



Annual General Meeting Minutes

Wenona Swim Club (WSC) 5th Annual General Meeting

Date: Tuesday 28 April 2026
Time: 11:00am – 11:30am
Location: Online

Present

Ms Linda Douglas (President)	Jef Ma (Treasurer)
Tom Hill (Secretary)	Michael Creighton (Director of Aquatics)
Deborah Thom (Race Secretary & Registrar)	Cristina Di Traglia (Assistant Coach)

Apologies

Beth Oakley (Vice President)

1. Opening of Meeting

The meeting was opened at 11:02am.

2. Apologies

An apology was received from the Vice President, Beth Oakley.

3. Confirmation of Previous Minutes

The minutes of the previous meeting were confirmed.
Moved by Linda Douglas and seconded by Michael Creighton.

4. Committee Report

The Director of Aquatics presented a summary of the 2025 Wenona Swim Club season. Key highlights included:

- The successful opening of the facility to external hirers, including Little Fish Swim School and Balmain Water Polo. These arrangements are operating effectively, with no issues to report.
- Ongoing refinement of the Wenona Learn to Swim and Squad programs. The introduction of the IPSHA Development Program resulted in six additional students being selected for the IPSHA Swim Team, with several progressing through the Wenona pathway from Learn to Swim to squad level.
- Enhanced communication across the Aquatics program with digital display screens, promoting upcoming events, key dates, and celebrating swimmer achievements at State and National levels.
- Continued support for long course training for Junior and Senior Competitive Squads through weekly sessions at Prince Alfred Park Pool, as part of the ongoing squad development initiative.
- The successful delivery of the 2025 Mini Meet resulting in increased participation due to reduced clashes with Saturday sport. The event generated a profit of \$5,000 and strengthened engagement with the wider community.

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- Ongoing coach development initiatives, with senior coaches supporting junior coaches through training and program assessment, thereby strengthening understanding of the Wenona pathway.

5. Financial Report

The Wenona Swim Club Financial Summary for the period 1 January to 31 December 2025 was presented and accepted by the Committee.

The Treasurer highlighted the following:

- The Club remains on track and within budget which is good outcome.
- The operating budget is at a break-even position.
- The School continues to subsidise coaching and staffing costs.

6. Election and Confirmation of Office Bearers

The Wenona Swim Club Committee for 2026 was confirmed as follows:

- President – Linda Douglas
- Vice President – Beth Oakley
- Secretary – Tom Hill
- Treasurer – Jef Ma
- Publicity Officer – *Position currently vacant*
- Head Coach – Michael Creighton
- Race Secretary and Registrar – Deborah Thom
- General Member and Assistant Coach – Cristina Di Traglia

In the interim, the responsibilities of the Publicity Officer will be supported by the Wenona Communications Team.

7. General Business

Questions from Parent Members:

1. A parent noted the significant progress of the Wenona Swim Program since 2020, from Learn to Swim through to elite representation. While acknowledging the high standard of coaching and administration, concern was raised regarding the workload of staff and whether the previously held Senior Coaching role has been replaced.
2. A parent acknowledged the successful implementation of facility hire (as recommended at the 2025 AGM) and requested clarification regarding the additional revenue generated from April to December 2025, and how this revenue is accounted for.
3. Concerns were raised regarding Senior Squads Coach workload. It was noted that a previously held position had not been replaced, and that coaching demands at major competitions, including the 2026 Australian Age National Championships, were significant.

Response:

The questions were addressed by the President, Linda Douglas.

Linda thanked the parent community for their engagement and acknowledged their feedback. She confirmed that the Aquatics team is highly valued by the Wenona Executive and broader

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community. She advised that the facility hire was a strategic initiative across broader areas of the school and not introduced just for Swimming with investment over the past several years exceeding what is derived from external hires.

Linda advised that the Executive are undertaking a holistic review of Sport and Co-Curricular programs, including staffing requirements. The Aquatics program will form part of this review.

She also expressed appreciation to the parent community for their ongoing support and contribution to the development of the Club.

Additional question was raised regarding the number of swimmers recognised in the Wenona Talented Athlete Program, with five swimmers in total and three from WSC included in the pilot program this year with the predominant pathway coming through the swim squads into IPSHA through to IGSA which was duly recognised as good approach and achievement.

8. Closure of Meeting

The meeting was closed at 11:20am.