

Coast & Valley Swimming Association Inc. Minutes-Management Committee Meeting

Online Zoom Meeting Monday 25th May, 2020

There was no meeting held in April due the social gathering restrictions in place during the COVID-19 pandemic. May meeting to be held online over Zoom..

Meeting opened at 7.05pm with Norm Roberts presiding.

1. CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

Nil declared.

2. ATTENDANCE

Norm Roberts Greg Skinner Jenny Schwetz Michelle Gross Blinda Francis-Smith
Trish Roberts Janette Kinkade
Michael Hyslop (SNSW Club Support Officer-Coast and Valley)

3. APOLOGIES: Nil

4. CONFIRMATION – Minutes of previous meeting: Moved Michelle Gross 2nd Blinda Francis-Smith that the minutes of the previous meeting are a true and correct copy. Carried.

5. BUSINESS ARISING from the minutes

- 5.1. Is a Development committee meeting still to be organised?
- 5.2. Report for pricing for wireless timing gear. No further follow-up has be organised due to COVID-19. Greg Skinner will provide further information at June meeting. Clubs may wish to have access to approved timing gear when restart of club activities is allowed.
- 5.3. CVSA winter championships have been cancelled
- 5.4. Development Squads have been cancelled for 2020
- 5.5. Management Meeting dates (amended):
December: TUESDAY 8th December 2020

6. CORRESPONDENCE:

6.1. INWARDS

- 6.1.1. Email-Macquarie Shores SC: Cancellation of May swim meet-fwd: Competition Co-Ordinator/Website Admin
- 6.1.2. Email-Valley Aquatic SC: Catering costs for summer champs-fwd: Treasurer
- 6.1.3. Email-Central Coast Council: March newsletter-CC Regional Sporting & Recreation Complex
- 6.1.4. Email-Office of Children's Guardian: COVID-19 update
- 6.1.5. Email-PR Designs: Swim caps
- 6.1.6. Email-Michelle Johnson: e-newsletter
- 6.1.7. Email (Blinda Francis-Smith)-WWI SC: Query re possible cancellation of Lake Macquarie Games

- 6.1.8. Email-Newcastle Embroidery: Invoice-fwd: Treasurer
- 6.1.9. Email-Michelle Johnson: e-newsletter
- 6.1.10. Email-NSW Office of Sport: COVID-19 Sports Sector Update
- 6.1.11. Email-Hunter SC: Meet application-fwd: Competition Committee
- 6.1.12. Email Coalfields United SC: request for resend of Affiliation form & Meet Application form
- 6.1.13. Email-Michael Hyslop: Monthly meetings
- 6.1.14. Email-Newcastle Embroidery: Statement-fwd: Treasurer
- 6.1.15. Email-Michelle Johnson: e-newsletter
- 6.1.16. Email-Central Coast Council-Regional Sporting & Recreation Complex Prospectus
- 6.1.17. Email-Adam Crouch: Infrastructure grant funding
- 6.1.18. Email-Michelle Johnson: e-newsletter
- 6.1.19. Email-Michelle Johnson: e-newsletter
- 6.1.20. Email-Valley Aquatic SC: Cancellation of May swim meet-fwd: Competition Co-Ordinator/Website admin
- 6.1.21. Email-WWI SC: Application for swim meet-fwd: Competition Committee
- 6.1.22. Email- Central Coast Council: Community Bulletin
- 6.1.23. Email-Mikaeli Cuell: Area affiliation fees-fwd: President
- 6.1.24. Email-Michelle Johnson: e-newsletter
- 6.1.25. Email-John Shaw: Development plan-swimmer data-fwd: Development Co-ordinator
- 6.1.26. Email-Adam Kidd (Central Coast Council): COVID update
- 6.1.27. Email-Michelle Johnson: e-newsletter
- 6.1.28. Email-Mikaeli Cuell: Affiliations due
- 6.1.29. Email-Newcastle Embroidery: Statement-fwd: Treasurer
- 6.1.30. Email-Central Coast Council: Grant program
- 6.1.31. Email-Michael Hyslop: Online meeting
- 6.1.32. Swim Central: SNSW Affiliation invoice
- 6.1.33. Maitland City Council: Invoice-fwd: Treasurer
- 6.1.34. Email-Michelle Johnson: e-newsletter
- 6.1.35. Email-Adam Crouch: CBP Funding 2020
- 6.1.36. Email-Mark Heathcote: SNSW AGM notice
- 6.1.37. Email-Fair Trading: Application for extension of time for AGM-fwd: President
- 6.1.38. Email-Adam Crouch: CBP Funding applications being accepted
- 6.1.39. Email-Narelle Murphy: Passing of Life Member, Evan Watkins
- 6.1.40. Email-Michelle Johnson: Club Guidelines for return to swimming
- 6.1.41. Email-Michelle Johnson: e-newsletter

