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Busselton Masters Swimming Club
Agenda Annual General Meeting 2023
Saturday 14 October 10am at Geographe Leisure Centre, Busselton

1. Opening of Meeting. 10.24am
2. Attendees: Colin Holden, Suzanne Reynolds, Lyndsay Reynolds, Darryl Kelly, Diane Panorios, Steve Pupilli, Todd Taylor, Mon Gilks, Tanya Gibson, Tanya Kaptein, Andrew Cowan, Kay Hoult, Andrew Hembroff, Darren Sleiker, Lesley Reid, Robin Van Kempen, Brett Edwards, John Bower, Mel McSkimming, Peter Gittos, Simon Keall, Brendon Bunning, Julie O'Connor, Rhonda Pearsall, Gail George, Richard George, Matt Kempen, Ian McKay, Maelle Bourdais, Peter Croft.
3. Apologies: Natalie Metcalfe, Steve Gibson, Richard Stubbs, Tricia Miller, Sharon Ramel, Sue Griffiths, Deb Bamess, Dianne Bower, Maureen King.
4. Minutes from previous meeting held 16th October 2022 for endorsement.

Motion: The Minutes from Busselton Masters Swimming Club Inc previous AGM held 15 October 2022 be accepted as true and correct.

Moved: Monique Gilks **Seconded:** Di Panorios **Carried**

5. Business Arising:

Nil

6. New Business:

- a. Presentation of Club President Annual Report 2022. – Adoption of President Report

Motion: The Annual Presidents Report 2023 for the Busselton Masters Swimming Club Inc be endorsed.

Moved: Andrew Hembroff **Seconded:** Darryl Kelly **Carried**

- b. Presentation of Treasurer Report – Adoption of Treasurer Report 2022

Bank balance as of 12 Oct 2022 = \$4367.98, 13 October 2023 = Bank Balance of \$7341.66

Motion: The Annual Treasurers Report 2023 for the Busselton Masters Swimming Club Inc be endorsed.

Moved: Andrew Hembroff **Seconded:** Simon Keall **Carried**

7. Declare All positions Vacant on the 2023 Executive Committee. Acknowledge all outgoing committee positions.

8. Election of Executive Office Bearers for 2023.

- President Richard George

Moved: Andrew Hembroff **Seconded:** Simon Keall **Carried**

- Vice President Todd Taylor

Moved: Gail George **Seconded:** Andrew Hembroff **Carried**

- Secretary Tess Martin

Moved: Tanya Gibson **Seconded:** Todd Taylor **Carried**

- Treasurer Natalie Metcalfe

Moved: Andrew Cowan **Seconded:** John Bower **Carried**

9. Election of Committee Members:

- Richard Stubbs
- Steve Gibson
- Julie O'Connor
- Colin Holden
- Andrew Hembroff
- Gail George
- Simon Keall
- Sharon Ramel
- Karen Bull

Moved: Todd Taylor **Seconded:** Lesley Reid **Carried**

10. Other Business:

Motion: The Busselton Masters Swimming Club Inc endorses the Annual Club Full membership fee for 2024 be set at \$180.

Moved: Darryl Kelly **Seconded:** Kay Hoult **Carried**

Motion: The Busselton Masters Swimming Club Inc endorses Second Claim membership fee be set at \$40.

11. General Business:

- a. **Club awards will be announced at the Annual Christmas party.** Annual Awards 2023
Presentations – nominations for December windup.
 - Awards – Male and Female (B&B)
 - Encouragement Award (Coach)
 - Most Improved Award (Coach)
 - President's Award for most outstanding club member (President)
- b. **Other - Nil**

12. Closing Meeting

Meeting closed at.....10.49am

AGM Presidents Report – October 14, 2023

Snapshot - Membership and Sponsorship

- Club Membership at October 14 – 2023 increased to 110 members, from 85 in 2022.
- Club Participation – has grown at 5 training sessions, including 31 swimmers on Saturday 30 September and a record 43 swimmers at the Busselton CCC Carnival Relay swim.
- We have several core Sponsors to acknowledge: **Equinox Cafe** (Club swim caps), **Sports Power** (discounted gear and 5 Club prizes) and until recently **MicroBizSolutions** (website management). Also a special thanks to **Julie Isbill** for the **Bold and Beautiful** swimming app and monthly \$100 prizes by **Budgy Smugglers**. This year we welcomed support of \$1800 from **Albemarle** for Saturday stroke clinic, Carnival and winter season coaching by Andrew Sexton.
- We also acknowledge a \$1000 donation by a valued member who wishes to remain anonymous.
- We end 2023 in a stronger financial position than 2022 (see Treasurers Report).

