

# Westcoast Masters Swimming Club Incorporated

## Annual General Meeting

Held on Saturday 18 January 2020, 10:00am, Craigie Leisure Centre Function Room.

Meeting opened at 10.05am. Club President Mike Kerman thanked members for their attendance.

### **1.0 Present:**

Vanessa Allan, Glen Atkins, Tracey Axiak, Elise Bell, Lisa Bergin, Caroline Black, Christopher Bray, Gary Clifton, Darren Cooper, Wayne Dohmen, Marion Durham, Jeffrey Ernst, Margaret Ernst, Steve Evans, Stephen Fidge, Peta Batorfi, Susan Earle, Yvette Cunningham, Alan Greenhalgh, Roslyn Harker, Shaun Harrison, Kerry Hodson, Paul Kannemeyer Christopher Kerman, Michael Kerman, Peter Kerman, Amy Kerman, Jacinta King, Sean Neary, Felicity Lodge, Karen Gale, Charlie Gale, Graem O'Loughlin, Geoff Potts, Frank Prchal, Jay Prchal, Tess Prunty, Rhonda Sales, Viki Shelver, Ina Simson, Margo Sudintas, Sandra Teagle, Max Wannell, Caroline White, Chris Wippl, Sabine Wise, Christopher West, Gail West, Arthur Vernon, Christine Roberts, Carrol Wannell, Mark Richards.

### **2.0 Apologies:**

John Bryan, John Burns, Katrine Burns, Adrian Hirsch, Kris Kolomyjec, Irene Kolomyjec, Lorraine Quayle, Stephanie Myles.

### **3.0 Presentation of Annual Report:**

In presenting the Annual Report, Mike Kerman made particular mention of Social Coordinator Vanessa Allan and her team, who took on the role post-last year's AGM, after no nominations had been received; Gary Clifton, who is assisting and advising club members committed to next month's Rottneest Channel Swim; Sean Neary for his analytical input to Committee discussions; Caryn Keillor for coaching Lane 1 swimmers at most Saturday training sessions. Other club contributors are mentioned in the Report.

MSWA's inaugural Clubs Convention was held during the year, attended by Mike Kerman, Sean Neary and Viki Shelver. One of the issues discussed at the conference was volunteering, and particularly the input of younger Club members, whose ideas and interests are important for continuing the success of Westcoast into the future. With the blend of younger and older members at Westcoast, and with some younger committee members already, we are in a good position in this particular for more of our younger members to take on more of the various volunteer roles available.

While interest in competing is not a priority among many of our members, some continue to compete and often excel at carnivals and open water events. We continue to target particular events and hope to increase numbers of participants in these in the coming year

### **4.0 Acceptance of Annual Financial Report as at 31 December 2019**

Treasurer Geoff Potts said the Club continued to be in a good financial position with \$18,198 in the bank. He pointed out that at this time of year available funds are dependent on membership renewals (currently about 80 members). We expect to reach around the same membership (130) in 2020. Significant funds will be spent mid-year when payments are made for the Rottneest weekend. *Report approved Jeff Ernst, seconded Rhonda Sales.*

## 5.0 Election of Office Bearers

Position	Name	Nominated	Seconded
President	Mike Kerman	Sean Neary	Kerry Hodson
Vice President	Sean Neary	Mike Kerman	Kerry Hodson
Secretary			
Treasurer	Steve Finch	Viki Shelver	Amy Kerman
Registrar	Viki Shelver	Sean Neary	Chris Kerman
Coach Co-ordinator	Wayne Dohmen	Graem O'Loughlin	Max Wannell
Club Captains	Darren Cooper, Jacinta King	Gail West	Elise Bell
Safety Officer	Chris West	Graem O'Loughlin	Tess Prunty
Recorder	Lorraine Quayle	Peta Batorfi	Wayne Dohmen
Social co-ordinator			
Uniforms	Gail West, Peta Batorfi	Christine Roberts	Margot Sudintas
Publicity/website	Amy Kerman	Jeff Ernst	Darren Cooper

The roles of Secretary and Social Co-ordinator/s remain to be filled.

## 6.0 Awards:

MSWA State records and top ten certificates – none this year. However ***Kieren Lawrenson*** recently competed at HBF Stadium Perth in the Australian Pool Life Saving championships 2020 and has added two World Records to his significant swimming achievements. His titles are:

Masters Men's 45-49 age group 200m Super Lifesaver

Masters Men's 45-49 age group 100m Rescue Medley.

