

**MINUTES**  
**INAUGURAL ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**  
**SOUTH EASTERN SWIMMING ASSOCIATION**  
**SATURDAY 4 APRIL 2009**  
**CATALINA CLUB, BATEMANS BAY**

**1.1 PRESENT**

**CLUB DELEGATES**

Batemans Bay	Linda McKay	Jindabyne	Greg Cox
	Steve Harris		Jack van Dongen
Bega	Andy Willis	Moruya	Velma Bunt
	Phil Harris		Wendy Law
Bomaderry	Erich Fenske	Narooma	Sandra Carr
Cooma	Bob Alford		Carol Mead
Corrimal	Deb Ferderer	Nowra	Barrie Hepburn
	David Swan	Shellharbour Warrigal	Jackie Moulton
Dapto	Micheal Southwell	West's Illawarra Aquat.	Ron McKeon
Eden	Tegan Kelly		
	John Pelling		

**VISITORS**

Peter Lozan	Ian Harkness	Ulli Cliff	Chris Spurgeon
Rhett Dufty			

**1.2 APOLOGIES**

Sandra Wyllie	Peter Robertson	Ingrid Vanderburg	Faye Rowles
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**WELCOME**

The meeting was opened at 10.10am by the Swimming NSW President, Peter Lozan, who welcomed everyone to the meeting and the establishment of the new Association.

Peter congratulated everyone on the milestone being achieved and the new approach to development and competition and committed Swimming NSW to assist in moving forward.

Following some concerns on the election process to be utilized for this meeting Peter drew everyone's attention to the proposed Constitution and the ability to receive nominations from the floor prior to the elected Committee being responsible for the filling of any vacancies.

Prior to dealing with the agenda items everyone in the room introduced themselves.

## **BUSINESS**

### **2.1. ADOPTION OF CONSTITUTION**

The meeting was advised of the process on the establishment of the proposed Constitution including the working party representing clubs from the Areas.

A query was raised in regard to the 50% of affiliated clubs in attendance for a quorum to which the meeting was advised that as this is the inaugural meeting the quorum is not restrictive until formal adoption of the governing documentation comes into effect at the conclusion of the meeting.

A query was raised in regard to the status of Life members of both the SCAT and Southern District Areas to which it was advised that all existing Life members would 'roll over' to the new Area however if a Motion wished to be put during the meeting to formalize this position then the meeting may do so.

It was Moved by Erich Fenske and Seconded by Barrie Hepburn that the proposed Constitution as presented be adopted. **CARRIED**

### **2.2 ADOPTION OF BY LAWS**

The meeting was advised of the process on the establishment of the proposed By Laws being that as relative to the Constitution.

A query was raised with regard to criteria on allocations of club meets and it was advised that this was an aspect for the Committee to determine moving forward taking into account any of the factors that may have been prevalent in the Areas prior to the merger.

Discussion was had on the roles of the Standing Committees.

It was Moved and Seconded that By Law 12 b (iii) be amended to read:- " three (3) suitably qualified members from three (3) separate constituent clubs elected at the Annual general Meeting in accordance with By Law 10" **CARRIED**

It was Moved by Micheal Southwell and Seconded Greg Cox that the proposed By Laws as amended be adopted. **CARRIED**

## **3. ELECTION OF OFFICE BEARERS**

**3.1** President – There had been one (1) nomination received by the closing date, that of Micheal Southwell from Dapto and he was declared elected.

**3.2** Vice President – There had been one (1) nomination received by the closing date, that from Erich Fenske from Bomaderry and he was declared elected.

**3.3** Secretary – There were no nominations received by the closing date and nominations were opened from the floor.

After discussion it was Moved and Seconded that Bob Alford from Cooma be nominated as Secretary.

Bob Alford accepted the nomination and was duly elected.

**3.4** Treasurer – There had been one (1) nomination received by the closing date from Velma Bunt from Moruya and she was declared elected.

**3.5** Publicity Officer – Micheal Southwell spoke to the role of this position being inclusive of the Area website.

There were no nominations received by the closing date and nominations were opened from the floor.

It was Moved and Seconded that Andy Willis from Bega be nominated as Publicity Officer.

Andy Willis accepted the nomination and was declared elected.

