



**MINUTES**  
**9th ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING AND FORUM**  
**SWIMMING METRO NORTH EAST INC**  
**16th May 2018**  
**BELROSE BOWLING CLUB, BELROSE**

**PRESENT**

**Club Delegates**

Ben Ramsden	Abbotsleigh	Amanda Vance	Lane Cove
Peter Shell	Ravenswood	Bronwyn Hewish	Hunters Hill
Michael Jacobs	Carlile	Anne Riley	Knox Pymble

**Visitors**

Graham Towle OAM	Swimming NSW	Brett Patrick	Carlile
Ariel Darley	Carlile	Cameron Gledhill	Abbotsleigh
Dennis Gorrick	Narrabeen Carlile	Chris Fydler OAM	Swimming NSW
Judy Tier	Abbotsleigh	Sarah Koen	Swimming NSW

**Apologies**

David Beck	Seahorses		

**SMNE ANNUAL FORUM**

**Welcome**

The meeting was opened at 7.30 pm by SMNE President, Judy Tier, who welcomed everyone, especially members of the SNSW Board and visitors.

**President's Report**

**(Full copy report attached)**

Judy thanked the Management Committee for their support and commitment and expressed thanks to SNSW.

This year has been a great year for swimming in our Area. We arranged grants for up to \$5,000 and 10 clubs applied resulting in a \$50,000 investment. This year the Committee is looking at

putting a list of ideas together to assist all Clubs with their applications and encourage involvement.

Thank you to Amanda Vance for establishing our online communications.

Many thanks to Ariel who has done great work to ensure our financial security and processes.

Our development convenor, David Beck has been working tirelessly. Last weekend was the beginning of the National Age Performance Squad. We experienced a significant increase in attendance from last year and the programme has been very well received and has been a great success.

5 of our Member Clubs ended up on top 10 Clubs.

SMNE won the Speedo Sprints point score by a huge margin. This result reflects the focus on development. Congratulations to coaches and swimmers.

5 swimmers and one coach from our Area have been selected in the team for the Pacific Games.

Competition continues to be an area of strength with excellent results and participation numbers.

Ben Ramsden, convenor of ATSC, is stepping down but has provided amazing support for SMNE in his role and been ably assisted by Peter Shell. Ben has been with SMNE since inception and we are extremely grateful for his contribution.

Many thanks to all Volunteers who have worked with SMNE. Volunteers are essential to the success of our Area.

## **Competition Report**

### **(Full copy report attached)**

Highlights of report:

2017 winter champs 27/28 May. Increase in swimmers but ran in less time as for the first time ran distance meet separately.

LC Distance events held at PLC – 30% increase in entries but ran over the same timeline, a little over 4 hours.

13 and U summer meet ran really well. 22% increase in entries but ran for the same time as previous year.

Summer Championships 11 and 12 November again ran very well. 5 hours each day. Tried hard to reduce the timeline but to give all the swimmers a go. Our aim is to give all swimmers an opportunity to compete.

Speedo Heats – worked really well with marshalling outside. We will get another marquis for next year.

Speedo Finals – 10 March – Congratulations to the team manager, development manager and coaches who did really well with our team with medals across all teams and terrific success overall.

SMNE is not the largest Area but we have had great success with great coaches and strong swimmers.

Distance Winter Champs – A substantial increase in entries and a resultant saving of many hours at the Winter Champs.

SMNE continues to encourage clubs in the area to run their own meets in various ways to allow kids to have fun and achieve QT's. Our aim is of course swimming development.

## **Development Report**

**(Full copy report attached)**

Presented by Cameron Gledhill as David an apology. Full report printed and handed out.

Looking to develop parent participation.

A squad now being managed by SMNE. David and Cameron wanted to focus on fun, competition and retention. The first day was last Sunday and significant increase in participation of swimmers that could participate.

Swimming development has continued to be an integral part of SMNE's focus and success.

## **Technical Report**

Ben Ramsden

About motivation and participation.

Tried to create good culture, remove barriers and try to put as much as possible online so we are enablers.

Would like to thank everyone who has contributed to running our meets this year.

Done very well at building officials but need assessors. At the moment we have a backlog of people who want to be assessed.

Small number of people progressing to State and National level.

Appreciate SNSW's online training.

We went it alone with online marshalling and check starting and that has proven to be a significant enabler.

We have volunteer parents coming across from Cherrybrook Carlile which is welcome.

Special thanks to Peter Shell.

## **Treasurers Report**

SMNE has a healthy balance sheet and we will progress to term deposits.

Profits will be returned to clubs.

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Ariel noted the recommendations made by SMNE's auditor and she detailed how the Area has adopted or is adopting the recommendations.

SMNE is Trying to minimise cash handling but closely monitoring situations whether case remains including for the sale of programmes.

Our Auditor suggested the development of more evidence for payments. Ariel has addressed this by developing a process where one person is appointed to approve a payment and another will arrange payment. Another signatory will be required to improve this process.

Ben congratulated Ariel for the enormous work that she has done to fix a number of process and procedure issues as well as the financial portfolio generally that had not been satisfactorily managed by her predecessor.

Ariel moved report. Seconded by Toby.

End of forum: 8:08

### **Questions from the floor**

Nil

### **Guest presentations**

Graham Towle presented on behalf of SNSW.

He indicated there had been a small drop in membership, which is normal during a year after the Olympics.

NSW has outstripped the other States and will keep working on improving membership.

There were improved performances in overall medal counts and membership in senior and junior teams and there is a push by the Board as to the way we structure our efforts in this area.

There is a new strategic plan and the appointment of a new Regional Development Coach and ACT Performance Coach.

Hubs may be the way to go.

