

Minutes of Annual General Meeting of Seaside Pirates Incorporated

Held at Terrey Hills Swimming Centre, 31 Myoora Road, Terrey Hills

Sunday February 22, 2015

Attendees: Jane Noake, Paul Slater, Sandra Rogers, Mark Patterson, Dayle McMillian, Graham Hill, Staffan Wensing, Cathy Codling and Richard Vander Reyden.

1 Welcome and Opening of Meeting

The President welcomed members and opened the meeting at 10am. She thanked members present for their attendance.

2 Apologies

Biff Grindley, Richard Burchfield, Emma Rogers, Sandi Rigby, Jodie Burke, Carolyn Opie, Peter Watson, John Stroud, Cecelia Wensing and Martin Wensing.

3 Confirmation of Minutes of Annual General Meeting Held in February 2014

The Minutes of the previous Annual General Meeting held in February 2014 were confirmed as correct. The minutes were proposed by Cathy Codling and seconded by Mark Patterson.

4 Matters Arising and Action Items

The treasurer amended the expense report in the minutes from the previous AGM.

5 Reports

President's Report

Jane presented her report based on the Annual Report to Masters Swimming, highlighting members' and clubs achievements for 2014.

Jane's personal highlight of the year (and there were many) is the high percentage of Pirates involved in all the activities during the year – whether it be a social event, a swim meet, an ocean swim or training, it was just wonderful to have so many people being part of our club.

Our first event of the year was the Shelley Beach swim with about 30 Pirates and friends. In February we headed to the Blue Mountains for a training camp.

We had 34 Pirates at the State Long Course Championships and came a close 2nd to Warringah Masters. At this event Jodie Burke was named NSW Official of the Year and several Pirates were age group champions for 2013. After the event we adjourned to Ribs and Rumps in Sydney Olympic Park for a celebration.

We only had a small representation at the National Championships in Rockhampton, but Milton, James, Mark Scullard and Jane had a great time. It was here that Jodie was named the National Official of the Year!

At the State AGM in May, Pirates were named Club of the Year for 2013.

Our next focus was the State Relay Meet held at SOPAC in July. We had a team of 45 Pirates and we won the meet by exactly 100 points from Warringah. We celebrated this with a drink or two at the Ranch.

In early August we learned that Pam Hutchings was to be inducted into the International Masters Swimming Hall of Fame at the annual ceremony in September in Jacksonville, Florida. Congratulations Pam.

Our Pirate carnival was held at the Knox pool in early August. Thank you to all the Pirates who made this a great meet. With special thanks to Frida and Alice Wensing who spent all afternoon selling cakes and coffee.

The World Championships were held this year in Montreal. Pirates had a great team with a couple of 2nd claim girls, Tara and Megan swimming with us. Everyone swam well but the outstanding results were from the 2 Pirates who set themselves goals early in the year. Sandra won a medal in her first event – the 800m free on the first day. Her goal was to get into the top 10 in at least one event and she achieved that goal. Batesy had also set himself a goal earlier in the year and worked very hard towards that goal. He achieved a bronze medal in the 50m fly and was also in the top 10 in the 50m free. Congratulations Batesy and Sandra we are all so proud of your achievements. We also had a great support crew in Bron Bates and Emma (our coaches on pool deck) and John's uni friends from the US.

The State Short Course Championships were held in Woy Woy and we had a team of 26 in the pool and 2 others in the recording room with us coming away with the trophy for these championships. A great team effort once again.

In 2014 we worked hard on increasing the number of officials in the club and I congratulate James and Willy for becoming chief timekeepers, and Sandra, Rachel, Mark Scullard and Milton for completing their timekeeping accreditation.

During the year we had 2 babies. Helen and Richard, and Lillian and Brent both welcomed baby girls to add to our team in 18 years.

I would also like to acknowledge the results of Mitch Patterson and Greg Phillips in open swimming during 2014.

Our last event for 2014 was the 100 x 100s at Knox on 28th December. We had 35 Pirates and friends from other clubs join us. Afterwards we celebrated Sandra's 50th birthday with a great lunch. A great way to end a very successful year in and out of the pool.

Jane also thanked our coaches – Graham, Rachel, Richard and Staffan, thank you to the Committee and thanks to everyone for being part of our club.

The President's full report is attached.

Treasurer's Report

Overall the Club's net worth was reduced by \$4,087 during the course of the year. At year end the cheque account held \$1,553, a reduction of \$470, and the deposit account held \$11,083 a reduction of \$3,617. The net worth of the Club at the close of the year was \$12,636.54.

