

**SWIMMING NEW SOUTH WALES LTD.  
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ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

**SATURDAY 26 JULY 2014**

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**PRESENT**

**BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

Patrick Troy (President)	Graham Towle	Suzanne Bergersen	Lynn Elliott
Mark Payne	Gloria Wiegmann	Janelle Barnett	Helen Deas

Mark Heathcote (CEO)

**AREA DELEGATES**

AREA	DELEGATE	AREA	DELEGATE
ACT	Jennipher Dunstan	Coast & Valley	Jenny Schwetz
North Coast	Ann Pilkie	Metro North East	Judy Tier
Metro North West	Jeff Thompson	Metro South East	Jo Wazny
Metro South West	Richard Galea	Southern Inland	Michael Donnelly

**CLUB DELEGATES**

CLUB	DELEGATE	CLUB	DELEGATE
Aquablitz Toongabbie	Denise Andree-Evarts	Bankstown Sports	Neil Rogers
Canberra	John Skene OAM	Carlile	Adrian Roestorf
Castle Hill RSL	Matthew Erwin	Cherrybrook Carlile	Jo O'Malley
Dolphins			
COSAC	Sandra Browne	East Maitland Olympic	Judith Duma
Engadine	Deirdre de Plater	Katoomba RSL	Walter Hitchell OAM
Kempsey	Margaret Jopling	Lane Cove	Lesley Pike
Laurieton	Margaret Cornall	Lismore Workers Swim Team	Donald Law
McCredie Park Aquatics	Scott McDonald	Menai	Maree Pavlovec
Merrylands	Peter Johnston	NC Aquatic	David Kennedy
Novocastrian	Russell Waugh	Parkes	Barbara Weaver
Parramatta City	Graham Taylor	Peakhurst	David Goff
Ryde-Carlile	Terry Wilson	Sans Souci Sea Devils	Philip Speet
SOPAC Swim Club	Andrew McKenzie	Swimwest	Jose Jalvo
Sydney University	Michaela Ferrier	Twin Towns Services	Helen Green
Ulladulla	Kylie Hoyer	Woodenbong	Jennie Riley

## **VISITORS**

Narelle Duggan	Pia Farmilo	Jarrod Anthony	John Owen
Paul Dobson	Bill Ford	Pam Weste	Leah McPherson
Diane Seary	Michael Birmingham	Christine Birmingham	

## **APOLOGIES**

Chris Myers                      Tek Samuel OAM

### **1. WELCOME**

At 10.00am the President, Patrick Troy, declared the 49<sup>th</sup> Annual General Meeting open. Patrick then noted the apologies for the meeting; Life Member, Tek Samuel OAM and Swimming NSW Director Chris Myers. Patrick also introduced the Swimming NSW Directors that were present to the meeting. Special mention was made to Gloria Wiegmann who was retiring as a Director at this meeting after many years of service on the Board.

Patrick then made mention of those members who had passed during the year: Henry 'Jack' Lang – Life Member of Swimming NSW, Stephen Young – Woden Swimming Club, John Saliba – Life Member of Metro South West, Trevor McDonald – Bay & Basin Swimming Club, Albert 'Pud' Williams – Life Member of Cootamundra Swimming Club and Maniah Betham – Ripples St Marys Swimming Club.

Patrick then requested a silent remembrance to those members.

## **BUSINESS**

### **2. MINUTES**

2.1 Moved and Seconded that the Minutes of the 48<sup>th</sup> Annual General Meeting of Swimming NSW held on 27<sup>th</sup> July 2013 be taken as read.

**CARRIED**

2.2 Moved and Seconded that the Minutes of the 48<sup>th</sup> Annual General Meeting of Swimming NSW held on 27<sup>th</sup> July 2013 be accepted as a true and correct record.

**CARRIED**

### 3. ANNUAL REPORT

#### 3.1 The President presented the 117<sup>th</sup> Annual Report for the period 1 April 2013 to 31 March 2014.

Patrick Troy spoke to his written report, highlighting that 2013/14 had been another successful year for Swimming NSW, with the Company working well towards many of its strategic objectives and also achieving many of its operational objectives.

Patrick noted the loss of the Energy Australia sponsorship had caused an impact on both Swimming NSW and Swimming in Australia as a whole. Patrick reported that Swimming NSW had worked hard throughout the year to ensure that the effect of this loss was minimised.

Patrick then spoke about the ongoing problems that the delayed implementation of the APT system had caused and that Swimming NSW understood that it had also caused significant issues for Club and Areas. Patrick reported that Swimming NSW was doing everything possible in conjunction with Swimming Australia to get the system fully operational as soon as possible.

Patrick reported that Swimming Australia had planned to increase their component of the membership registration fees by \$1 this year and that Swimming NSW had opposed this change and thankfully, at the last minute Swimming Australia had decided not to proceed with this increase.

Patrick then made a brief presentation on the various State Government funding arrangements for sport across Australia, noting that by far, NSW Sporting organisations, of which Swimming NSW is one, are funded the least in comparison to all the other States & Territories. Pat encouraged the members present to continue to lobby their local members to improve the funding arrangements for sport as much as possible.

Patrick then made a note that the performances of NSW athletes on both the National and International stage continues to improve and that the High Performance Committee Standing Committee was working hard to ensure this improvement continued. Patrick noted that there would be a presentation on this Committee during the State Forum.

Patrick reported that the 2013 NSW State Open Championships had won the NSW Sporting Event of the Year at the 2013 NSW Sports Federation Awards which had been a great achievement for the company.

Patrick then noted that Swimming NSW would not continue to achieve success without the assistance of its members and he called for their support in achieving the key objectives of the Company.

