

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

BRISBANE NORTHSIDE MASTERS SWIM CLUB INC

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

SUNDAY NOVEMBER 20th, 2011

It is again very pleasing to report a successful year for our club and our members. Membership has again topped 40, with a growing number supporting all our activities and getting involved with the running of the club.

Our annual swim meet was a success, with nominations back up to 180, this year without any unforeseen problems. The day was fine and warm, which makes for a pleasant day for officials and competitors. In the absence of Steve in the computer room, we had the services of the Brisbane Swimming Association computer operators who supplied us with hand held radio timing devices, which make the job of timekeeping very easy and efficient. Results were available very soon after each event, and all went well until the final tallies were attempted at the end of the day, when the computers were unable to sort the results. This meant that there was a delay of several weeks before we could get the final individual and team results out to the clubs. Our thanks go to John Kerr for doing a great job in delivering or posting most of the trophies and results, some as far away as the Gold Coast.

The club members who helped on the day did a fantastic job as usual, and we are now in a happy position of being able to call upon people to do the same job each year, which makes everything so much easier for the meet director. My only thoughts for improvement next year would be to ask the pool management for the hire of the gym for the day to use as a marshalling area, in case of inclement weather. Harry's team were again superb in delivering great food and refreshment in a timely manner, and the team who manned the raffle table were also up to the task, and our grateful thanks must go to them also.

At the end of the day, we pulled off another great swim meet, and made some good funds for the club to invest in our future.

Sunday training this year turned out to be a great success, after Steve Booker offered his services at the beginning of the year to be our official coach. Everyone who comes on Sunday now, and the numbers are much greater than ever before, enjoy a great session, with a mixture of drills and training sessions to suit all abilities. Our thanks go to Steve for making this very important part of our club so strong.

Due to the great success of Sunday training, Aerobic sessions have not been as well patronised this year. This is partly due to the increased level of Sunday training but also to the imminent changes to the program which has made the current schedule less attractive to many. That being said, there are still quite a few who have made great inroads to the program and some have even finished their 62 swim program, which will be memorable as the last year of the current format. Our thanks go to Tracy for her efforts in tabulating our aerobic results and keeping us keen and well informed.

Swim meets have again been well attended with members travelling far and wide to attend, including State and National Titles, and our congratulations to those members who achieved records, PB's or just competed and had fun.

Shelly and Bev were very active on the social front, organising some wonderful events for members to attend, including an end of year bus trip which sounded like a great day!

Our Sunday morning meetings have been well attended this year, with Harry providing a wonderful breakfast as a temptation.

Sally has been very busy during the year preparing and submitting a proposal to the Gambling Fund for money to build a stainless steel storage locker on the pool deck for our equipment and we thank her for her efforts, and we believe a result in this direction is imminent.

At last year's AGM I called for increased input by more members to help in the spread of the workload to make the running of the club more efficient and less stressful for one or two individuals. This resulted in a wonderful and enthusiastic response from many members who jumped in and helped with many jobs, and I am very grateful to see that happen, especially now that my work commitments take me away from Brisbane quite a bit more than previously.

I would like to thank the outgoing committee for their efforts and enthusiasm throughout the year, and we look forward to another great year ahead.

Richard Sargent
PRESIDENT