6.2. OUTWARDS

- 6.2.1. Email-PR Designs: Swim caps
- 6.2.2. Email (Blinda Francis-Smith) WWI SC: Lake Macquarie Games
- 6.2.3. Email-CVSA Clubs: Cancellation of winter Championships
- 6.2.4. Email-Coalfields United SC: Affiliation & Meet application forms
- 6.2.5. Email-Michael Hyslop: Monthly meetings
- 6.2.6. Email-Central Coast Council: Booking form for summer champs
- 6.2.7. Email-CVSA clubs: Cancellation of 2020 Development Squads
- 6.2.8. Email-Swim Central Support: Area Affiliation fees
- 6.2.9. Fair Trading: Application for extension of time for holding AGM (Form A11)

Moved 2nd Michelle Gross 2nd Trish Roberts that correspondence inwards be dealt with as read and correspondence outwards be approved. Carried

6.3. Business Arising from Correspondence:

- 6.3.1. Updated swim cap design: Moved Greg Skinner 2nd Janette Kinkade that Option #2 (4-colour design) be approved. Carried.
- 6.3.2. Cancellation of 2020 NSW Junior State Age Championships
- 6.3.3. SNSW new board members- Alex Bodden & Sarah Platts
- 6.3.4. Swim League competition in CVSA has been scaled back to a gala day. Date 19/29 September - venue to be advised by SNSW
- 6.3.5. SNSW AGM will be held on Saturday 25th July at SOPAC or virtually online. *A final determination has been made by SNSW and the meeting will be online. Further details to be released by SNSW.*
- 6.3.6. Working with Children Check validity has been extended for 6 months for clearances that were due to expire from 26 March to 26 September. The 6-month extension period applies from the date of the person's current expiry date.
- 6.3.7. Michael Hyslop will organise online meeting for June Management meeting
- 6.3.8. SNSW Technical Officials Forum held online via the FREE Zoom online meeting host. Date: 23 May from 10am. Greg Skinner attended and reported that the forum was well attended, particularly by country area representatives.
- 6.3.9. SNSW will have 2 director's positions vacant. Notices of Motion and nominations to be received by SNSW no later than Thursday 4 June
- 6.3.10. Fair Trading will not take any compliance action where an association is unable to meet its statutory obligations in holding an AGM and undertaking financial reporting. In the event that restrictions are lifted later this year or in 2021 Fair Trading would expect all associations to take appropriate steps to meet their statutory obligations by either conducting its 2020 AGM when it holds its 2021 AGM; or in the case of an individual association where it may need to conduct its 2020 AGM at an earlier time it does so as soon as practicable.
- 6.3.11. Club Guidelines:
 - 6.3.11.1. From 15 May outdoor pools can operate, but have no more than 10 people at a time and no more than 1 person per lane
 - 6.3.11.2. Club has a nominated COVID-19 liaison
 - 6.3.11.3. Club is familiar with state/local government restrictions re COVID-19
 - 6.3.11.4. Club has checked its facility's safety protocols
 - 6.3.11.5. Club has infection limitations measures re water bottles and equipment
 - 6.3.11.6. Club is managing swimmer numbers in accordance with the guidelines
 - 6.3.11.7. Club has a communication plan should a case of COVID-19 arise
 - 6.3.11.8. Club is considering and practising current work health and safety measures
 - 6.3.11.9. Club has in place appropriate drop off/pick up for swimmers
 - 6.3.11.10. Club has considered COVID-19 vulnerable groups within the club environment
 - 6.3.11.11. Guidelines should be read in conjunction with **AIS Framework for Rebooting Sport in a COVID-19 environment**. These publications to be circulated to committee members and placed on CVSA website

7. REPORTS:

7.1. **Treasurer** – Michelle Gross

Report tabled-copy attached.

Moved Michelle Gross 2nd Janette Kinkade that report be accepted and accounts approved for payment. Carried.

Noted that Mountains and Plains contribution for NAARS camp has not been received. Secretary to follow up.

