Wett Ones LGBT+ Swimming Club 2022

Annual General Member

21st August 2022

The Royal Hotel

**Members present** – Luca Alessi, Barbara Wise, Reg Leones, David Prince, Suzy Tay, Nick Westaway, Peter Goodare, Robert Hardie, Oliver Barrett, Socrates Sanchez, Gary Lee, Jonathan Ranstrand, Steffen Docken, Rachelle Johnston, Peter Plutstwik, Haydn Wood, Graeme Salt

**Proxies** – Evan Morris (to Nick Westaway)

**Meeting co-chaired by** – Luca Alessi (president), Barbara wise (Vice president)

**Minutes by** – David Prince (Secretary)

**Meeting open – 12:40**

**Acknowledgement of country –** Barbara Wise

**Apologies** – Suzie Purcell, Peter McGee

**Reports of committee members**

* Please view in conjunction with formal reports on website (committee report and financial statement and explanatory report)

*President’s report* (Luca Alessi)

* Return to pool post COVID discussed
* Plans for coming year discussed
* Specific mention of Aquafest and world pride 2023
* Thanks to outgoing committee. Committee members leaving committee – Susie Purcell (special thanks for serving for 5 years), David Prince, Mason Womack, Sara Eldrige
* Thanks to all members

*Membership report (Pete Goodare)*

* 151 members at time of meeting – close to all time max
* Member breakdown – male 81%/ female 19% (no non-binary or trans at time of meeting)
* Changes to number of free swims discussed. Opinion mixed among members. May potentially be insurance issues as raised by Robert Hardie (new members covered by Masters for 1 month). No decision made. New committee with consider further
* Formally acknowledged and thanked Evan Morris in role of race secretary

*Financial report (Reg Leones)*

* Spoke to formal report on website
* Small surplus for 2021-2022 year – Approx $4,000
* COVID effect discussed – no income for 3 months and membership renewals slow initially coming out of COVID
* Some specific questions around membership income raised and taken on notice
* Sponsorship and grants discussed
* Financial reports formally moved by Reg Leones and seconded by David Prince (no objections by anyone present)

*Female engagement (Suzy Tay)*

* Activities for last 12 months discussed
* Ongoing projects discussed
* Raised awareness will all members of importance of always welcoming and encouraging new female members

*Coaches report (Nick Westaway)*

* Changes
  + Retirement of Peter McGee acknowledged
  + Leave of absence of Janet Bolten discussed
  + New trainee – Nathan – progressing well
* New policy of coaches to review number of swimmers registered for each session and dropping to single coach if low discussed
* Question about short vs long course
  + Request to consider offering both short and long course options throughout the year
  + Coaching group will consider
  + Rationale explained
  + Likely to stay long course until after Aqua
* Lunch time training discussed
  + Currently no coach who is free in the day to coach these sessions (all have work)
  + Retired or part time coaches ideal to support these sessions
* No ability to expand sessions further at this stage given current coaches
* Target event discussed
  + Long course championships – October 2022
  + Aqua – March 2023

*Sponsorship and member inclusion (Barbara wise)*

* All sponsors formally thanked
* Discussed sponsorship for Aqua
* New financial assistance policy discussed. Developed by committee this year. To be circulated to members and put on website

*Safety (Susie Purcell)*

* No significant injuries
* COVID discussed

*Social report*

* Success of drag party acknowledged
* Plans for Christmas party discussed

**Election of new committee**

* 10 nominations for 10 positions received – no dual nominations requiring a vote
* New committee announced
  + President – Luca Alessi
  + Vice-president – Barbara wise
  + Treasurer – Reg Leones
  + Secretary – Suzy Tay
  + Club registrar – Peter Goodare
  + Coaches’ representative – Nick Westaway
  + Women’s representative – Bellinda Miller
  + Men’s representative – Socrates Sanchez
  + Social co-ordinator – Garth McMurtrie
  + Safety officer – Rachelle Johnston
* Gray Lee and Matt Luka announced as Mardi Gras co-ordinators (to site out committee and come to meeting as needed)
* Extra roles available to general club members
  + Race secretary
  + Sponsorship officer
  + Social media officer

**Items without notice raised by members**

* Suggestion to host a new members night again this year
* Suggestion to move to 5 vs 3 free swims
* New committee agreed to investigate
* Discussion around committee meetings
  + Generally the 1st Sunday of each month
  + All members welcome
  + Notices will provided in Newsletters

Committee

**Meeting close – 13:30**