Online technical official courses have been a great success with Ben as the champion of that process and development.

People all over the world have been plugging in to the online system and SAL is working with Ben to role it out Nationally.

The technical official numbers have gone through the roof which is a great development.

Sarah Koen, Participation Manager

Sarah was pleased to hear SMNE had been working on reducing time lines and making the swimming experience more positive.

SNSW is having a youth leadership camp in September.

Nominations will be in Hot off the blocks.

The distribution of Hot off the blocks was discussed and recommendations made in an effort to increase the distribution.

There will be at least 2 people from each club.

Might try to put a bus on to assist.

Jnr Dolphins now have their own mascot in NSW. The suit can be borrowed from SNSW.

Beyond the Black Line – just secured a really good grant to help fund that. Can team up with another Club. Current and X-Dolphins come to speak.

We do a lot of Regional Classification if SMNE know of anyone who is in need.

Can request an athlete appearance. Swimmers are contracted to do appearances.

Reminder of Club Health Checks every 2 years.

Sports Camps Aust was raised – Barker runs a camp and they take 40% of profits and club can take 60%. Sept might be a good time to do it. Could be used as a general attraction. Sports Camps market it – flyers and digital marketing. Content is for the club. Book the pool and the coach.

Area development – great to hear what Cameron was saying. Coach development is a key area so they can take what they have learnt back to their clubs.

Coaches getting together to discuss what is best for the kids.

Discussed how Hot off the Blocks is emailed to the Club Contact. Can subscribe.

Will be placed on the website.

# **SMNE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

## **Minutes from 8<sup>th</sup> Annual General meeting 1 June 2017**

The Minutes had been distributed previously to all club secretaries, delegates, SMNE committee members and life members. No adjustments had been requested and there was no business arising from the minutes.

Motion to accept minutes as read was moved by Cameron Gledhill; Seconded by Peter Shell , CARRIED.

## **Presentation of Reports and Financial Statements**

### **President, Competition, Development, Technical and Treasurers Reports**

These reports were summarised by the respective convenors during the Forum and contained in the Annual Report.

Moved by Toby and Seconded by Ariel : CARRIED

## **Notice of Motion**

There were no Notices of Motion received by member clubs prior to the AGM.

## **Election of Office Bearers**

The President stood down and Mr Graham Towle OAM, President of SNSW, declared all positions vacant.

### **President**

Graham advised that one nomination from Judy Tier, Abbotsleigh, had been received for President. As there were no other nominations, Judy Tier was duly elected.

### **Vice President**

One nomination from Graeme Field, Kur-Ring-Gai, had been received for Vice President. As there were no other nominations, Graeme Field was duly elected.

### **Secretary**

One nomination from Bronwyn Hewish, Hunters Hill, had been received for Secretary. As there were no other nominations, Bronwyn Hewish was duly elected.

### **Treasurer**

One nomination from Ariel Darley had been received for Treasurer. As there were no other nominations, Ariel Darley was duly elected.

### **Competitions Secretary**

One nomination from Dennis Gorrick had been received for Competitions Secretary. As there were no other nominations, Dennis Gorrick was duly elected.

## **Development Convenor**

One nomination from David Beck, Seahorses, had been received for Development Convenor. As there were no other nominations, David Beck was duly elected.

## **Area Technical Swimming Coordinator (ATSC)**

No nominations had been received for the ATSC Coordinator. Nominations were invited from the floor. One nomination was received from Peter Shell from the floor. As there were no other nominations, Peter Shell was duly elected and seconded by Ben Ramsden

## **Three (3) Individual members**

Two nominations from Cameron Gledhill and Amanda Vance were received for the positions of Individual Members. As there were no other nominations these nominees were duly elected and nominations for the third vacant position invited from the floor. Ann Riley nominated and was duly elected, seconded by Judy Tier

## **Election of Standing Committees**

### **ATSC Committee (3 Members)**

Two nominations, Graeme Field, Ku-Ring-Gai and Judy Tier, Abbotsleigh had been received for this committee. As there were no other nominations, Graeme Field and Judy Tier were duly elected and nominations invited for the vacant third position from the floor. Peter Shell, Ravenswood nominated Brett Patrick for this vacant position. As there were no other nominations Brett was duly elected.

### **Competitions Committee (3 Members)**

Two nominations had been received from Justin Rothwell, Narrabeen and Cameron Gledhill from Abbotsleigh. One nomination from Michael Jacobs (seconded by Dennis) was received from the floor and all three were duly elected.

### **Development and Selection committee (3 members)**

Two nominations were received for this committee from Cameron Gledhill, Abbotsleigh and David Beck, Seahorses. Both were duly elected with no nominations from the floor. There is one vacancy.

## **Club Affiliation and Meet Entry Fees**

As decided at the most recent management committee meeting it was proposed that area affiliation fees would remain at \$25 per club and meet entry fees would remain at \$7.50 for individual entries other than \$10 for distance meets and \$15 for relay teams. The absence of gate entry fees will continue with programmes being downloadable. A small number of copies will be printed for technical officials.

## **Appointment of Auditor**

Mr Ian England, honorary auditor, will be asked to be our auditor again for next year. Moved by Bronwyn Hewish; seconded by Ariel Darley. CARRIED.

SMNE would like to formally thank Ian England for his significant assistance.

### **Appointment of Patron**

Chris Fydler confirmed that he will remain as Patron of SMNE for the coming year. Chris Fydler was nominated for the position.

### **Message from Graham Towle OAM, President of SNSW**

See above.

### **General Business**

Appointment of Communications officer - Amanda Vance.

Toby encouraged the Areas and Clubs to apply for Grants that are available.

The meeting closed at 8.46 pm.