7.1.1. Accounts approved for Payment

Paid to	Details	\$
Valley Aquatic SC	Catering-summer champs	517.91
Newcastle Embroidery	Management shirt	27.00
Swimming NSW	Affiliation	222.29
Maitland City Council	Pool hire	644.60
Belflora	Bouquet-Fay Watkins	83.00

7.2. **Competition Committee Co-ordinator** – Blinda Francis-Smith

Draft summer competition calendar tabled-copy attached

Feedback from Kerry Saunders, Debby Tattoli and Sam Frame.

- 1) We endorse the proposed competition calendar prepared by Michael Hyslop with the following amendments:
 - Swap the combination meet on 13/14th March (State Open) with the Picnic Meet on 6/7th March.
 - To avoid our area's swimmers missing out on local meets, suggest that meets be open to C&V swimmers only for the first two weeks and then opened to other areas if not filled.
 - This proposal was put to the coaches at the C&V Coach meeting at Summer Champs. Coaches were in favour.
 - The calendar provides adequate meaningful competition for all groups.

Program to be supplied by club for approved meet for 2020-21 season.

- 2) We ask that the committee considers relaxing the 4 x TO rule from host clubs during the initial comeback phase from Covid-19 for the following reasons:
 - Clubs may have lost TOs not returning to the sport
 - New TO's have not had the opportunity for practical experience to become qualified during the shutdown.
 - TO's who are in vulnerable populations due to Covid-19 may prefer or be required to isolate for a longer period than the rest of the community.
 - Using TO's from neighbouring clubs or areas will allow our sport to get back on its feet.

*Rules regarding clubs supplying TO's will be relaxed until **end December 2020**. Clubs will still need to train TO's in the meantime.*

- 3) If Covid-19 restrictions are too tight to run local meets, we ask that the committee considers the following until restrictions are eased:
- Allow Clubs to use Club Times once per month if they have a Referee, Starter and approved timing equipment.
Clubs must notify committee when this would happen for meet to be approved and times accepted by CVSA.
 - Allow clubs to run a dual meet that supports current social distancing once per month with same conditions as above. Clubs to notify when these would be held for meet to be approved and times accepted.
 - Time trial results will also be accepted provided the above conditions are met, until restrictions are eased.

Moved Blinda Francis-Smith, 2nd Trish Roberts that report be accepted and draft calendar (with amendments) and competition recommendations for restarting club sport be approved. Carried.

7.3. Selection & Development Committee – Phillip Hawke

Proposal from Kerry Saunders, Debby Tattoli, Sam Frame the following for Development moving forward. Squads will be held at area pools and numbers will be limited.

The following 4 groups be catered for in separate squads.

- 9 & 10 years
- 11/12 girls, 11-13 boys (age as at Age Nats 2021)
- 13/Over girls, 14/Over boys
- National Qualifiers

1) Activities 9/10 years.

1 x 3 hour session including

#1 hour skill session

talk from National swimmers on carnival prep

short race meet (2,3 events each)

Use National kids to run the meet and talk to the kids about their experiences on race day.

2) Activities 11/12 girls, 11-13 boys

4 x 2 hour sessions across different pools concentrating on race skills for each stroke, followed by a Time Trial in the stroke.

3) Activities 13/O Girls, 14/O boys

1 x 3 hours session the same as the 9/10 years group.

Could be run the same day.

Coaches will do the carnival prep talk rather than National Swimmers.

4) Activities National Qualifiers

Continue with the Camp format limited to 20 swimmers. Suggest Runaway Bay again as we won't be there this year.

- Rationale: 10/Under: cannot concentrate for long periods so the carnival format and race skills will be a great introduction to future years.
11/12years: are at the age where they will benefit the most from separate sessions that allow enough time to allow some meaningful in water content relating to their race skills.
13/Over: by this stage are under the guidance of capable coaches so the shorter format was thought a better option.
- We feel that numbers in the first 3 squads should not be limited at this point as we need to do whatever we can to get kids back into the sport.
- We are suggesting to omit the formal presentations and keep a fun/participation theme.

Would it also be possible to list any swimmers who would have qualified for Development, NSW teams and Squads on the Coast and Valley website as recognition?

Moved Blinda Francis-Smith 2nd Greg Skinner that draft proposal be accepted with the amendment that numbers may need to be limited for all squads. Carried.

7.4. **ATSC Convenor** – Jacqui Currey

No report.

7.5. **Property Officer**- Jacki Mackintosh

No report.

7.6. **Publicity Officer** – Patricia Roberts

No report.

7.7. **Web Administrator** – Greg Skinner

No report.

7.8. Club Liaison Officer – Janette Kinkade

No report.