Finally, Patrick thanked the fantastic contributions of the Swimming NSW staff who had been well led throughout the year by their CEO, Mark Heathcote.

The CEO, Mark Heathcote, then noted an amendment to the Annual Report, with Mark reporting that Robert Guyer had received a Service Excellence Award in 2010 but this had been accidentally omitted from the report. This would be amended for next year's report.

Mark then gave his report which further highlighted the following Operational aspects:-

- Progress made against the objectives in the new Swimming NSW Strategic Plan
- The impacts the loss of the Energy Australia Sponsorship had caused
- The impacts of the delayed implementation of the APT System, specifically the impact that this had on membership figures in comparison to the previous year
- The continued success of the Indigenous Participation Programs
- Continued success of the Company's showcase events
- The improved performance of NSW athletes at both the National Age and Open Championships
- The continued support of Swimming NSW Aquatic Management
- The successful implementation of the new Area Development Programs
- The continued focus to provide an increased level of service to our grass roots swimmers through the Development Officer network
- Highlighted some key achievements of the Development Officers throughout the year
- Continued assistance to volunteers to reduce the barriers to them participating in Swimming NSW meets
- Acknowledged appreciation for Company Sponsors; Speedo, Courtyard by Marriott North Ryde, Office of Communities NSW – Sport & Recreation and the Ministry for Police and Emergency Services
- Outlined the year end membership figures, which reflected a decrease in membership of 6%
- Congratulated Winners and Finalists in the 2013 NSW Sports Federation Awards and recipients of the 2013 Swimmer of the Year Awards

- Congratulated the ten NSW Clubs who achieved Platinum and Gold Standard in the 2013 Swimming Australia Go Club PB Program
- Congratulated the NSW swimmers, coaches and managers who represented Australia at the 2013 FINA & IPC World Championships
- Wished the NSW athletes competing at the Commonwealth Games in Glasgow all the best for the competition
- Gave special thanks to Pat Troy, the Board of Directors, Club and Area representatives, technical officials, staff, parents and athletes

In closing Mark expressed the importance of maintaining the successful momentum of the various new initiatives introduced this year as well as recognising the areas for continued improvement to ensure long term success for the future.

It was duly Moved and seconded that the 117<sup>th</sup> Annual Report be adopted.

**CARRIED**

- 3.2 Moved and seconded that the Financial Statements for the period 1 April 2013 to 31 March 2014 be received.

**CARRIED**

The CEO presented the Financial Statements, highlighting the following:

- A Group Operating profit of \$44,141
- Consolidated Entity with accumulated funds totaling \$1,998,710
- Cash & Cash Equivalents for the Consolidated Entity were \$841,720 with \$755,363 in investments, totaling \$2,120,702
- Revenue increased 3%, Net Profit increased \$34,000 and Net Assets grew by 2%

The main reasons for the final result being;

- Increased Donations, Sponsorship and Government Grants of \$57,000
- Increased Swim Meet Revenue of \$65,000 due to increased entries and attendances
- Increased interest received of \$9,000 due to higher returns achieved on the Company's investments
- A saving of \$11,000 on Depreciation expense across the course of the year
- A saving of \$16,000 on Insurance Premiums due to the excellent brokerage offered by JLT Sport

Mark reported that the Board remains conscious that to ensure the continued financial strength of the Company that they must endeavour to record a small budget surplus each year and it is for this reason that the Company had again budgeted for this outcome for 2014/15.

In summary, Mark highlighted that the final result for the year allowed the Company to remain in a strong financial position to achieve its objectives in the coming years. It was then Moved and seconded that the Financial Statements be adopted.

**CARRIED**

#### **4. ENDORSEMENT OF VICE PATRONS**

The President, Patrick Troy, reported that Clifford Harris OAM had indicated that he could no longer act as a Vice-Patron but Pat thanked Cliff for his outstanding contributions to the sport of swimming over many years.

Patrick then reported that in conformity with the provisions of By Law 38.2 (b) the Board of Directors had invited Mr. Forbes Carlile MBE to grant his patronage and Forbes had generously accepted this offer. Accordingly, Patrick then put to the meeting his name for endorsement.

Moved and Seconded that Mr. Forbes Carlile MBE be endorsed as Vice-Patron of Swimming NSW Ltd.

**CARRIED**

#### **5. APPOINTMENT OF AUDITORS**

Moved and Seconded that Ernst & Young be appointed Company Auditors for the 2014/15 financial year.

**CARRIED**

#### **6. DECLARATION OF DIRECTORS**

In accordance with provisions of the By Law 11 (l) the declaration of the poll was undertaken.

Commencing on the 5<sup>th</sup> May 2014 online voting memorandums were posted out periodically to 309 eligible members. The online voting period lasted for six weeks commencing on Monday 9<sup>th</sup> June 2014 and concluding on Monday 21<sup>st</sup> July 2014. By close of voting a total of 81 members had voted.

Of the 81 member votes received for Directors there were no votes that were deemed informal.

The following Directors were elected for a 3 year term:-

- Suzanne Bergersen
- Lynn Elliott
- David Goff

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

**CARRIED**

Mark Heathcote extended a thank you to all the Member Associations who had voted in the elections and also to those individuals who had nominated for the Board this year.

There was some brief discussion on how to improve the number of Member Associations who voted each year in the Director elections. Mark Heathcote reported that an increase had been recorded this year, but the number was still quite low. Patrick Troy noted that the Board was continually looking for ways to improve the number of Member Associations who voted each year and that he would take the suggestions that had been made at the meeting back to the Board for consideration.

## **7. MEETING CLOSURE**

Patrick Troy then thanked everyone for their attendance and then closed the meeting at 10.33am.

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