

2019 Oatley Amateur Swimming Club: Annual General Meeting Minutes

**Sunday the 25th of August, 2019
11am @ Sandy Beach, Oatley Park**

Meeting opened at: 11:03am

Attending: Ken M, Lynn & Marcello D, Lesley & Mathew W, Jan S, Lyn & Martin J, Wendy & Alan S, Kerry M, Fiona B, Darren L, Val L, Anne F, Allison & Alan B, Phil S, Rafe K, Scott B, Cathy & Barry G, Steve R, Jenny & Steve W, Barney S, Wayne L, Robin & Rodger R, Leanne & Mal H, Margaret S, Warren B, Peter de M, Neoklis B. Mark C, Susan G, Aiden M & Nick M.

Apologies from: Sharyn C, Phil A, Artie A, Kim W, Liz W, Paul R, David F.

Call for a minutes silence to honour and reflect on late members:
including George Sloan

1: Minutes from previous meeting tabled by Mathew Wylie, club secretary.

* see attached minutes *

moved to accept by: Kerry M

seconded by: Fiona B

2: President's Report by Ken McAneny.

Council have sent scuba Divers into the baths to check the nets, nets reported to be in good condition.

Council will no longer move sand within baths as it's not considered appropriate to meddle with "shoreline".

Our usual working bee (Ken, John, & Phil) cleaned the pontoon and starting blocks, will need another clean-up/working bee close to the start of the season, volunteers required.

moved to accept by: Mat W

seconded by: Lynn D

3: Treasurer's Report by Lynn Diblasi

Audited Financial Report (by Warren Brown) presented by Lynn D.

Thanks to Warren B for preparing report.

Main item of interest is the loss noted in report, due entirely to forgetting to make a donation last year, and so double donation this year to Life Saving Australia.

Other than that finances are sound, with our monies in the banks.

Thanks to helpers for organising our fluffy swim jackets.

moved to accept by: Ken M

seconded by: Val L

4: Secretary's Report by Mathew Wylie.

Thanks to all the members who have come along today, to volunteer their time and ideas, to actively participate in the running of this club.

It has been an interesting year, starting with controversy at the last AGM, but I hope we've all worked through that, and come out as a stronger club.

I'm happy to say we presently have 90 active swimmers registered, along with 15 social members, and that includes our newest members who joined last season.

We have all enjoyed our new "sebel" chairs, and Nick has been able to procure 10 more light-weight, comfortable and sturdy chairs, so our thanks go to Nick M.

Although I have written to council to raise safety issues with them, no response has come back; so I would urge all members to write to council as concerned rate-payers and ask for additional sand around the stairs and starting blocks, as well as some form of cleaning/treatment of the stairs to prevent slipping over.

"Cars" to trophy points score leaders: Lynn Diblasi, Phil Pomfret, & Aiden Mitchell

Volunteer Award: In previous years as club secretary I have acknowledged our swimmers who have enhanced our club experience, this year I'd like us to thank our busiest "social member", who is always looking to help with the time-keeping, handicapping, club office, catering, and of course the new face-book page, where everyone is informed of club swim meetings and other activities, (such as the barefoot bowls social day).

Thanks to our volunteer of the year: Fiona Burns.

Last year I began an Inspiration award, and Jan Sloan was a worthy winner, (in fact Jan continues to inspire me).

This year the Inspiration Award is shared by two guys who have a lot in common; Phil Andersen & Dave Ferrier, for literally "bouncing back" from adversity, glad you guys are still members of the club (and good to see you back in the water / getting back in the water soon).

Well, that's it from me, cannot wait for the swim season to start.

moved to accept by: Lynn D

seconded by: Ken M

5: Social Committee Report by Jenny Westwood

Need to be proactively cleaning up after ourselves, if you see a mess, help clean it up.

Many, many, thanks to all the helpers on Lunch/BBQ days.

Please update preferences for Lunch/BBQ rsvp email or facebook.

More care needed with waste, no co-mingling, respect the recycling bins, and please take containers.

New Lunch/BBQ volunteer roster, please nominate and help.

moved to accept by: Rafe K

seconded by: Fiona B

6: Election of Office Bearers: Returning Officers Rodger R & Kerry M

All positions declared vacant, call for nominations.

Executive Positions

President: (incumbent: Ken McAneny)

Ken McAneny nominated by: Mat W seconded by: Barney S

no other nominations, Ken McAneny elected to position of President.

Vice Presidents: (incumbent: Val Lynch, John Klinker(retiring), and David Ferrier(retiring))

Val Lynch nominated by: Mat W seconded by: Jan S

Scott Belcher nominated by: Ken M seconded by: Barry G

no other nominations, Val Lynch & Scott Belcher elected to position of Vice Presidents.

Treasurer: (incumbent: Lynn Diblasi)

Lynn Diblasi nominated by: Ann F seconded by: Jenny W

no other nominations, Lynn Diblasi elected to position of Treasurer.

Secretary: (incumbent: Mathew Wylie),

Mathew Wylie nominated by: Fiona B seconded by: Darren L

no other nominations, Mathew Wylie elected to position of Secretary.

7: Non-Executive positions:

management committee: (incumbents: Val Lynch, Lynn Diblasi, Alan Smith, Warren Brown, Mark Connell, David Ferrier, Ken McAneny).

Alan Smith nominated by: Mat W seconded by: Ken M

Warren Brown nominated by: Val L seconded by: Lynn D

Mark Connell nominated by: Ken M seconded by: Jan S

David Ferrier nominated by: Ken M seconded by: Lynn D

Anne Ferrier nominated by: Lynn D seconded by: Mat W

Barry Gallagher nominated by: Scott B seconded by: Steve W

Lesley Wylie nominated by: Fiona B seconded by: Barney S

Darren Lynch nominated by: Mat W seconded by: Fiona B

no other nominations. Vote of members, Alan S. Warren B. Mark C. David F. Anne F. Barry G. Lesley W. & Darren L. elected to Management Committee.

Race Secretary: (incumbent: Scott Belcher)

Scott Belcher nominated by: Barry G seconded by: Mat W

no other nominations, Scott Belcher elected to position of Race Secretary.

Social Committee Co-ordinator: (incumbent: Jenny Westwood)

Jenny Westwood nominated by: Mat W seconded by: Lynn D

no other nominations, Jenny Westwood elected to position.

Chook Race Co-ordinator: (incumbent: Lyn Johnston)

Lyn Johnston nominated by: Ken M seconded by: Martin J

no other nominations, Lyn Johnston elected to position.

Race Schedule Co-ordinators: (incumbent: Susan Geddes & Nick Mullen)

Susan Geddes nominated by: Nick M seconded by: Anne F

Nick Mullen nominated by: Susan G seconded by: Ken M

Susan Geddes & Nick Mullen elected to joint position

8: Trophy Points discussion.

Scott B nominated to leave points same as last year, seconded by Val L

Lynn D suggested low points could be not paid/donated back to club - referred to Management Committee.

9: Membership Fees discussion.

Lynn D nominated swimming club member fees remain same as last year, seconded by Ken M

Swimming club member fees remain unchanged.

Rodger reminds us that our constitution only recognises one form of membership.

10: General Business, open to members suggestions.

- a) Sub-committee for ideas to encourage young families/new members.
Committee volunteers Lesley D. Lara B. Emily R. Aidan Mullen Darren L. Fiona B. Peter de M. Robin R. Kerry M. Leanne H. also open to more volunteers.
Report back from Head of Committee Darren Lynch: Facebook page started, possibly 3 families to join next season.
- b) Barry G, suggest re-do of constitution to better reflect values of the club, and re-codify all new by-laws from AGMs (OASC executive committee to begin process)
- c) Jenny W, special thanks to Marcelo D, for all his efforts on BBQ.

- d) Kerry M suggests increasing visitor fee on relay day to cover costs, suggests \$20. Seconded by Nick M, Approved by members.
- e) Fiona B, recommends Qualified First Aid Officer every swim. For safety in long races i) dedicated “spotter”. ii) bullhorn / alarm iii) DNF or withdraw from race must inform Time Recorder (referred to Management Committee to work out feasibility/details)
- f) Update for membership form, i) gender ii) permission to be photographed (for club closed facebook page)
- g) Fiona & Darren stress the need for Working With Children Check for all, as they say it is now legislated to do so, especially for OASC Committee, and management committee.
- h) Nick B suggests club forms be made available in an OASC “dropbox” or “googlebox”, eg. timekeeping, points etc. (referred to Management Committee to work out feasibility/details)
- i) Kerry M suggests back-up of data after every meeting.
- j) Fiona B, suggests a First Aid Log (Lynn D volunteered to purchase)
- k) Club Photos needed, suggested on day of 2nd Lunch/BBQ of season.
- l) Fiona B suggests No Assistance allowed on long races, i.e. dragged kids along on boogie board, any assistance renders participants unable to accrue points for win or place, only accrue participation points. Seconded by Scott B, endorsed by members.
- m) Nick B, suggests members “white-list” OASC club email.
- n) Fiona B suggests new members receive digital copy of constitution, plus by-laws, welcome pack.
- o) Wayne L suggests points for any juniors who achieve a “PB” (referred to Management Committee to work out feasibility/details).

No further business to discuss, Meeting Closed at 12:25pm.

Thanks to Jenny W, and Lesley W for the wonderful hot lunch!