

# Annual General Meeting Minutes

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## Wenona Swim Club (WSC) 4th Annual General Meeting

Date: Tuesday 29 April 2025

Time: 12:00pm – 1:00pm

Location: Library Classroom, Wenona School, Walker Street

### Present

Ms Linda Douglas (President)

Samantha McFetridge (Vice President)

Jef Ma (Treasurer)

Vicky Nash (Parent Club Member)

Anna Chrysiliou (Parent Club Member)

Michael Creighton (Director of Aquatics)

Deborah Thom (Race Secretary & Registrar)

Cristina Di Traglia (Assistant Coach)

Kathryn Hinde (Parent Club Member)

### Apologies

Tom Hill (Secretary)

Beth Oakley (Publicity Officer)

### Minutes

#### 1. Welcome

4th Annual General Meeting opened at 12:04pm.

#### 2. Apologies

Tom Hill (Secretary)

Beth Oakley (Publicity Officer)

#### 3. Confirmation of minutes from the most recent WSC Committee meeting

The WSC Committee Report for the 2023/2024 Season was taken as read by committee members. Moved by Michael Creighton and seconded by Samantha McFetridge.

#### 4. Committee Report

Michael Creighton, Director of Aquatics, provided a summary of the Wenona Swim Club season, 2024/2025. Key remarks include;

- Updated members on Committee Member and coaching staff changes due to the resignation of Dr Briony Scott and Skye Carter.
- The success of the program improved Wenona School ranking from 4<sup>th</sup> to 3<sup>rd</sup> in the 2025 IGSA Swim Carnival. The aim is to remain in the top 5 of IGSA ranking.
- The Pro-shop introduction allowed all program members convenient access to Arena swimming accessories. Also providing Wenona Swim Club merchandise and discounted racing suits for competitive swim members.
- The statistics review of Squad Programs and Squad Member numbers from 2024 to 2025 shows an increase in the number of Squad Programs available in 2025. The decrease in squad member numbers is a result of more efficient administration and accurate reporting.
- Wednesday Club Nights continue to be successful, supporting swimmers achieve official times enabling swimmers to gain state and district qualifying times and generating additional income to Swim Club.



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- Performance pathways; 3 swimmers invited onto SNSW pathway teams. This comprised of multi-day camps for those swimmers. In future, consideration to be given to Michael Creighton to attend and support his Coach Development pathway.
- Rainbow Club commenced pool hire during the January holidays and committed to an annual agreement during term times from 1:00 – 4:00pm Saturday afternoons.
- Community reaches to continue to be offered in future.
- Wenona head coach will continue the search to secure lane hire in 50m pool space, utilising St. Joseph's and Shore aquatic centres. The most recent update from North Sydney Council is the opening of the pool facility will be early 2026 and requiring the aquatics team to expand the search to the City of Sydney facilities.

As the 2024/25 season progresses and the ongoing integration of a broader Swimming program community across squads and LTS is valued, the below areas of continual improvement have been reinforced as priority areas across the next 12-month period.

- Pool space – off-site training sessions necessary to cater for 50m pool training and the transition of swimmers into higher level squads and progression from LTS.
- Coaching structure and development to manage the improvement and increasing demands of our State and National representatives and consistency of coaching within each squad level
- Utilising the digital screens and developing some simple marketing to convert members of the learn to swim program and development squads in members of the swim club.
- Developing initiatives at club nights to attract non-competitive swimmers to participate.

## 5. Financial summary of the Club for 2024

WSC Financial Summary for the period 1 January to 31 December 2024 was presented and accepted by the Committee.

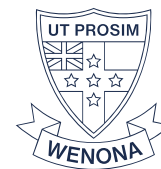
The Treasurer highlighted the following:

- For the first time since the Swim Club's inception, the club has achieved a break-even financial position, excluding coaching costs. We are pleased to have reached this milestone at such an early stage in the club's development.
- Coach travel costs have increased due to increased competitor numbers in State and National Teams.
- Proposal to increase club membership fees to further support coaching cost and travel.

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

The confirmed WSC Committee for 2025, listed below;

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



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## 7. Consideration of membership fees and categories for the 2024/25 Season

Attendees agreed to include consideration of the 2024/2025 Season membership fees at the Term 2 WSC Committee meeting. Consideration to be given for Swimming NSW and Swimming Australia fees as they may be increased, therefore impacting the WSC membership fee component.

## 8. General Business

Parent Club Member Attendees raised the following points for consideration by the Committee;

- How do we further build the club when we are currently running at capacity and have restricted use of pool time as the pool is shared with the Wenona water polo community?
- Due to the reduction in permanent coaching staff there is concern for the wellbeing of current full-time coaching staff.
- What is the target of the club and how can it be supported by the committee and its members?
- Commended coaching staff on the culture created within the swim club and its swimming members, the support and direction by coaches has given swimmers the ability to be competitive while allowing personal development and role modelling for junior members.

Michael Creighton advised he is mind mapping the future direction of the club and will take all parent community feedback into consideration. All points raised will be scheduled for discussion at the next Committee meeting following further investigation and data analysis.

Key things to consider include:

- Options to increase the number of sessions available to the competitive squad swimmers
- Inclusion of external long course lane hire
- Is there capacity to employ an additional 'career' coach to allow growth of sessions and relieve pressures on current head coaches.

Linda Douglas, Swim Club President, thanked the parent community for their feedback and continued support of the club and its development.

## 9. Meeting Closure

Meeting closed at 1:02pm.