



Toowoomba Masters AUSSI

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President's Report

Hi Fellow Tadpoles,

Christmas has come and gone and we have returned to the water with a splash!!!

Plenty of new swimmers seem to be in attendance and some old faces have surfaced after a long absence.

Welcome and I hope you all enjoy the swimming.

Some members have jumped into the deep end straight away and are knocking off the long distance aerobic swim already!

Ashley, Louie and Stephen to name a few have already completed some of their 1 hour swims. I think we may throw out a challenge this year to see if we can re-claim that aerobics trophy I have heard so much about.

So come on everyone have a go at some of the aerobic program, it doesn't have to be an hour swim; you can start at 400 metres.

The results from our September Carnival arrived before Christmas and are finally being posted out to all the clubs that participated. All Tadpole members should have their certificates.

The ability to use the QMS version of the "Swimmeet" software certainly made things easier for the meet director.

The carnival has been sanctioned again for September but we may have a few surprises installed so stay tuned.

Also this is the club's 25th year so the committee is working on a few activities both social and aerobic.

The AGM is only a month away and I would ask all members to consider nominating for a position. Quite a few of the existing committee are planning some long holidays during 2008 or have other commitments so some new blood would be most welcome.

The committee has also reviewed our constitution and I will be asking the club to approve some amendments at the AGM. These amendments will update the constitution and align it with the QMS's constitution.

The main area which is being addressed is that which relates to Life Membership.

Details are included later in the newsletter or are available from the Secretary.

Well that's about all for me.

Regards
Bill Waterhouse

XII FINA WORLD MASTERS SWIMMING CHAMPIONSHIPS *15th – 25th April 2008, Challenge Stadium, Perth, Australia*

Pool Swimming

The pool swimming events will take place at Challenge Stadium Mt Claremont from 18th April to 24th April inclusive. Two 50-metre pools will be used concurrently each day with several shifts operating from about 7.30am to 6pm. We require people to be Timekeepers, Judge of Strokes, Inspectors of Turns, Referees, Starters, False Start Personnel, Runners and Marshals. Having an accreditation would be an advantage however some training will be available where necessary.

Open Water Swim

The OWS events will be held on Friday 25th April 2008 in the Swan River. Officials will be required to be at the venue from approx 11:30am to 4:30pm (actual times will be confirmed closer to the day). No pool events are on this day.

Some qualified experience as an OWS Referee, Timekeeper, Judge, etc would be an advantage as would experience with swims for a large number (300+) of competitors.

Captain's Report

Wow it's already the second month of the new (almost old) year and I hope every one got over the festive season with no complaints (physical or emotional) and are looking forward to the challenges of 2008 in the pool.

Its very encouraging to see such good attendances at each training session, some sessions have reaches into the 30's (must be those new year resolutions) taking effect, alas this does cause some crowding particularly on Wednesday nights when aerobic sessions are being swum so please be patient when changing to a new location and ensure you get into your relevant group not a slower one. If not sure consult with the on deck Coach.

Members will now have noticed a change to the session format particularly in relation to distance swum each session. This has come about through discussion with Coach Lindsay Clyde of Glennie Aquatic Centre where we in the committee felt it was time to “ramp it up a bit” and have Lindsay write up a series of training programs for Sunday Monday and Wednesday sessions to compliment Coach Matt Torr’s excellent program on Thursday night with the result hopefully a fitter and more competitive club for our carnival in September

Most members will have noticed a few new faces at sessions since the new year break, please make them welcome and introduce yourself to each one, that goes a longways to making a person feel comfortable amongst a strange group or should I say a group of strangers they will learn about the “strange group latter”. Its great to see some old member’s back after long breaks “ gee Peter! In Group1 seven years is a fair break ”just joking.

With the clubs AGM quickly approaching (2nd March) please put aside that morning and attend (there is a free BBQ or Pancake breakfast) as its important to have the members vote on items on the agenda. Don’t worry about getting a job on the committee, this club has a very committed core of supporters who give their time to see the club moves forward, having said that there is a couple of positions available should you care to become involved at that level.