7.9. SNSW Club Support Officer – Michael Hyslop

Report tabled-copy attached. Moved Michelle Gross 2nd Blinda Francis-Smith that report be accepted.

Michael requested ability to provide greater social media presence – Norm Roberts suggested that Michael liaise with Greg Skinner and Janette Kinkade

8. GENERAL BUSINESS:

- 8.1. President's report- SNSW Area Presidents' meeting. Moved Greg Skinner 2nd Janette Kinkade that report be accepted. Carried.
- 8.2. Summer champs may need to be moved to Feb 2021, depending on restrictions in place in December
- 8.3. Consider limiting Development Squad participants to ensure numbers and outlay are manageable. Criteria to be reviewed at June meeting.
- 8.4. Noted that PLC are building a water park in the grounds. Norm Roberts to liaise with Anthony Burling to assess what limitations on marshalling and spectator seating this will have on Championship meets.
- 8.5. Michael will set up online meeting for June.

9. MEETING CLOSED 8.22pm

10. NEXT MEETING: Tuesday 16th June 2020

CHAIR: Norm Roberts

SECRETARY: Jenny Schwetz

As At 31 March 2020

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COAST AND VALLEY TREASURERS REPORT

As At 30 April 2020

	Cheque Account				
	Forward				
	Income				\$ 69,626.82
		Interest	\$ 5.72		
		Swim Central	\$ 42.00		
			\$ 47.72		
					\$ 69,674.54
	Expenses				
		Newcastle Embroidery	\$ 27.00		
			\$ 27.00		
	BALANCE AS PER STATEMENT				\$ 69,647.54
	Cash Reserve (077)				\$ 19,802.33
	Interest as at 30/04/2020		\$ 0.81		
			\$ 0.81		
	Balance as per Statement				\$ 19,803.14
	Debit Card (534)				
	Opening Balance				\$ 1,737.90
	<i>Money In</i>	Interest	\$ 0.14		
					\$ 0.14
					\$ 1,738.04
	<i>Money Out</i>		\$ -		
					\$ -
	Balance as per statement as at 30/04/2020				\$ 1,738.04
	Fund Raising Account (236)				
	Opening Balance				\$ 2,671.63
	<i>Money In</i>	Interest	\$ 0.21		
					\$ 0.21
	<i>Money Out</i>				
	Balance as per Statement as at 30/04/2020				\$ 2,671.84
	Term Deposits				
	Due 13/07/2020 for 12 months @2.35%				\$ 27,786.42
	Due 16/07/2020 for 12 months @ 2.350%				\$ 11,773.16
	Due 3/12/2020 for 12 months @ 2.3%				\$ 22,739.80
	ACCOUNTS TO BE PAID				
		Newcastle Embroidery	\$ 619.00		
			\$ -		
			\$ 619.00		
Prepared By	Michelle Gross				
Dated	5/05/2020				

CVSA Summer Competition Calendar – Recommendation (Version 1)

Weekend Date	Event	Host
12 th /13 th of September		
19 th /20 th of September	Swim League Gala Day	SNSW
26 th /27 th September		
3 rd /4 th of October		
10 th /11 th of October	Qualifying	?
17 th /18 th of October	Combination	?
24 th /25 th of October	Short Course Nats	Swim Australia
31 st Oct/1 st of Nov	Development	?
7 th /8 th of November	Combination	?
14 th /15 th of November	Qualifying	?
21 st /22 nd of November		?
28 th /29 th of November	CVSA Champs	CVSA
5 th /6 th of December	Development	?
12 th /13 th of December	Senior State Age	SNSW
19 th /20 th of December	Open Water State	SNSW
26 th /27 th of December		
2 nd /3 rd of January		
9 th /10 th of January		
16 th /17 th of January	Combination	?
23 rd /24 th of January	Country Regionals	SNSW/Clubs
30 th /31 st of January	Speedo Heats	?
6 th /7 th February	Qualifying Meet	?
13 th /14 th of February	Development Meet	?
20 th /21 st of February	Country Champs	SNSW
27 th /28 th of February	Qualifying Meet	?
6 th /7 th of March	Combination	?
13 th /14 th of March	State Open	SNSW
		?
20 th /21 st of March	Development	?
27 th /28 th of March	Junior State Age	SNSW
3 rd /4 th April		
10 th /11 th April		

