

Minutes for Wishart Swimming Club Committee Annual General Meeting

Annual Meeting No: 32

Meeting Date: Tuesday 9th March 2010

Meeting Commenced: 6:50 pm

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Present:

**William Ferguson
Tanya Allen
Anita Magee
Andrew Bell
Fiona Bell
Julie Thomas
Helen Profke
Michael Magee
Stephanie Ferguson
Bret Sherrington
Susan Sherrington
Luise Seidler
Anthony Clarke**

Apologies:

**Kylie Walker
Paul Murry
Ron Hall**

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Minutes of last meeting

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

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

Passed.

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Presidents Report

William Ferguson started by saying that he has been extremely happy with the current season. The Wishart Sharks Swim Club is steadily growing in numbers every year and its future seems assured for the foreseeable future. Last year we enrolled 169 swimmers, and this year our membership grew to 189 kids swimming 25m or more as well as 11 parents actively swimming on club nights. A large increase in numbers of swimmers such that we have had, could have led to problems with the running of club nights – such as longer club evenings and nomination problems. However, our well-run

timing and recording systems as well as the efficient system of emailing in nominations prior to club nights, has resulted in the club accommodating the extra numbers of members very well.

This season the club will have participated in 5 carnivals with surrounding clubs, with 4 of these held at home. The team and all members should be proud of their efforts during the carnivals and over the entire season, as they have all performed well.

Lastly, I would like to thank all members of the committee for their help and support over the season, especially Michael Magee for his assistance on numerous occasions.

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

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Coaches Report

Julie Thomas mentioned that she has been very happy with the year; in fact it was her best year ever. The swim school and squad numbers are currently running at near capacity at 284 swimmers, which is not far off the maximum possible of 300 children. Julie has been instrumental in aiding the Wishart Swim Club gain new members by helping to recruit new families from the swim school. She is currently working on 5 families to join the club next season.

The School holiday classes went very well this season, particularly in the January classes, due to the excellent condition of the pool. Julie thanked the committee for enabling this to happen and she appreciates the club's help in getting the pool ready for the season, and the continual maintenance over the holiday periods.

Julie reported that the club swimmers had an excellent season by winning 3 out of the 4 carnivals so far contested (the B Grade carnival with Mayfield is to be held on the 13th March). The carnival that we lost – the B Grade at Moorooka, was only lost by a few points and was close all day.

She mentioned that the challenge she is trying to do now is to encourage the senior swimmers to stay in the club and keep swimming, which will be beneficial to both the club and the individual swimmer. As the swim school grows, so will the Wishart Swim Club, and Julie would like to thank the club and the committee for their help in this relationship.

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Secretary's Report

No new correspondence.

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Treasurers Report

- The current balances for accounts are:

Chq a/c	\$19 675.03
Term Dep	\$18 918.28
(Matures 8 th May 2010)	
- Fiona tabled the draft Profit and Loss and Balance Sheet figures to the committee for the 2009/2010 financial year. These figures have not been finalized as yet, but will be passed onto William when done.
- In the interim, a draft budget has been proposed to look at expenses and fixed assets to include and to update the Fixed Assets Register to give to the P&C at the next meeting.
- New expenses will include: new floats for the pool lane ropes – budget for \$500, maybe a new pool cover if the old one cannot be repaired sufficiently, and the club championship lunch catering – around \$4000.
- Fiona would like to try a voucher system for the free drinks for club night volunteers to endeavour to keep control over the drinks being handed out. William moved that the club should try this system, and the committee were all in favour. Motion passed. Michael Magee will make up some laminated sheets to help out with the system.

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General Business

Discussion was held regarding increases in fees for membership and food and drinks. It was decided that if required the new BBQ Convenors can sit down and cost out the individual food and drink items and then put any price increases to the committee for approval based on their research. The committee moved that the convenors can increase the basic prices on items as follows: soft drinks \$1 to \$1.50; poppers and water to stay the same; sausages \$1 to \$1.50; and burgers to stay the same.

The committee then discussed the membership fees structure for the coming season. Currently the fees are \$70 per family - \$50 base fee + \$20 levy which is given back in the form of a \$20 reduction in the cost for the club championship lunch ***if*** the family volunteers during the season. It was proposed that the committee increase the membership fees as follows:

- the membership fee for each family will be \$80 – an increase of \$10, which is the first increase for a number of years

- the cost for a new family to join the club will be \$40 – which will be a one-off lifetime joining fee to primarily cover the cost of the each new swimmers’ membership plaques; and.
- The \$20 levy rebate will only apply to active committee members with positions.

William Ferguson moved that the committee accept this motion and all were in favour. Motion passed for the fee increases for the 2010/2011 swim season.

Next to be discussed was the problem of the tiles on the pool near the filter box. These tiles are getting very worn and sharp and are cutting the children’s feet so need fixing as a matter of priority. This concern will be brought to the P&C’s attention after the club gives an estimate of the cost to repair this.

In the list of committee positions to be filled this year, there is a new position – the Financial Development Officer. This position has been designed to help bring revenue to the club by the preparation of grant submissions, and approaching companies with the hope of obtaining financial sponsorship.

Last, it was observed that our club is harsh on swimmers when it comes to disqualifications, whatever the age of the swimmer. The QSA (or Queensland Swimming Association) rules state that swimmers aged 7 and under are not disqualified for any reason, 25 m swimmers are approached a bit more leniently depending on the circumstances and there are no excuses for 50 m swimmers as per disqualification rules. It was moved that the club adopt these rules as well, and all were in favour. Motion passed.

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Life Members

William Ferguson called for nominations for Life membership

It was decided that to become Life Members, there would need to be service given to the club for 5 or more years. Therefore, this season there were no new Life Members to nominate.

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Due to the AGM for Committee Positions to be held separately on Friday the 12th March, the following is a list of members who nominated prior to this meeting.

Position	Name
President	William Ferguson
Vice President	Paul Murry
Treasurer	OPEN
Secretary	Tanya Allen or Stephanie Ferguson

Assistant Secretary	OPEN
Referee	OPEN
Assistant Referee	OPEN
Chief Timekeeper	Michael Magee
Assistant Timekeeper	OPEN
Chief Recorder	OPEN
Assistant Recorder	OPEN
Chief Starter	Paul Murry
Assistant Starter	Anthony Clarke
Announcer	Sue Sherrington
Asst Announcer	OPEN
Marshalls	Seniors/Captains AND OPEN
Carnival Convenor	Luise Seidler
Social Director / Raffle	OPEN
Canteen Convenor	OPEN

Carnival Selectors	Julie Thomas William Ferguson
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BBQ Convenor	OPEN
Membership Co-Ordinator	OPEN
Clothing Co-Ordinator	Helen Profke
Rep for P & C	William Ferguson
Head Coach	Julie Thomas
Web Master	OPEN
Trophy Awards Co-Ordinator	OPEN
Financial Development Officer	OPEN

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Meeting Closed: 8:45 pm

Next Meeting: Friday 12th March 2010 at the Wishart School pool

Tanya Allen - Secretary