Toowoomba Tadpoles are about to hold its inaugural Postal Swim to help celebrate 25 years as a Masters Swimming Club. This comes about through the hard work of members Ash and Lou who have included some innovative ideas so every one can enter and enjoy. Look for the fliers available shortly, “O” the swim is to take place between March 1 and April 30th 2008. Entry’s to be in by May 15th 2008, Good luck.

This will be my last report as captain of the club and I would like to thank those members who have assisted me in the role throughout the year and I wish all members good luck with their goals in the pool no matter how small or large its worth the effort to support our wellbeing.

Coaching Director

As mentioned in the Captains report the changes to the session programs have been implemented to assist members to go forward with their goals in fitness. Thanks to Lindsay Clyde of Glennie Aquatic Centre for his input and interest in member’s achievements.

Sunday 17th February is the next Coaching Clinic and will be conducted by Coach Matt Torr and working on Starts, Turns and Finishes. This clinic is a must for all those who wish to progress so all groups are encouraged to attend and it’s at no extra cost to you.

If at any time any swimmer feels he or she would like to move up to the next level or would like to give the next level a try please talk to the duty coach and you will be assisted to commence the next step in your journey. You should never feel that you’re not good enough to go up, if the pace does not suit you, you can always come back to the previous group, the good thing about going up is to experience the extra speed and workload.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING (Toowoomba Tadpoles)

Our AGM for 2008 will be held at the Glennie Swimming Pool commencing at 08:45 on **Sunday the 2nd of March 2008**. All members are invited to attend. A BBQ breakfast will be supplied at the completion of proceedings.

All positions are declared vacant so if you are interested in becoming involved with the administration of the Toowoomba Tadpoles ensure your nomination is in the hands of the secretary by Sunday the 18th of February.

Regardless of whether you have previously held a committee position, or not, please consider nominating. It does not take up a lot of time and it offers you an opportunity to help your fellow members by having an input into the way your club is managed.

The vacant committee positions are;

President: Vice President: Secretary: Treasurer: Registrar: Club Captain: Safety Officer: Coaching Director: Aerobics Recorder: Publicity Officer: Newsletter Editor: Social Director: Meet Manager/Registrar

I would like to move that the following amendments be made to the Toowoomba Masters AUSSI 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.

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,”

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”.

COMING EVENTS:

February 23 rd	Hervey Bay Humpbacks. Hervey Bay Aquatic Centre.
March. 8 th - 9 th	Innisfail Masters. SC. Innisfail State High School Pool.
20 th -23 rd	State Swim. LC. Brisbane Aquatic Centre
29 th	AUSSI Masters National Swim. Melbourne Sports & Aquatic Centre.
April. 5 th	Yeppoon Masters. LC. Cooee Bay Swimming Complex.
15 th -25 th	Albany Creek. SC. Albany Creek Leisure Centre.
May. 17 th	XII FINA World Masters.
June. 1 st .	Noosa Challangers. LC. Noosa Aquatic Centre.
8 th	Nudgee Brothers. LC. Nudgee College, Boondall.
21 ST	Rum City. SC. Bundaberg Swimming Academy.
	Caboolture & District. SC. Burpengary Aquatic Centre.

Bronze Medallion Course.

If anyone in the club is interested in doing the Bronze Medallion Course there will be one held on 9th March. If you are interested contact Stephen Gray ASAP. The cost of the course is free [paid for by a grant from Sport & Rec] but we would like to add you to the pool deck roster to assist in “watching” our fellow swimmers.

For those members who currently hold a Bronze Medallion that expires in September we will be holding another course later in the year.

Remember the tadpoles are all about **FUN, FITNESS & FRIENDSHIP**, so come along and enjoy the company of each other.

COMMITTEE CONTACT DETAILS

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Treas. Vanessa Welke	Club Capt: Peter McMonagle

If any member has a change of address can you notify the club secretary ASAP as this will save us wasting postage and ensure you get your newsletter.

PLEASE SIGN THE BOOK and PAY YOUR \$3 BEFORE ENTERING THE POOL.