Date	Event	Venue
2 nd – 3 rd May 2020	KPD Combination	PLC ,Woy Woy CANCELLED
15 th -17 th May 2020	SNSW Sydney Open	SOPAC CANCELLED
17 th May 2020	Titans Qualifying	PLC,Woy Woy CANCELLED
24 th May 2020	Macquarie Shores Combination	Toronto Swim Centre CANCELLED
30 th May 2020	SNSW MC #2 (SC)	TBC CANCELLED
31 st May 2020	Woy Woy Development	PLC, Woy Woy CANCELLED
31 st May 2020	Novocastrian Qualifying	Coughlins Swim Centre
14 th – 19 th June 2020	Australian Olympic Trials	SA Aquatic & Leisure Centre POSTPONED
19 th – 21 st June 2020	CVSA Winter Championships	PLC, Woy Woy CANCELLED
3 rd – 5 th July 2020	SNSW Country Championships	SOPAC
19 th July 2020	Lake Macquarie Games-Qualifying	West Wallsend Indoor
25 th July 2020	SNSW AGM	Online
1 st – 2 nd August 2020	SAR Meet	TBC
8 th August 2020	SNSW MC #3 (SC)	TBC
9 th August 2020	Valley Aquatic Combination	Kurri Kurri CANCELLED
16 th August 2020	CVSA Annual General Meeting	TBA
21 st – 23 rd August 2020	SNSW Senior State Age SC Championships	SOPAC
5 th – 6 th September 2020	SNSW Junior State Age SC Championships	SOPAC
12 th -13 th September 2020	KPD Combination	PLC, Woy Woy
19 th – 20 th September 2020	Swim League Gala Day	TBC
10 th October 2020	SNSW JAR Meet	SOPAC
11 th October 2020	SNSW MC Championships (LC)	SOPAC
18 th - 19 th October 2020	SNSW LC Qualifying meet	SOPAC
22 nd – 24 th October 2020	Australian SC Championships	MSAC, Albert Park VIC

SNSW Development Officer Report

Michael Hyslop

January/February 2020

I apologise for not attending tonight's meeting but I have been requested by SNSW management that CSO's cancel all Clubs and Area visits for an initial period of two weeks and work out of home.

As all clubs have seen, there has been a set of GUIDELINES released by SNSW for clubs to use to help make decisions regarding their own club activities. Updated information on the COVID-19 pandemic can be found at <https://nsw.swimming.org.au/clubs/governance/covid-19-snsw-advice>

Here's what is going on at the moment;

1. Area Development Plan 2019 – Report on last years Development completed by Phil Hawke. I would personally like to thank Phil for his commitment to the role and once again providing a brilliant development program for 2019.
2. NAARS Camp – Thanks to Debby Tattoli who has made the initial booking for the 2020 NAARS Camp at Runaway Bay from the 26th to 29th of September 2020. I will sitting down with Sam and the coaching team to build a plan for this camp.
3. Swim Central – Club continue to familiarize with our new system and the calls/emails are beginning to ease. I would like to thank all our club committees for their commitment to learning the new system – obviously clubs are becoming more efficient with the system and getting to know it more in depth every day.
4. AGM's – With lots of clubs summer seasons coming to a close, AGM's are just around the corner and clubs will be receiving information and to-do-lists for best practices at their AGM's.
5. Summer Competition Calendar – Working closely with Blinda and our coaches, I am currently developing a the summer competition Calendar. We are exploring the idea of setting the meets on particular weekends before asking clubs to host them – more to come in this space soon!
6. Postponement of State and Nationals – It is shame that the COVID-19 pandemic has got to a point where these events are postponed or cancelled but it is simply the smart decision at this point. SNSW are working hard to ensure junior state still goes ahead on the 9th and 10th of May.

Michael Hyslop

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CVSA Development Officer

President's Report – Norm Roberts

Just an update following a Zoom online meeting with Mark Heathcote and Chris Fydler along with presidents from other areas.

The agenda that was discussed is following;

Area Presidents Catch Up – 6pm

Welcome, Apologies & General Check in with everyone

1.Swimming Australia Update (Comments)

Chris covered what SAL has been doing during the isolation, much of the time has been spent seeking more sponsorship and locking in current sponsors. Some restructuring has occurred within SAL much of which will not effect us. They are also in daily contact with Government official regarding the Corona Virus and isolation restrictions. Chris stated that the sport of swimming will be one of the sports most impacted due to the numbers and swimmers,coaches and parents etc in close contact at a Meet.

2.SNSW Update

Mark gave an update as to what is occurring at present with SNSW. The office is running on limited staff, with those that have annual leave being asked to take this and the rest working from home or with limited access to the office. He ask that we be patient if you are contacting the office and cannot get through to someone immediately. Mark stated that both Chris and himself are in daily contact the the Minister for Health and Minister for Sports regarding the Virus and the status of the isolation procedures.