Our congratulations to Kieren.

Lane awards presented by Coach Coordinator Shaun Harrison:

Lane 1 – **Marion Durham**, a passionate swimmer and coach;

Lane 2 – **Gary Clifton**, a regular swimmer and coach, who also advises swimmers training for the Rottnest Channel Swim;

Lane 3 – **Christopher Bray**, a regular swimmer who never misses his coaching roster;

Lane 4 – **Darren Cooper**, a regular swimmer at the pool and beach, a coach and an enthusiastic Club Captain;

Lane 5 – **Michael Quartermaine**, who has had a very strong year in the pool and leads lane 5 regularly.

Coach's award presented by Coach Coordinator Shaun Harrison:

**Amy Kerman**, who is training hard for the Rottnest crossing and has done an outstanding job with the newsletter throughout 2019.

A newly established award, also presented by Shaun Harrison:

**Peter Kerman**, for his outstanding coordination of Sunday beach swims and the Rottnest weekend.

Club Person of the Year presented by President, Mike Kerman:

**Geoff Potts** has been the Club's Treasurer for some years, and has also been involved with social events, coaching and is a regular participant at training and swim events. With so many inputs into the club, he epitomises why our club enjoys its success.

## 7.0 General Business

- **Survey Results** – Viki Shelver thanked the significant number of members who responded to the survey she ran mid-year. Results included:
  - 1) Maintaining fitness was the majority response as to why members had joined the club. Other responses included improving swimming ability and improving technique.
  - 2) What existing members want from the club: to maintain and retain fitness, to swim with like-minded people, to try some open water swims. A minority of members enjoyed the opportunity to swim in pool carnivals.
  - 3) Socially, most interest was in casual (low cost) dinners and picnics, with quiz and bingo nights coming in third.
  - 4) For more detailed survey results, members should contact Viki Shelver.
- **Mullaloo Mile** – the inaugural Mullaloo Mile was run last year by MSWA as part of its WOW series, with support from Westcoast. This year's event will be held on 29 February with the club in a similar support role. Jeff Ernst, Mike Kerman and Viki Shelver have been liaising with MSWA and Mullaloo Surf Club to prepare for the event.

We need:

  - 1) Volunteers on the day – for registration, numbering of competitors, provision of refreshments post/race etc.
  - 2) Sponsorship – spot prizes from local businesses – the Club's sponsorship drive, courtesy of Viki Shelver, was very successful last year – please speak to Viki about any sponsorships opportunities for this year;
  - 3) The Club will organise raffles on the day of the event for charity - donations of sweet/savoury foods/wines are sought from members now or as soon as possible.
  - 4) Jeff Ernst reported that Mullaloo Surf Club is 100% onboard to provide water safety and is

encouraging its members to be involved both as volunteers and swimmers.

5) MikeKerman emphasised that volunteering for this event does not preclude the chance to swim one of a number of different distances, with the 1600m swim being part of MSWA Open Water State Championship. There is also a team prize for the first three men/first three women across the line. An early bird rate of \$35 is currently available.

- **Medical Record Forms** – These are available at the meeting for members to fill in. Otherwise, members should fill in a form online and send it to westcoastmasters0@gmail.com. Please remember also to inform the Club Registrar Viki Shelver of any changes to contact information.
- **Closure of Arena Joondalup July-September 2020** – this is to allow for refurbishment of the roof above the 50m pool. The club has asked for extra lane space to be made available to us at Craigie Leisure Centre during this time and is awaiting advice. Other venues will be contacted about this matter if necessary.
- **More coaches needed** – This would allow our coaches to be rostered no more than once a month, which is our goal. An hour of your time once a month allows the club to progress and also takes the pressure off the Coaching Coordinator. Please speak to Wayne Dohmen if you can assist.
- **Thank you** to all those committee members standing down: Kerry Hodson, Geoff Potts, Vanessa Allan, Shaun Harrison, Samantha Gale.

## 8.0 Next Meeting

The committee will meet every 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday of the month at 10:00am at Craigie Leisure Centre, Aquatics Meeting Room. However, please note the first Club General Committee Meeting for 2020 will be on **Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> February at 10:00am in the Aquatic Meeting Room (poolside)** due to conflict with the Busselton Jetty Swim.

**Meeting Closed – 10.45am**