The 2023 Committee

- President: Richard George
- Vice president: Todd Taylor
- Secretary: **Vacant** (Donna Stephenson – resigned to travel to France)
- Treasurer: Natalie Metcalfe
- Coaching Coordinator: Steve Gibson
- Membership Officer: Todd Taylor
- Pool Captain: Julie O'Connor
- Open Water Captain: Colin Holden
- Grants: Richard Stubbs
- Events; Andrew Hembroff / Email Secretary
- Communications, GLC Bookings, Newsletter and Social team lead: Gail George
- Members; Simon Keall, AJ Stephenson (resigned – as above).

The Committee are amazing. They are the engine that enables the Club to succeed. Its your committee's work behind the scenes that drives our Clubs ability to achieve financial, social and swimming goals. Sad farewells this year to **Donna & AJ Stephenson** who took off to France to start a new chapter of their life. We are grateful to have had **Steve Gibson** step into the Coaching Coordinators role and **Julie O'Conner** recently join as Pool Captain and run

the Busselton Masters (CCC) Carnival. We are also very fortunate to have **Julie O'Connor** and **Monique Gilks** join the coaching panel of **Steve Gibson, Andrew Sexton, Peter Pavlinovich** and **Tricia Miller**. This year the coaches have another RESTART program soon to help our community swim and enjoy the water.

Other core Committee roles are undertaken by **Colin Holden** who has grown the summer ocean water calendar, **Richard Stubbs** who keeps finding cash to manage our needs and **Andrew Hembroff** who keeps the Clubs email traffic flowing and manages Volunteering, like Ironman. Finally special thanks to the executive group of **Todd Taylor, Natalie Metcalfe** and **Gail George** for helping with decision making and workload. These three people dedicate huge hours to enable new members to join, manage our finances, book lanes and with the social team, deliver the news, communication and events we all love. Supporting everyone is **Simon Keall**, and soon, 2-3 new members in 2023 to add resilience to the Committee.

Highlights for 2023

Lots more swimming – This year has seen growth in attendance at Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Saturday (GLC - winter) Club swims. Add this to Tuesday at Yallingup and our Summer Saturday Ocean Swim and it's a full week – plus social swims weekdays at the nets. This year we are also starting a social Simons "Snowflake" 5pm Friday session – and drinks afterwards at our new home, the GBYC. Incredible ocean swim opportunities exist for members with the old classics, Jetty, Gnarabup, Margaret River and Barrett's, and new events such as the GEOBAY Coolwater Classic and Colins "Virtual" Rotto Swim. Add to this Masters and other Open Water swim series opportunities.

Growth – 110 members brings many benefits but also some challenges as we use up available lane space at the GLC. Growth in overheads like MSA and MSWA fees and potential for increased lane hire at the GLC, which mean must look for grants to increase our income and manage our expenditure. In 2024 we are looking at new Grants (RTIO and Albemarle) and a \$5 small fee rise to ensure we retain cash reserves. We also rely on our Ironman volunteering events to raise money.

Busselton Aquatic Facilities

This year one of our issues will be to maintain our Clubs input in the future of the GLC – and our weekly access. Reviews underway suggest a new facility maybe required. It maybe at Vasse to serve the whole community. Council is now more aware of issues because of our lobbying and has some planning and decisions ahead. Our Foreshore plan seems to be resurfacing as a way forwards. This 2023 election will be pivotal.

Focus 2024

Busselton Masters is now a large and well-established Swimming Club, with a growing membership group. I think we are now the 3rd largest Club in WA. With new members comes the need for each of us to ensure we go out of our way to welcome new faces and look out for each other - in the water and out. Our Club is great at this as we are very social and welcoming and have dozens of social events each year. We also have our coffee catchups at almost every swim. This year I'd ask each of you to encourage new members to these events.

Finally, safety is a key element of our Clubs Strategy. When we swim in the ocean in larger numbers, especially in the ocean, it means that we need to be organised and safe. This year we will introduce ocean swim procedures at Club events. These are simple and include a pre-swim briefing and buddy system. We seek your support is starting as one group at our 8:30am times.

The Committee is looking forward to 2024. Richard George President, Busselton Masters Swimming Club

14th October 2023.