



Notice of the Annual General Meeting

Wenona Swim Club (WSC) 2nd Annual General Meeting

Date: Wednesday 26 April 2023

Time: 1:30-2:15pm

Location: Principal's Meeting Room

Present

Dr Briony Scott (President)

David Cook (Senior Deputy Principal)

Chris Zielinski (Vice President)

Andrew Leake (Treasurer)

Beth Oakley (Publicity Officer)

Tom Hill (Secretary)

Michael Creighton (Director of Aquatics)

Skye Cater (Registrar & Assistant Coach)

Cristina Di Traglia (Assistant Coach)

Minutes

1. Welcome

Tom Hill, Secretary, declared the 2nd Annual General Meeting open at 1:35pm.

2. Apologies

President, Dr Briony Scott apologies for late attendance. Arrived at 1:50pm.

3. Confirmation of minutes from the 2022 Annual General Meeting

Moved by Chris Zielinski and seconded by David Cook that the Minutes of the 1st Annual General Meeting held on 27 April 2022 be accepted.

4. Committee Report

The WSC Committee Report for the 2021/2022 Season was taken as read by committee members.

Tom Hill commented on the growth in the first full year of operation with the total number of squad members increasing, however, this had not necessarily increased growth in terms of WSC member during this period. The performance and achievements of the representative club swimmers has significantly increased, with 8 swimmers attending Australian Age Championships.

Michael provided a summary of the Wenona Swim Club season, *2021/2022*. Key remarks included;

- Team performance is tracking well
- There is a greater need for athlete support including access to sport psychologists, nutritionist and physiotherapists to assist in increased performance.
- Creating more pathways for up-and-coming athletes will assist in generating depth in the program.

- At Australian Age Championships, the athletes performed exceptionally well however, with group of 8 swimmers additional coach support would be appreciated if a team of 8



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swimmers or more attend another National event. The additional support coach would assist with swimmers' warm ups, timing, video analysis and general wellbeing and team management.

- The squad program (both development and competitive squads) is currently at 85% capacity which is ideal as it ensures required movements can be met and allows continuing swimmers to progress through the squad pathway (i.e. moving between squads without being on a waitlist).
- Having said this, alternative lane space options have been explored to utilise lane space at Wenona and to provide consistent 50m pool training to performance squads. These options include, lane hire at St Joseph's College in Hunters Hill and collaborating with other school programs such as Shore, Newington and PLC Sydney at Shore School on Saturday mornings.

Recognition of parent officials completing Swimming NSW Technical Official positions. Alastair McElligott and Victoria Nash (Starter). These volunteers are crucial for the sport however as they are volunteers it is difficult to retain them as their children move on from the sport. A discussion took place around how to incentivise the volunteer program with further discussion about how to engage the club community to occur in future meetings.

Michael included an update on the aquatic facility and noted the continued improvements that are required to support the growth of the program. With high traffic areas being identified and the change room challenges, upgrades to the general facility signage is imperative. This was noted as an ongoing process with relevant staff to be contacted to advise of progress.

Skye Cater raised awareness to WSC having a more independent structure and the club to operate alongside Wenona School. This would include, the introduction of club championships, official fundraising events and potentially a parent group. Proposed models of how these initiatives would be implemented will be presented at future committee meetings.

5. Financial summary of the Club for 2022

WSC Financial Summary for the period 1 January to 31 December 2022 was presented and accepted by the Committee.

The Secretary highlighted the following:

- The number of swimmers registered with the Wenona Swimming program wasn't translated over to WSC members, this was much lower than anticipated. Next year, this figure will need to be budgeted more conservatively
- Sport miscellaneous, included mini meets and club nights were difficult to execute during the first full year of operation leading to a lower than anticipated income stream
- A re-forecasted budget for the next 9 months is required to ensure a more conservative and sustainable approach and will be presented and discussed at the next Committee meeting.

6. Confirmation of Office Bearers and other members of the Committee



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It was agreed that all current committee members will continue in their roles, with Jeff Ma (Wenona School Business Manager) being identified for the Treasurer position in the near future. Chris Zielinski, Vice-president resigned from his position, finishing June 2023.

The confirmed WSC Committee for 2023 is listed below;

- President – Briony Scott
- Vice President – Chris Zielinski (until June 2023)
- Secretary – Tom Hill
- Treasurer – Andrew Leake
- Publicity Officer – Beth Oakley
- Head Coach and Registrar– Michael Creighton
- Race Secretary and Assistant Coach – Skye Cater
- General Member and Assistant Coach – Cristina Di Traglia

As Head Coach, Michael Creighton will continue to configure and confirm the overall coaching structure of the Wenona Swimming Program and communicate with the Committee.

7. Consideration of membership fees and categories for the 2022/23 Season

Attendees agreed to include consideration of the 2023/2024 Season membership fees at the Term 3 WSC Committee meeting. Consideration to be given to Swimming NSW and Swimming Australia fees as they may be increased, therefore impacting the WSC membership fees.

8. General Business

Considerable discussion took place around the support of high performing athletes within the swimming program. Michael Creighton provided insight into the benefit and opportunity of exploring lane space elsewhere to provide training in a 50m pool and gain experience training alongside other programs. The importance of adhering and enforcing the Community Code of Conduct was emphasised and noted that Wenona still has an expected standard of behaviour regardless of the environment and that Wenona has a role to play in setting the culture of combined session at other schools.

Tom Hill mentioned the Wenona Swimming Program Stakeholder Survey, with results to be collated, trends identified, and data distributed in the next WSC Committee meeting. The upcoming Value of Sport Parent workshop was identified as an opportunity to reiterate our standards and how to support students in sporting environments on and offsite to ensure they are receiving the maximum benefits of their involvement.

Attendees discussed the use of the Wenona swimming pool for community service, specifically with the CPA Alliance. Michael Creighton to lead and support the CPA Pilot Program with all direct costs covered in lane/pool hire fees, it is important that the program is break-even. The CPA Pilot Program will provide both community engagement and professional development opportunities for Wenona staff and students.

In addition, the Rainbow Club (a network of social swimming clubs for children with a disability) has reached out to enquire whether Wenona would be a suitable facility. Further discussion with the Rainbow Club to occur following the CPA pilot program has been assessed.



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Due to scheduled maintenance in the Wenona swimming pool (full closure of facility for three weeks), an inter-state swim camp has been proposed (Gold Coast, QLD). The swim camp will provide opportunity for swimmers in Senior Performance and Target Squads to continue training, gain valuable experience and build team morale. The proposal with final cost estimate and risk assessments to be completed as soon as possible and circulated to relevant staff members for review and approval.

The next WSC Committee meeting is scheduled for 24 May 2023.

9. Meeting Closure

Dr Briony Scott declared the meeting closed at 2:23pm.