**3.6** Competitions Convenor – Velma Bunt withdrew her nomination for this position and as there were no other nominations received by the closing date nominations were opened from the floor.

It was Moved and Seconded that Jackie Moulton from Shellharbour Warrigal be nominated as Competitions Convenor.

Jackie Moulton accepted the nomination and was declared elected.

**3.7** Development Convenor – There were no nominations received by the closing date and nominations were opened from the floor.

It was Moved and Seconded that John Pelling from Eden be nominated as the Development Convenor.

John Pelling accepted the nomination and was declared elected.

**3.8** ALEC Convenor – There were no nominations received by the closing date and nominations were opened from the floor.

Peter Lozan advised the meeting on the intended changes to the ALEC role as presently being investigated by the Technical Swimming Committee.

There were no nominations received thus the position was declared vacant with the Committee to implement a process for filling the vacancy.

## **4. ELECTION OF STANDING COMMITTEES**

**4.1** Competition Committee – There was one (1) nomination received by the closing date for the three (3) vacant positions with that being from Phil Harris from Bega.

After discussion Phil Harris withdrew as a nominee under By Law 12 b (iii).

It was Moved and Seconded that the following persons be nominated as members of the Competitions Committee under By law 12 b (iii) – Barrie Hepburn from Nowra, Jack van Dongen from Jindabyne and Linda McKay from Batemans Bay.

The nominees accepted their nomination and were declared elected.

It was Moved and Seconded that Phil Harris from Bega be nominated as a member of the Competitions Committee under By law 12 b (ii).

Phil Harris accepted the nomination and was elected accordingly.

**4.2** Selection & Development Committee – There had been two (2) nominations received by the closing date for the five (5) vacant positions with Sandra Wyllie from Dapto and Rhett Duffy from Narooma submitting nominations and being elected accordingly.

The remaining three (3) vacancies were opened up for nominations from the floor.

It was Moved and Seconded that the following persons be nominated for the Selection and Development Committee – Greg Cox from Jindabyne, Steve Harris from Batemans Bay and Brett Osborne from Pambula.

The nominees accepted their nomination and were declared elected.

It was Moved and Seconded that a nominee under By Law 11 a (ii) be left in abeyance for a former SCAT member for balance.

**CARRIED**

**4.3** ALEC Committee – There had been three (3) nominations received by the closing date from Carol Mead from Narooma, Sandra Carr from Narooma and Robert Newell from Wollongong and they were declared elected.

It was Moved and Seconded that the Committee canvas qualified Referees to join the ALEC Committee.

**CARRIED**

## **5. APPOINTMENT OF AUDITOR**

It was Moved and Seconded that the appointment of an Auditor be left to the Committee

**CARRIED**

## **6. APPOINTMENT OF PATRONS**

There was considerable discussion on the appointment of Patron/s with a number of opinions put forth for consideration.

A suggestion recommending Ron McKeon was considered with him responding that whilst he was humbled to be considered he felt there were others who could be considered.

Notwithstanding Ron's response it was Moved and Seconded that Ron McKeon be invited to be the initial Patron of the South Eastern Swimming Association. **CARRIED**

It was then Moved and Seconded that any further Patrons of the Association be left to the Committee to determine. **CARRIED**

## **7. GENERAL BUSINESS**

7.1 It was Moved and Seconded that and Life members of the South Coast & Tablelands Swimming Association and the Southern Districts Swimming Association be accepted as Life members of the South Eastern Swimming Association. **CARRIED**

7.2 Following discussion in regard to a query on the appointment of a Public Officer it was agreed that this be left to the new Committee.

7.3 In response to a query on the appointment of an Equipment Officer it was noted that this is a Committee appointment.

7.4 There was a brief discussion on the 'seed' funding for the new Area based on discussion with the working group where each of the existing Areas would contribute 'x' amount of dollars per club and then distribute remaining assets as part of the winding up process.

7.5 Area Fees – the meeting was advised that the determination on Area fees would be made by the Committee.

7.6 The elected Committee was requested to remain for a brief meeting.

## **8. MEETING CLOSURE**

The meeting was closed by Peter Lozan at 11.15am with thanks to everyone for their attendance and contribution.

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