Leaving out the Pirates own carnival, spending on carnivals produced a loss of \$1,471, the overwhelming majority being relay entries for the State carnivals. Once again the Club funded all the entries for the State Relay carnival at a cost of \$1,125.

The Seaside Pirates own carnival realised a profit of \$2,664. The raffle made \$1,006 and the tea and goodies made \$462.50. Very special thanks are due to the Wensing family for their work selling tickets, but more especially for the catering that was so well received.

The Club provided subsidies for catering at the 100x100 and Shelley Beach swims as well as for dinners at the Blue Mountains weekend and the State Long and Short Course meets. The cost of these came to \$670.

"Merchandise" items have been cut down in the last year. The Club bought T-shirts that were given to members early in the - year and some T-shirts for those members representing the Club at the World Championships. Towards the end of the year a quantity of caps were purchased and have sold well since. Overall the Club spent \$2,626 on merchandise and received \$544 from the sale of caps, towels and tracksuits, giving a loss on merchandise of \$2,082.

In July the Club purchased a banner to display at poolside for \$161. This was funded from the monies provided in a Marketing Grant by Masters NSW. It has proved a good investment attracting people to come and talk to us at the WAC. The Club retains \$943 from the grant and the Committee welcomes suggestions on using this money to promote the Club.

The largest drain on Club finances this last year has undoubtedly been the cost of pool hire. In June the WAC suggested that they would raise their lane hire rates from

\$20/hour to \$32/hour. Jane teamed with Warringah Masters to protest this and they were eventually able to get the cost down to \$25 per hour. We still pay \$6.90 per swimmer. Narrabeen charges \$35/hour per lane and \$6 per swimmers although Jane was able to negotiate a contract that made these charges a little more palatable. We used Knox for a few sessions in January and July. They managed to charge us using 4 different methods over the course of the year.

Overall, pool operations (that is cost of hire and members' session fees) cost the Club \$5,447. The cost of Knox for our carnival, SASR for the Club Championship and the Katoomba sessions was \$2,412. This means that on our training sessions cost us \$3,035.

The Committee discussed raising the charges for swim sessions but given the financial strength of the Club decided to leave the charges at \$10 per 'casual' entry and \$70 for a pre-paid month of sessions.

The Club remains healthy financially although the cost of pool hire remains a major concern. For the foreseeable future the Club will continue to lose money on the hire of the WAC (SASR is not in use at present). This may well produce an increase in swim fees this Club year.

I'd like to thank Cathy Codling for once again auditing the accounts and for registering them with the Dept. of Fair Trading.

Statement of Income and Expenses attached.

Club Captain's Report

Pirates got 2nd in the long course State Championships, 1st in the short course State Championships and 1st at the State Relay meet.

We had 31 Pirates attend our own carnival. A great effort from everyone involved on the day.

We had 6 swimmers represent us at the Fina World Masters Swimming Championships in Montreal. John got 3rd in the 50m fly and top 10 in 50m free and Sandra got a top 10 in the 800m free.

Pam Hutchings being inducted into the World Masters Swimming Hall of Fame which is a fantastic achievement.

Coaching Coordinator's Report

We have a great, stable team of coaches and Graham thanked Staffan, Rachel, Richie and Jane for the efforts this year. Graham encouraged any Pirate to stand up on deck and help out if they would like to try coaching. Just speak to Graham if you are interested.

We had a few long course training sessions at Knox. We had good numbers at training and good attendance at the Pirates meet, relay meet and both short and long course state championships.

Mark Patterson thanked Graham for all his efforts as coaching co-ordinator and all in attendance agreed.

Web Master's Report

No report received.

Barry will be stepping down from this role and Jane wished to thank Barry for all his hard work with our facebook, website and photos etc.

Acceptance of Reports

Acceptance of all reports was proposed by Cathy Codling and seconded by Richard Vander Reyden.

6 Election of Committee

President	Jane Noake
Vice President	Dayle McMillan
Treasurer	Paul Slater
Club Captains	Staffan Wensing/Emma Rogers
Coaching Co-Ordinator	Graham Hill
Website	Richard Vander Reyden
Secretary	Sandra Rogers

7 General Business

Nothing to report.

8 Awards

Swimmer Achievement Award: John Bates for his achievements at the World Championships.

Club Member of the Year: Richard Vander Reyden.

Congratulations to John and Richard.

9 Meeting Closed

There being no other business the meeting closed at 10:45am.