



Toowoomba Masters AUSSI Inc.
P. O. Box 917
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MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Sunday 2 March 2008

**At the Glennie Aquatic Centre
Toowoomba**

Meeting opened by the President Bill Waterhouse at 8:50am.

Present: Bill Waterhouse, Nev Bambrick, Peter McMonagle, Brian Shackelton, Janet Etchells, Vanessa Welke, Helen Dunn, Robert Dunn, Thelma Doyle, Debbie Wagner, Barbara Lawes, Cecily Cook, Phil Fletcher, Ann Todd, Matthew Torr, John Bourne, Lionel Scotney, Lou Hill, Stephen Mina, Beres Hindman, Paul O’Gorman, Brian Luxton, Dick Bianchi, Justin Maddock.

Apologies:

Joe Jones, Rosalie Lutvey, Beres Thomas, Bernie Bianchi, Ashley Welke, Jill Davidson, Marg Chipperfield.

Minutes from the previous Annual General Meeting: were displayed on the notice board prior to the meeting and distributed at the meeting.

Amendments to the minutes: Louis Hill was listed as an apology, but was actually at the meeting.

Helen Dunn moved that the minutes of the previous Annual General Meeting be accepted as true and correct.

Seconded: Louis Hill

CARRIED

Management Committee Report: Bill Waterhouse presented the Management Committee Report (Presidents Report).

Bill Waterhouse moved that the report be accepted.

Seconded: Peter McMonagle

CARRIED

Financial Report: The financial report was displayed on the notice board prior to the meeting.

Vanessa Welke presented the Financial Report.

Vanessa advised cash in bank was \$10,486, and the club was in a good financial position. The club had purchased a new marquee during the year and a quantity of drink bottles to be given to new members or sold to existing members.

Vanessa moved that the Financial report be accepted

Seconded: Lionel Scotney

CARRIED



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Auditor's Report:

The financial records have been audited. The fees for the audit have remained the same as the previous year.

Election of Officer Bearers:

Bill Waterhouse declared all positions vacant and vacated the Chair.

The following members were elected to the committee:

COMMITTEE POSITION	NOMINEE	PROPOSER	SECONDER
President	Louis Hill	Bill Waterhouse	unknown
Vice-President	Ashley Welke	William Waterhouse	Lionel Scotney
Secretary	Stephen Gray	Ann Todd	Debbie Wagner
Treasurer	Vanessa Welke	Stephen Gray	Lionel Scotney
Safety Officer	Stephen Mina	Stephen Mina	Bill Waterhouse
Club Captain	Vacant		
Registrar/ Swim Meet Director	Bill Waterhouse	Louie Hill	Ashley Welke
Coaching Director	Matthew Torr	Stephen Gray	Wayne Carlish
Aerobic Recorder	Lionel Scotney	Vanessa Welke	Stephen Gray
Recorder	Vacant		
Social Director	Vacant		
Publicity Officer	Janet Etchells	Peter McMonagle	Bill Waterhouse
Newsletter Editor	Helen Dunn	Bill Waterhouse	Ann Todd



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Appointment of Auditor:

Vanessa Welke moved that Brett Bender be appointed as Auditor for 2008.

Seconded: Debbie Wagner.

CARRIED

Changes to Constitution:

Bill Waterhouse moved the following amendments be made to the constitution:

- Section 3 Clause 1: To take over the funds and other assets and the liabilities of the present unincorporated association known as the Toowoomba Masters AUSSI.

Delete clause completely as it is no longer relevant

The changes to the Life Membership Clauses align our requirements for Life Membership with that of QMS.

- Section 4 Clause 5: To be eligible for Life Membership a person must have rendered outstanding service to the Association or to Masters Swimming in general. Honorary Membership may be granted to any person who is interested in the objects of the Association who is not a member of the Association at the time of initial election. Honorary members shall not have any voting rights at any Association Meetings.

Delete the above Clause and replace with:

Life Membership Clause

- Life membership may be conferred upon a member where it can be shown that the person's contribution is of sustained excellence to the furtherance of the objectives of the Toowoomba Masters AUSSI.

Any nomination for life membership shall only be considered by the Toowoomba Masters AUSSI if it can be shown the nominee has achieved the following minimum requirements:

- Minimum of seven years service to Toowoomba Masters AUSSI
- Sustained excellence in service to Toowoomba Masters AUSSI
- Is currently a member of Toowoomba Masters AUSSI

Note that this service does not have to be continuous, nor is it essential that the nominee serve or has served on the Club's Committee.

The nomination must come from a club member with endorsements from two (2) other Club members.

An application shall be endorsed by the Committee if a three quarters majority (taken to the highest number) is in favor of the nomination.

The official announcement of Life Membership shall only be made at an Annual General Meeting.

No more than two (2) life members can be elected in anyone year.

Life membership confers the same voting rights as an ordinary member.



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Where a Life Member transfers to another Club of AUSSI Masters Swimming in Australia, the privileges of Life Membership remain in the Club of origin of the Life Membership.

Honorary Membership Clause

- Honorary Membership may be granted to any person who is interested in the objects of the Association who is not a member of the Association at the time of initial election.

Honorary members shall not have any voting rights at any Association Meetings.

- Section 4 Clause 8: Honorary membership is unlimited in numbers.
(Align with above 2 clauses)
- Section 5 Clause 1: Every person who at the date of incorporation of the Association was a member of the unincorporated association and who on or before the date of incorporation agrees in writing to become a member of the association shall be admitted by the Management Committee to the same class of membership of the association as that member held in the unincorporated association, and shall not be required to pay any further subscription until the next due date for payment of that subscription.

Delete the above clause as it is no longer relevant

- Section 5 Clause 2: Every applicant for any class of membership of the Association (other than the members of the unincorporated association referred to in sub-title (1)) shall be proposed by one member of the Association and seconded by another member. The application for membership shall be made in writing, signed by the applicant and his proposer and seconder and shall be in such form as the Management Committee from time to time prescribes.

Delete the text in the above clause referring to the unincorporated association

- Section 8 Clause 2 (C) "has membership fees in arrears for a period of two months or more; or"

Align with QMS, QC12.2 does not state a time period; replace with "has membership fees in arrears"

- Section 9 Clause 1 "one month"

Align with QMS QC13.1. Replace above with "4 weeks".

- Section 9 Clause 2 "three months".

Align with QMS QC13.2. Replace above with "6 weeks".

- Section 9 Clause 3.

Align with QMS QC13.3. Add "monthly pro-rata" before "amount".

- Section 10 Clause 3 "The Register shall be open for inspection at all reasonable times by any member who previously applies to the Secretary for such inspection,"



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Align with QMS QC15.3 Replace above with “The Register shall be open for inspection as legislated under the Freedom of Information Act at the time of the written request”.

- Section 24 Clause 8 “19” & “19”.

Replace the above year dates with “20”.

- Section 29: 30 September

Replace the above with “31 December”.

General Business:

- Lou Hill thanked the outgoing committee and Bill Waterhouse for the last three years.
- The club will have a postal swim this year as a new imitative.
- A website is set up and is constantly being updated.
- Thanked Barbara for the sterling efforts each Sunday morning.
- Prizes are required for our swim meet carnival.
- This year is the club’s 25th year. Stories are required to Lou Hill or Stephen Gray. There will be a celebration later in the year.
- QMS State swim meet certificates were presented.

Most improved swimmer of the year:

Janet Eтчells was awarded as the most improved swimmer of the year (2007)

Meeting closed at 9:32am.

President

Date