

## DSW 2016 Annual General Meeting

Saturday 10 December, 12pm, 14 Buckley Rd

### Minutes

Present:

- Richard Arnold
- Julian Foster
- Martin Kaulback
- Gavin Young
- Ann Weatherall
- Pete August
- Elias Villanueva
- Bee

Apologies: Jeremy Koay, Sally Dellow

1. Welcome
2. Minutes of last AGM (Sunday 12 December 2015), *Accepted*
3. Captain's Report, *Accepted*
4. Survey of membership - discussed results which were generally positive. Agreed that it is important we expand our social activities - this was a consistent thing people said they wanted to see increased.
5. Treasurer's Report - major expenses are coaching (\$4100) + lane hire (\$1324) - total \$5424, offset by swim card revenue (\$5013) and subscriptions (\$990). We need to raise attendance to prevent ourselves from going into the red.
6. Last swim of 2016: Thu 15 Dec (followed by drinks at Monterrey), First swim of 2017: Mon 9 Jan
7. Constitutional Amendments - *None. Agreed to leave the AGM in December.*
8. Social Events
  - a. Proposal - drinks after swimming on the first Thursday of the month at Monterrey (Newtown) - \*\*\***Richard** to add a note about this to the webpage and publicise
  - b. A pool party in February
  - c. Laser Force
  - d. Day walk
9. Setting of fees for 2017Coaching
  - a. Fees: Proposal: retain current coaching fees (\$9.50 casual per session, \$85.00 for 10 trip card; \$5 casual for students/unwaged/retired/CSC, \$50 for 10 trip card) - *Agreed*
  - b. Annual Subscription: Proposal: retain \$30 per annum, with \$50 for those who can afford it. Reduce to \$25 (\$15) after 1 July, and \$10 (\$5) after 1 November - *Agreed*
  - c. Proposal: Allow people to pay for 5 sessions and still get a discount, if 10 sessions is too much: i.e. \$42.50. *Agreed.* \*\*\***Richard** to add a note to the website for people in financial difficulty.
10. Election of 2017 committee

- a. Captain - Richard Arnold
- b. Treasurer - Julian Foster
- c. Diversity Officer - Ann Weatherall
- d. Social (Vacant) - *We need someone for this!*
- e. General membership (Martin Kaulback)

\*\*\***Richard** to approach Leo and Sally about membership of the committee

11. DSW T-shirts and togs printing \$TBC per item - collect togs/t-shirts by 9 Jan 2016 so printing done before Rainbow Sport and Culture Weekend (only do this if we have enough people, or it gets too expensive to set up) -

*Current orders:*

*Togs: Ann; T shirt: Gavin*

12. Plans for 2017

- a. Rainbow Sport and Culture Weekend (27-29 Jan 2017) \*\*\***Richard** to send a reminder to DSW members and to other clubs - reminding of the 22 Dec early bird deadline of \$25 registration. Rego is then \$35, closes Sat 21 Jan, swim meet on Sat 28 Jan. Plans for the meet well in place, though not many registrations so far.
- b. Out in the Park triathlon - March 2017 - *agreed we want to do this again.*
- c. Out in the Park table - joint with Frontrunners and the rest of Rainbow Team Wellington - total cost will be about \$50 - *agreed we will do this again*

13. Website

- a. now transferred to wordpress blog - cost of \$13 per annum
- b. \*\*\***Richard** to create a page for the Asia-Pacific LGBTI Swimming Forum - a list of clubs + contact details, and a list of Asia-Pacific swimming records.  
\*\*\***Martin** to update these records and send to Richard

## **Captain's Report 2016**

Richard Arnold

DSW AGM 10 December 2016

Last AGM was 12 December 2015

### Events in 2016

- Proud 2 Play - a group of DSW swimmers participated in Auckland 15-16 February - the event was a scaled down version of the Asia-Pacific Outgames that had been planned. We're grateful to Craig Watson for stepping in and rescuing the event under the new banner of Proud 2 Play.
- Rainbow Triathlon - 5 March - 8 teams + a gang of volunteers - a very successful, fun and low key event - jointly with Frontrunners and some cycling enthusiasts. We had great weather and it all went very smoothly.
- Love Parade and Out in the Park - 12 March - DSW was part of the parade and the joint Rainbow Team Wellington stall. The stall was a very effective way of organising all the clubs together so that staffing the stall was shared out and easy.
- DSW Pool Party - 13 March - the last event of the Pride Week - we ran this but attendance was low so we made a loss on it. March is a bit late in the year for an outdoor pool party. Enjoyed by the people who came!

### Committee Changes

- Paras left for Auckland so Leo took over as Treasurer until he went to Brazil for the Olympics. Julian has been Treasurer since then
- We've been functioning without a Secretary or Deputy Captain or Social Organiser
- The committee has been meeting every 2-3 months during the year.

### Social Events

- Not many this year - occasional drinks,

### Coaching

- Gareth continues to coach us with great success - I get good informal feedback from members and I've passed these comments on to him.
- Members attending regularly are finding he gives a very varied programme, and individual attention when needed.
- Anyone with ideas about where he can place new emphasis/try new things - talk directly to Gareth or to me.

### Membership

- Club attendance fluctuates around numbers which just cover our expenses. Attendance/Membership needs to grow if we are to remain financially viable. It will be important that we get everyone to pay their subscriptions promptly in the new year. We'll send out a call for payments soon.
- We have a trickle of new people who try the club out but don't always stay. Attracting new members and retaining the people who come to try the club out is important and something we need to get better at.

## Survey

- We ran a small online survey in July - results were posted to the DSW website and Facebook group. The feedback from the 33 respondents was generally positive. Some people find the day/time difficult, but that may always be the case for a proportion of the membership. Cost didn't seem to be a major barrier among the respondents.