fill the vacancy by nomination of a suitably qualified candidate.

Proposed: David Jack

Seconded: Andy Harper

Carried

7.4 David Jack requested that special recognition be afforded to Sandra Burrows for her service on this committee over many years.

7.5 **Other candidates (all unopposed) were appointed to various committees and offices.**

Registrar: Tonia Wheeler

Assistant Registrar: Alison Fitch

Competitive Swim Group

Elected Positions: Election of two members, CSG Committee

Gwen Ryan

Gary Francis

Nominations Closed: Gwen Ryan/Teresa Stanley

Elected

Events Management Group

Elected Positions:

Jo Draisey

Mike Knowles

David Priscott

Toni Bayliffe

Viti Flanagan

Nominations Closed. Jim Swanson/Teresa Stanley

Elected



Technical Group

Elected Positions:

Ross Bragg

Alan Draisey

Eperthea Coetzee

Joe Coury

Tony Cooper

Nominations Closed. Cameron Gibson/Teresa Stanley

Elected

Technology Group

Elected Positions:

Tim Draisey

Jo Draisey

Cameron Blackburn

Matt Foy

Nominations Closed. Cameron Gibson/Teresa Stanley

Elected

7.1. The above nominations were all carried unopposed

8. CONSIDERATION OF LIFE MEMBERSHIP AND AWARDS COMMITTEE REPORT

8.1. The President David Jack presented Mr Andy Harper with his Life Membership Award which had been approved, but not presented at the previous (2011) AGM.

8.2. Auckland Service Awards

It was proposed that the following become recipients of an Auckland Service Award:

Heidi Ingram, Lisa Crene, Belinda Donaldson, Malcolm Donaldson of the North Shore Swimming Club.

Proposed: LM & Awards Committee

Seconded: Trudy Wotherspoon

Daryl Follows, Kristina Quintell, Joe Coury of the Laser Mt Eden Swimming Club.

Proposed: LM & Awards Committee

Seconded: Lianne Williams

Ken Myncham, Kym Myncham, Croisella McKenzie of the Waterhole Swimming Club.

Proposed: LM & Awards Committee

Seconded: Gwen Ryan

Moe Richardson, Grant Richardson of the Roskill Swimming Club.

Proposed: LM & Awards Committee

Seconded: Steve Mason



Kate Baddock of the Kowhai Swimming Club.

Proposed: LM & Awards Committee

Seconded: T Stanley

Brian Tong, Josephine Tong, Tim Benson, Igor Polianski, Lisa Voss of the United Swimming Club.

Proposed: LM & Awards Committee

Seconded: Tim Benson

Jo Davidson, Ross Bragg, Scott Talbot for services to the ASA.

Proposed: LM & Awards Committee

Seconded: Ross Bragg

Mihai Mandache, of the Coast Swim Club.

Proposed: LM & Awards Committee

Seconded: Willem Coetzee

- 8.3.** The President of the ASA David Jack then announced that the Life Membership & Awards Committee were proposing a Special Service Award. As far as he was aware no such Award had been made in the 105 year history of the ASA. He noted that this award was unique in as much as it was being made to each member of the Palmer family for their combined service, which in the case of Brian Palmer as an employee exceeded beyond the requirements of his employment. The President noted special recognition including amongst other things the ANZACS for Canterbury Charity programme. The award was to be made for each family member including Brian Palmer, Rossanna Palmer, Hayley Palmer, Tirol Palmer & Kiri Palmer.

Proposed: LM & Awards Committee

Seconded: Tonia Wheeler

- 8.4. Auckland Honours Awards. It was proposed that the following become recipients of the Auckland Honours Award.**

Leigh Johns West Auckland Aquatics

Tonia Wheeler ASA & Coast SC

Max Walker Mt Wellington SC

Alan Draisey West Auckland Aquatics

Andy Brown North Shore Swimming Club

- 8.5.** It is proposed that the recommendations of the Life Membership and Awards Committee as to the awarding of Auckland Service, Honours and Life Membership be adopted.

Carried

9. EXECUTIVE OFFICER'S REPORT:

- 9.1.** The Executive Officer thanked the Life Membership and Awards Committee and the Association for the generous honour which had been extended to each member of his family and expressed that this was a very humbling recognition.

- 9.2.** The detail of his report was noted with reference to the fact that this was written prior to recent changes to the national constitution at the recent SNZ SGM.



- 9.3. The Executive Officer noted the retirement of Tonia Wheeler and wished that her service be recognised. He also noted that Tonia's replacement Chantal Walker had also needed to retire due to ill health after only a few months of service but that we were grateful for the temporary assistance being offered in the office support function by Hayley Palmer.
 - 9.4. The Executive Officer noted that this was a time to look forward to the future and that the Association would be best served by ensuring its independence through its strength. He noted that there was a malaise in NZ Sport which resulted from what he referred to as the 'twin additions in New Zealand Sport to Welfare support and gambling addiction, the principle methods by which sport is funded.' Our challenge as an Association was to ensure that we had a robust business model which ensured our capacity to remain strong through financial independence.
 - 9.5. The Executive Officer suggested that the swimmers of the future from Auckland could be better served as they elevated their expectations through developing more linkage and association to the West & East (Australia and the United States) than to the North and South, just within New Zealand. These opportunities would only come as we built greater financial strength and independence as an association. He suggested that a failure to seek these opportunities would result in us failing future generations of athletes as we limited their performance capacity through the limitations of their horizons.
 - 9.6. The Executive Officer extended his thanks and appreciation to all who had contributed to the association's work this year, including the Board of the ASA, all those who worked in the individual clubs and also the many who made the work of the association possible through their service as volunteers.
 - 9.7. Most especially the Executive officer gave recognition to the athletes who represented the region at various levels of distinction but including those who swam in London on the national Olympic Team.
- 10. Annual General Meeting 2013**
- 10.1. Thursday 31st July, 2013 has been agreed and set for the next Annual General Meeting unless there is further business to be transacted relating to the Constitution prior to that time by way of special meeting.
- 11.** The meeting was adjourned at 8:50 pm. until Thursday 31st July 2013.

Signed as a true and correct record of the meeting

Date: