

Minutes of Annual General Meeting of Seaside Pirates Incorporated

Held at Terrey Hills Swimming Centre, 31 Myoora Rd, Terrey Hills

Sunday, February 16th, 2020.

Attendees:

Sue Tompkins, Richard Vander Reyden, Jane Noake, Sandi Rigby, Linda Buckley, Anthony Brown, Catherine Todd and Heidi Roche.

1. Welcome and Opening of Meeting

The President welcomed members and opened the meeting at 9.51am. She thanked members present for their attendance.

2. Apologies

Rod Pascoe and Jodie Burke.

3. Confirmation of Minutes of Annual General Meeting Held in March 2018

The Minutes of the previous Annual General Meeting held in February 2019 were confirmed as correct. The Minutes were proposed by Richard Vander Reyden and seconded by Sandi Rigby.

4. Matters Arising and Action Items

None.

5. Reports:

President's Report

2019 was my fifth year with Seaside Pirates and my second year as President. I would like to step down as President now and hand the baton to someone who can approach the role with fresh ideas.

Our membership numbers were up a little and we finished the year with 42 members. Attendance at branch meets in 2019 was up and down. At most meets we had a handful of competitors, but numbers were higher at the more competitive meets, and this was reflected in the points scores for those meets, eg State Long Course (8^h in point score), State Short Course (9th), the Relay Meet (7th) and of course our own Meet in September, where we placed second to the mighty Wett Ones.

As usual we provided a very healthy number of officials. Once again Jane and Jodie were visible on deck as officials at almost every meet throughout the year.

Only 4 of our members travelled to Nationals in Adelaide in April.

One of the highlights of 2019 for some of us – Jean, Tim, Heidi, Jon and me – was participation in the World Masters Swimming Championships in Gwangju, South Korea, in August. We had an exhausting and very social time over there and made many new friends. After 5 months our WhatsApp group, led by Jon, and consisting of members from Australia, New Zealand, the US, Canada and Israel – are still in regular contact with each other and inspiring each other to keep on going with our swimming.

Jon returned from Worlds with a swathe of medals and records– two golds and two fourth places. One Competition record, and two National records. These are in addition to the other 11 National records Jon has set this year, all in backstroke. There are not even 13 backstroke events. It's just that Jon kept getting faster and beating his own times! For this reason, Jon is being awarded Seaside Pirates Swimmer of the Year for 2019.

For the others in our team who participated in Words, we all managed to achieve an individual goal, whether it was completing all races, making the qualifying time, setting a PB, or in my case bringing home a medal.

Our annual Pirates Meet was held at Knox in September and was a successful event, due to the involvement of so many team members in preparations and on the day itself. Big thanks to Jane for her organisation of this meet and for all committee members for their time and contributions. We celebrated after the meet with a big Pirates 20th birthday cake!

We still run our Sunday and Tuesday training sessions, but numbers were down this year.

We held the 100 x 100 at Abbotsleigh at the end of the year. Profit was slightly up on last year's event, mainly I feel due to the pre-meet advertising campaign, led by Sandi.

As we start 2020, our membership numbers seem low, but we are optimistic that 2019 members and more will re-join or join for the first time, with competition at the Nationals as an incentive.

Our plans for 2020 include the Endurance series (and I have a personal goal of completing all 62 swims), a Bunnings BBQ if we can get a slot, a big turnout at Nationals both for swimming and also in a volunteer capacity, slight modification of club colours and gear, a Pirates Carnival and of course the 100 x 100s again. There will be some Club breakfasts and dinners.

I would like to thank the 2019 committee. Our Sunday morning meetings have been lively and fun. Thank you to all club members who have helped out during the year, with officiating, organising raffles, helping out with Sunday pool duties and everything else you do to support the Club. We would not be able to run a club successfully without your ideas, time and support – so thank you all. I wish the new committee all the best for the year ahead.

Sue Tompkins

President

Treasurer's Report

2019 Financial Report attached.

Acceptance of Reports

The Reports were presented at the Meeting and no objections were raised.

7. Election of Committee

President	Sue Tompkins
Vice President	
Treasurer	Anthony Brown
Secretary	Heidi Roche
Ordinary	
Committee Members	Sandi Rigby
	Linda Buckley
	Shane Batchelor

8. Awards

Club Member Swimmer of the Year: Jon Hawton

Club Member of the Year: Mark Patterson

Congratulations to Jon and Mark.

9. General Business

None.

10. Meeting Closed

With no other business the meeting closed at 10.09am.