

SWIMMING NEW SOUTH WALES LTD.
SINCE 1896



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43rd
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

SATURDAY 14 JUNE 2008

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PRESENT

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Peter Lozan	President	Lynn Elliott	
Bill Ford		Ron McKeon	
Frank Latta		Justin Rothwell	
Suzanne Bergersen		Ian Harkness	Chief Executive Officer
Walter Hitchell OAM			

LIFE MEMBERS

Ron Jordan	Helen Wood
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AREA DELEGATES

ACT	Lorraine Wuth	Northern Districts	Jan Tredinnick
Central Coast	Des Collins	Northern Suburbs	Judy Davies
Central Tablelands	Margaret Spurway	Ovens & Murray	Anthony Foley
Far North Coast	Britt Charlton	SCAT	Ian Coleborne
Metro North West	Graham Taylor	Southern	Andrew Willis
Metro South West	Dennis Browning	Warringah	Ann Manley
Mid North Coast	Alan Newman		

CLUB DELEGATES

Albury Nth Lavington	Anthony Foley	McCredie Park	Leo Repeti
Avalon Bilgola	Richard Vander Reyden	Mount Pritchard	Branko Sutic
Ballina Indoor	Peter Charlton	Narrabeen Ladies	Alan Gray
Bankstown Sports	Neil Rogers	Novocastrian	Peter Reinhard
Barker Aquatic	Julie Mason	Nuswim	Susan Jack
Bayside	Anne Engel	Parkes	Barbara Weaver
Bega	Narelle Willis	Peakhurst	Julia Goff
Beresfield.	Greg Skinner	Penrith	Lynette Crossley
Blacktown City	Val Fenbow	Queanbeyan Leagues	Di Silk
Boolaroo Speers Point	Greg Shaw	Queenscliff Ladies	Kristine MacDonald
BSC Rockdale	John Aitken	Raymond Terrace	David Richards
Burley Griffin	Trevor Wuth	Revesby Workers	Paula Houghton
Canberra	John Skene	Ripples St Marys	Brian Dry
Carlisle	Grant Dargue	Sladem	Peter Hall
Central Newcastle	Norm Roberts	Springwood	Pam Mackenzie
Charlestown	Jenny Schwetz	Stockton	Narelle Murphy

Collaroy	Col Casey	Sydney University	Christine Etter
Dickson	Joan Kellett OAM	Toongabbie	Michael Peterson
East Maitland Olympic	Jean Duma	Twin Towns Services	Helen Green
Engadine	Deirdre de Plater	Ulladulla	Rong Gallagher
Hurstville Aquatic	Judith Arnold	Uniswim	Jo Wazny
Katoomba RSL	David Brown	Warren	Karon Fuller
Kempsey	Janelle Barnett	Wenden	Margaret Gregson OAM
Ku ring gai	Margaret Kniha	Wentworthville RSL	Paul Crollick
Laurieton	Faye Rowles	West Wallsend Indoor	Kerrie Osborne
Macarthur Indoor	Leone Dyson	Willoughby	Kerry O'Loughlin
Maccabi	Beverley Bos OAM	Wizards	Kathy Thompson
Maitland	Heather Brown	Wollongong	Robert Newell
Manly Jetz	Lois Clarke	Yamba	Fay Brown

VISITORS

Karen Walsh	Patricia Roberts	Lisa Berrell	Lee Bendeich
Wendy Wilson	Ian Lamb	Helen Ashpole	Lynnette Hitchell
Tracy Wright	Paula Irwin	Sandy Higgins	Mei Ling Ong
Robert Guyer	Huia Kingi	Julie Hall	Judith Duma
Lee James	Dave Mason	Leonie Dippel	Michelle Fa'oa
Russell Waugh	Hope Van Coevorden	Pat Sadlier	

APOLOGIES

Ken Knight	Esna Stewart OAM	Joan Valler	Isa Wye MBE OAM
Tek Samuel OAM	Cliff Harris	Joan Somerville OAM	Eric Witchard
Glad Pye	Gary Arnold	Noel Watson	Andrew Hunter

WELCOME

At 10.00am the President, Peter Lozan, declared the 43rd Annual General Meeting open and in welcoming all to the meeting he extended a special welcome to the Life Members in attendance.

Following a request for the CEO to acknowledge the apologies for the meeting the President then requested a silent remembrance to those members who had passed away during the year.

BUSINESS

1. MINUTES

- 1.1 Moved and seconded that the Minutes of the 42nd Annual General Meeting of the Swimming NSW held on 16th June 2007 be taken as read.

CARRIED

1.2 Moved and seconded that the Minutes of the 42nd Annual General Meeting of Swimming NSW held on 16th June 2007 be accepted as a true and correct record.

CARRIED

1.3 Moved and seconded that the Minutes of the Special General Meeting of Swimming NSW Ltd held on 16th February 2008 be taken as read.