3.SNSW AGM & Forum update

The AGM and Forum will be held on line through Zoom platform due tor the Isolation procedures. Mark has sought permission from the Dept of Fair Trading for this to Occur. He will send out further information as it becomes near to the date. Mark is in discussion with the Ministers as to the possibility of having limited number of swimmers returning to pools when they are opened (depending on the size of the pool) and still complying with the isolation procedures. Both Chris and Mark have agreed that SNSW will loose a number of members due to the shut down of pools and the isolation procedures.

4.Swim Central update

Chris stated that SAL has finally admitted that there is major problems with Swim Central still. SAL has now finally committed further funding to have this system operating correctly and has appointed a person to be solely in charge with the operation of this system along with a project committee working under him. Chris said that there has been a major upgrade to the system in March.

5.Mapping out the return to Swimming

Winter 2020 Season
Summer 2020/21

Registration Fees

A general discussion took place around the above three items with not a lot that can be done until some or all isolation restrictions are in place and pool are open.

6.Area AGM Dates (Online or Postponed)

Each area President was asked as to what is occurring within their Area, All stated that they are the same as us with pools closed down and meetings conducted via Emails or using online portals. As to Area AGM's most stated that they have postponed the date for holding these AGM's with a date to be decided once further information is available regarding isolation restrictions. A couple of areas are going to hold these meeting via an online portal such as Zoom. But I stated that we are postponing our AGM and will let State know the date ASAP. Each area President was then asked as to what programs they have in place once restrictions are lifted and pools are opened. I stated that we are lucky in our area as we have a number of good Coaches that work with the Management Committee and we are investigating programs with these Coaches that can be implemented easily when restriction are reduced.

Mark stated that State can offer an online program such as Zoom or Webinar if the Areas wish to hold their AGM's on line.

7.Future Meetings of this group

It was agreed that these meeting where beneficial to the Areas and should continue on a regular basis during the current restrictions

8. Other Business

I did not get to take part in the general discussion as we had a black out and lost all power for 10minutes

I have included copies of email that I sent to Debbie and Kerry as to what we can do once restriction are eased.

Hi Debbie/Kerry

I am seeking some ideas as to what CVSA can do for its swimmers once we can back to some resemblance of normality. I need to compile some sort of competition going forward. Just one thought is having Time Trials over various pools and over a range of strokes and distances.

Let me know some ideas and your input is most valuable.

Hi Norm

Hope you and your family are all doing well, staying safe and healthy .

I think our hands and ideas will be tied until we have a set of guide lines to work with .
some thoughts though

1. club nights using dolphin or other timing are validated as future legal times for entry to carnivals
2. Inter club racing with specific qualifying standards (clubs to organize pool usage and inform cvsa for approval)
3. Carnivals running for 2 strokes only eg fly/fs bk/ bst im only

just some rambling thoughts

kerry

miss seeing you guys

keep well

Thanks,

Hi Norm,

Nice to hear from you! I hope you and Trish are keeping well and sane in these crazy times.

Yes, it's hard to know what restrictions will be put on us when we finally can return. I don't think we will be able to run a regular "carnival" for some time.

I love the idea of a series of time trials at different pools.

Things to consider:

1) Should they be age limited to restrict numbers: eg 10/Under 9 -11am, 11/12 11.30 - 1.30. 13/O 2 - 4

I know it makes for a long day for officials but I think we will be slapped with some fairly hard to comply with number restrictions.

2) POOL cost. Unless you can cut a really good deal with some of the better venues, it may be hard to cover costs with limited numbers.

Do we look to use privately owned pools who are happy to not charge. This may cut out a long course option but maybe income from some could go towards long course hire for older swimmers.

3) Will swim League resume? Can we lobby NSW Swimming to have their times made official??

4) Could also consider 2 clubs only getting together for time trials. I don't know if there are enough referees to allow this to happen, but its another way of reducing numbers.

I'll keep thinking on it. But Norm, you're right in thinking we will have to come up with alternatives.

KPD will; not be able to even run Swim Club if we have social distancing restrictions. We may have to look at doing it over a few nights in age groups but once again puts so much pressure on volunteers.

Talk soon and take care

Debby

If you need any further information as to the above please contact me and let me know your thought and ideas so that we can be ready with some sort of competition for our swimmers when restrictions are eased or lifted.

Stay safe and well as well as sane.

Norm