

Minutes for Wishart Swimming Club Committee Annual General Meeting

Annual Meeting No: 31

Meeting Date: Tuesday 7th April 2009

Meeting Commenced: 6:38 pm

Present:

Dave Wood
Michael Magee
Ron Hall
Julie Thomas
Helen Profke
Paul Murry
William Ferguson
Stephanie Ferguson
Jake Sullivan
Kylie Sullivan
Lisa Stick
Sally Stick
Brendan Beard
Brett Sherrington
Susan Sherrington
Kylie Walker
Stella Jasinowicz
Katrina Blee
Andrew Barr

Apologies:

Andrew Bell
Fiona Bell
Tanya Allen
Christine Beard
Ivan Profke
Gary Stick
Nicole Wood
Anita Magee
Jill Miller
Deb Hussie
Troy Blee
Karen Murry

Minutes of last meeting.

The minutes of the last annual general meeting for the Wishart Swimming Club had previously been distributed by email and available for viewing on the club website.

It was moved by Helen Profke that the minutes be accepted as a true record and seconded by Michael Magee.

Passed.

Presidents Report

I am extremely happy with this past season and believe it has been very successful. We had 169 school age members, and have managed to retain a good core of seniors as

well as attract many new younger and several new intermediate and older swimmers. Competition is alive and well at the club with half a dozen club records and several pool records falling over the season. We also competed in 2 A-Grade and 3 B-Grade carnivals, winning 4 of the 5 and retrieving the On Hall Shield from Holland Park after several years.

The grant that we secured last year was converted into 19 wireless stop watches and 6 wireless display boards which we have put to fantastic use, trimming about 45 minutes off our club nights and ensuring that we finished the club championships with 30 minutes to spare. Their introduction has also vastly reduced the tension in the recording shed and turned a 3 person operation into a single person job.

The club celebrated its 30th anniversary this past season, with the celebration held on Friday 28th November. It was lovely to see so many life members show up for the event and hear so many of the younger swimmers talking about such an auspicious occasion.

I am also proud of the support that club parents showed towards the initiative by the school's new PE teacher, Mr David Lane, to ensuring the kids had 2 solid swimming lessons each week. Due to David's passion and the time donated by the parents it was a resounding success.

I'd like to thank those parents who have chipped in to help through out the year. This club depends upon continual input from a host of volunteers and it makes life easier when those volunteers present themselves looking for work rather than have to chase down helpers. Thankfully this year there has been plenty of ready hands and I am truly appreciative of that. I hope we have a similar response for the coming season.

I'd especially like to thank the committee for being so supportive. In particular

- Helen Profke and Michael Magee for jumping to the pumps at every instance often before they are even asked.
- Anthony Clarke and Kylie Walker for doing such a superlative job on the BBQ
- Ron Hall and Pete Frommolt for always manning that BBQ
- Paul Murry for starting our races and keeping the kids under control
- Brendan Beard for being our Mr Fixit
- Christine Beard for sugaring up the kids and the parents each week
- Sally Stick for raising significant funds throughout the year with the raffles
- Sue Sherrington for being such a cool calm announcer and for baking the swim club slice once more.
- Our treasurer Fiona Bell who has done an exemplary job all season
- And finally, our secretary Tanya Allen without whom this report would never be read in perpetuity.

I'd also like to thank our club captains and vice captains who really stepped up this year. They were at all times professional and took care of the marshalling all season to great effect.

I would also like to thank Leanne Hammond from the Loan Whisperer for supplying the first prize in our weekly raffle. This really helped reduce the cost of running the raffles..

On a sad note, we say farewell to the Frommolts, who have been a part of this club for many years. But our thoughts are with them and we are much in their debt for years of dedicated service,

Finally, I'd like to thank my wife Stephanie for backing me up and making sure that what I've let slip is never forgotten, and my children Xanthe and Sophie for being patient and realizing that responsibilities need to be satisfied before playtime begins.

I hope that next season is as bountiful as this one has been.

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Coaches Report

The season has been a very successful and fulfilling one for the club and the swim school. At the end of the season we had 272 children in the swim school and the holiday programs were very well attended. I believe that pool safety is the number one priority for our community and feel that we are contributing to this.

The club championships were really great and the swimmers all swam very well. At the moment we are encouraging new members to join the club, as I feel that the club does a wonderful job. Thank you to everyone involved in this season for your help and support.

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Secretary's Report

Tanya Allen was absent, but reported prior to the meeting that there was no new correspondence.

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Treasurers Report

- The books for the Swim Club – a subsidiary of the P&C for calendar year 1/1/08 – 31/12/08 have been audited by the P&C auditors and have received advice from treasurer of P&C , that there were no issues and no adjusting journals required.
- The profit & loss for the full year as well as departmental breakdown are attached for submission. The club made a profit of \$940.37 for the year. Major purchases not included in the P&L were Timing Equipment, BBQ, and Metal Banner. These capital expenditures came to \$4062.25
- Balance of Cheque account 4118 00905567 is currently **\$5536.48**.