CARRIED

1.4 Moved and seconded that the Minutes of the Special General Meeting of Swimming NSW Ltd held on 16th February 2008 be accepted as a true and correct record.

CARRIED

2. ANNUAL REPORT

2.1 The President presented the 111th Annual Report for the period 1 April 2007 to 31 March 2008 and noted the Company Vision and Mission and that the participation and membership rates had trended lower with more emphasis required on recruitment and retention.

Peter Lozan then addressed the report through the four strategic pillars that underpin the sport – High Performance, Sports Development, Business Development and People Development.

- Congratulations were extended to the swimmers, coaches and managers who were selected for the 2008 Olympic and Paralympic teams.
- The relationship with NSWIS starting to bear fruit and the activities of the Emerging Athlete Program.
- The expanded Duel Meet Series
- NSW members on Swimming Australia Touring Teams
- Successful age team visit to New Zealand
- Successful State Open Championships with most of the national team competing.
- Learn To Swim development with up-skilling of Austswim instructors
- Adoption of Swimming Australia Member and Child Welfare Policies
- The ongoing Area rationalization with several amalgamations in place and others at various stages of discussion.
- The effectiveness of the Board's Audit & Finance Committee and the Risk Management Committee
- Continued good relations with government and our sponsors.
- Upgrading of our lobbying efforts to become an organization of influence.
- Profitable efforts through the Speedo Shop and event merchandising.
- Monthly reporting to the Company Business Plan by the CEO.

- Conduct of Go Club Forums for club development
- Increased communication through web site and Board summaries
- The introduction of the National Officiating Program
- First year of the non portfolio Board structure operated well.
- Congratulations were extended to all of the Company Committee's on their efforts.

The CEO further highlighted the following aspects:-

- The establishment of a Disability Development Program
- The strengthening relationship with NSW Association of Disability Sports
- The timely review and forward planning of our competition structure and programs.
- The increasing number of Go Club programs.
- The successful approach to the incorporation of swimming clubs
- The employment of further Development Officers to assist with club development activities.
- The new Company website as the first step with the new national technology system.
- The efforts of the Technical Swimming Committee in the delivery of the National Officiating Program.
- A complete review of the Company Swimming records and record keeping.
- The 'four year' membership cycle which again led to a small decrease in membership though not reflected in all Areas of the State.

A question was raised as to the non inclusion of Area reports in the documentation and the CEO advised of the rationale for this based on it being a Company report and Areas, whilst being affiliated, are their own entity.

It was Moved and seconded that the 111th Annual Report be adopted. **CARRIED**

2.2 Moved and seconded that the Financial Statements for the period 1 April 2007 to 31 March 2008 be received. **CARRIED**

The CEO presented the Financial Statements, highlighting the following:

- The performance during the year of a \$19,901 deficit compared to a budgeted deficit of \$36,000.
- The accounts being presented in a consolidated manner between Swimming NSW Ltd and Swimming NSW Nominees and an explanation of the rental situation between the two entities

- The attention to the 'grass roots' of the sport through programs and Development Officer employment.

Moved and seconded that the Financial Statements be adopted.

CARRIED

3. ENDORSEMENT OF VICE PATRONS

Moved and seconded that Esna Stewart OAM and John Devitt AM be endorsed as Vice-Patrons of Swimming NSW Ltd.

CARRIED

4. APPOINTMENT OF AUDITORS

Moved and seconded that Ernst & Young be appointed Company Auditors for the ensuing year.

CARRIED

5. DECLARATION OF DIRECTORS

There were 241 eligible voting members and 87 votes received by the closing date of which 3 were deemed informal.

Discussion followed on the relatively low number of voting returns compared to the 2007 figures of 291 eligible members and 139 received and the possible need for a review of the postal voting system.

Many comments were made ranging from time frames of information distribution and required return, non affiliation of clubs and the initial reasons why postal voting was established.

It was advised that the Board will conduct a review of the current system.

The following Directors were appointed for a 2 year term – Suzanne Bergersen, Lynn Elliott, Pat Troy and Gloria Wiegmann.

Moved and seconded that that Poll, as declared, be endorsed.

CARRIED

6. SPECIAL BUSINESS

6.1 Moved and seconded that Life Membership of Swimming NSW be bestowed upon Mr. Pat Troy.

CARRIED

7. PRESENTATION OF SERVICE EXCELLENCE AWARDS

The recipients of the 2008 Service Excellence Awards were announced and presented by various Board members:-

- Eric Witchard
- Margaret Spurway
- Ian Lamb
- Faye Rowles

8. MEETING CLOSURE

Prior to the meeting being closed Peter Lozan acknowledged the contribution of outgoing Board members Carol Cairns and Frank Latta.

The Meeting was closed by Peter Lozan at 11.25am.