- Term Deposit 50159583 matured on 31/3/09 and was re-invested for a further 7 months at 3.65%. Rates are very low due to economy condition and best available at the moment. The balance is **\$11 243.93**.
- Term Deposit 50080445 will mature on 8/4/09(tomorrow). Balance is **\$18497.40** but this will change after interest is added at maturity. We have reinvested this for another 7 months. The final rate we will not know until 8/4/09 as rates changes daily.

Lastly Jack & I would like to wish everyone a safe and Happy Easter. We are sorry we can't be there right now but will have a drink and think of everyone at the AGM while we sit and watch the waves roll in at Fingal.

Bret Sherrington moved that the report be accepted and Sally Stick seconded this motion. All were in favour, no against.

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William Ferguson proposed that fees remain the same - \$50 for family membership, plus \$20 levy. Half year membership \$30, plus the \$20 levy. The \$20 levy for helping out at least 5 times during the year, to be credited to end of season break up function. Helen Profke said that the club spent \$5000 on trophies this year as well as the cost of preparing for the championships. So \$50 per family for a full season is excellent value. Dave Wood mentioned that at the end of the day the club is functioning to give back all profits to the members, so a minimal profit or loss is all OK. Dave Wood moved to accept the club fee decision, and Sally Stick seconded. All members in attendance were in favour.

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William Ferguson called for nominations for Life membership

Dave Wood nominated Gary and Sally Stick for life membership. The family have been involved with the club for many years and their daughter Lisa is currently a Vice Captain. Dave Wood moved the motion that the nomination be accepted and Ron Hall seconded the motion. All were in favour.

Dave Wood also suggested that the Life Members Board be updated.

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William Ferguson declared all positions vacant and stood down from chair.

Andrew Barr presided as Chairman until new president elected.

Ron Hall thanked William and Stephanie Ferguson, stating that the club was in very good hands with them at the helm and the excellent seasons we have had in the last couple of years was to a large degree due to their hard work and also to an injection of new people on the Committee and new members.

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The following people were nominated and accepted into the positions as shown on the attached list.

Position	Name
President	William Ferguson
Snr Vice President	Paul Murry
Jnr Vice President	Brendon Beard
Secretary	Tanya Allen
Assistant Secretary	Susan Sherrington
Treasurer	Fiona Bell
Referee	Damien Davis (to confirm)
1 st Asst Referee	Bret Sherrington
2 nd Asst Referee	*
Chief Timekeeper	Michael Magee
Asst Chief Timekeeper	Jack Bell
Chief Judge	Brett Sherrington
Chief Recorder	Stephanie Ferguson
Assistant Recorder	Christine Beard
Starter	Paul Murry
Asst Starter	Anthony Clarke
Announcer	Sally Stick
Asst Announcer	Susan Sherrington
Marshalls	Seniors/Captains
Carnival Convenor	Luise Seidler
Carnival Selectors	Julie Thomas
Social Director / Raffle	William Ferguson
	Jill Miller
	Christine Beard
Canteen Convenor	*
BBQ Convenor	Katrina Blee & Bret Sherrington
Membership Co-Ordinator	Debbie Hussie
Clothing Co-Ordinator	Helen Profke
Rep for P & C	William Ferguson

Head Coach	Julie Thomas
Web Master	William Ferguson
Trophy Awards Co-Ordinator	Helen Profke
Committee	Stella Jasinowicz
	Kylie Sullivan
	Gary Stick
	Kylie Walker

* indicates position still needs to be filled.

General Business

Stella Jasinowicz asked to raise the matter of the age of children for club championship eligibility. She had emailed her concerns prior to the AGM to the President, Secretary and Carnival Convenor. A discussion was then held as to the most practical and fair way for the age of the swimmer to be determined. The club has previously looked at all possibilities for this and has decided upon a policy of using a the swimmer’s age as at a fixed date (1st March) that is approximately one month prior to the championships as the age deemed to be accepted for the meet.

Bret proposed that a \$10 pool testing kit be purchased to periodically test the pool to ensure a good swimming environment.

Brendan Beard asked about photos for the website. Bret Sherrington will give the photo CD to William Ferguson and William will seek permission from club members affected for privacy reasons.

Michael Magee suggested that new sprinkler heads for the showers and new lane ropes be purchased prior to the new season commencement.

Helen Profke mentioned that she has applied for a Woolworths community grant for \$5000, which would cover the costs for a new pool cover and lane ropes, if successful.

Meeting Closed: 8:02 pm

Next Meeting: Tuesday 9th June at 6:30pm in the School Staff Room

Tanya Allen - Secretary