AUSTRALIAN UNION OF SENIOR SWIMMERS INTERNATIONAL *(Aussi)*

Queensland Branch

AUSSI   NATIONAL   SWIM   MEET

BRISBANE, APRIL 15-17, 1983

REPORT   AND   FINANCIAL   STATEMENTS

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SECRETARY'S REPORT

The first stirrings of the Queensland Branch to hold the
National Swim have culminated in the most successful Meet
held at the Chandler Olympic Pool this April.

Over the last two years, a tremendous amount of work has been
put in by many people, some of whom have lived with the project
for the total period.

The success of the Nationals must go in part to the Committee,
which was set up about nine months ago to organise the Meet, and
who thought of everything that could go wrong and planned
against all eventualities...

The following people composed the Committee:

FRED KNUDSEN	MEET DIRECTOR
ROBYN COBBE	MEET DIRECTOR
ELAINE COLLIER	ENTRIES/PROGRAMME
BERT COLLIER	PROGRAMME/COMPUTER
ESME PALMER	PROGRAMME/TREASURER
JOHN PALMER	PROGRAMME/PRINTING
JOHN PARKYN	RECORDING
BARRY ANSTEY	RECORDING
PADDY ANSTEY	RECORDING
VAL KNOX	PUBLICITY/PROMOTION
RAY ROSE	SECRETARY

The following Clubs provided assistance:

BRISBANE SOUTHSIDE	CATERING
BRISBANE NORTHSIDE	PROGRAMME
GOLD COAST	RECORDING

Time keepers were provided by the following Clubs:

CAIRNS/IPSWICH	Lane 0
TOWNSVILLE	Lane 1
MACKAY/TWIN	Lane 2
ROCKHAMPTON	Lane 3
MARYBOROUGH	Lane 4
MAROOCHYDORE/SUNCOAST	Lane 5
BRISBANE NORTHSIDE	Lane 6
BRISBANE SOUTHSIDE	Lane 7
GOLD COAST	Lane 8
DALBY/TOOWOOMBA	Lane 9

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Our thanks must go also to the Officials (Starters, Judges, Marshalls, etc.) from the Queensland Amateur Swimming Association. We had over ·300 heats for the 19 events, and they did a fantastic job making sure we ran according to plan.

In addition, we must not forget to mention Mrs Bev·Mathison and her ladies from the Multiple Handicapped Association who gave such wonderful help over the three days of the Meet.

The Presentation Dinner was held at the Crest International Hotel on the Sunday evening and was attended by 462 people.

Overall the evening was a great success, especially considering that final attendance exceeded our booking by 62 persons. Special mention must be made of the efforts of Ron Drake in his role of Master of Ceremonies, and for the pictorial introduction to the dinner, which set the mood for the whole evening.

Presentations for the Nationals were made by Linda McGill and Mark Tonelli for the individual medals, and Mr. Kevin Nelson, State Manager of the City Mutual presented the City Mutual Founders Trophy to the top-scoring Queensland Club.

Presentations for the State were made by Fred Knudsen, State President, with Ron Kayrooz of the City Mutual presenting the City Mutual 'Shield to the top-scoring Queensland Club.

It was good to see a 'Clean Sweep' by the Gold Coast Club in taking out both the National and State Trophies ..... well done and congratulations from all AUSSI Swimmers.

I will conclude this report by making special mention of our two major sponsors, CITY MUTUAL INSURANCES and SPEEDO KNITTING MILLS. These companies continue to provide valuable assistance to the AUSSI movement.

RAY ROSE
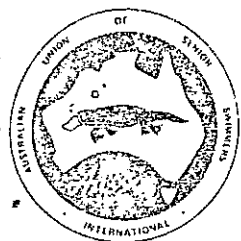
MEET DIRECTOR'S REPORT

The Nationals have now passed and most of us are now recovered from what can only be called a "Fantastic Swim Carnival". Firstly, I would like to thank my fellow executive members but mostly those Queenslanders who proved that they are now ready to make AUSSI Queensland "BIGGER AND BETTER". Interest has generated greatly with both good swimming and good press coverage during the titles. The main feeling gained through these titles for us has been that surely if others older and less experienced than us can do it so can we.

The staging of the Nationals as we all know is a lot of hard work and consistant work by all those involved at the organizing level. This job would be made easier for any State or committee if there was a guide line for those involved. The hardest thing to do when organising a big swim meet is decided where to start.

When corresponding with the National Office, the one thing that was made apparent was that it was our titles and although help was there if needed, it was 'OUR SWIM' and that we were expected to stand on our own feet.

We consider this a fair and reasonable approach, as it is not possible for people in another State to be involved in the day-to-day organisation of such a major swim meet.

Despite this, many requests for help were vaguely answered, and we consider that a Booklet be made available to help guide States along in the smooth running of such a meet.

We consider the design of the logo should be by the State holding the titles and that selling of all souvenirs should be undertaken by the Host State to ensure the profits are ploughed back into the proceeds from the Meet.

The success of the Presentation Dinner at the Crest International Hotel fully justified our decision to provide all AUSSI swimmers with "value for money". The cost of the dinner was deliberately underwritten to ensure maximum participation and enjoyment by all who attended.

Whilst realizing that the National Swim is required to make a profit, we consider that the entry fees charged and accommodation and travel costs incurred by most competitors fully justified this decision.

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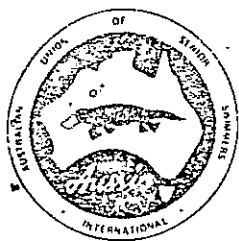## INTERNATIONAL   *(Aussi)*

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We consider that advertising revenue is one area which requires considerable pre-planning and contacting of clients twelve months prior to the event, as most companies were found to have committed their advertising budgets within three months of the start of the financial year - i.e. by September 1982.

Special mention and thanks must go to Val Knox for her efforts in ensuring that our programme was a financial success, despite the above.

This is where I must end my report, as I was unavailable for the actual running of the meet on the three days due to "Doctors' orders".

.... R.Cobbe ....   ROBYN COBBE.

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NATIONAL SWIM ENTRIES REPORT.

Checking and sorting the entries for the National Swim was a daunting task complicated by the fact that much of the information received was inaccurate or omitted altogether. Most of these errors could have been avoided if a little more care had been taken by the Club officials when completing the summary sheets.

SOME POINTS FOR CONSIDERATION:

Closing date for entries: At least 5 weeks prior to date of meet. Clubs should include a stamped, self-addressed envelope for acknowledgement of receipt of entries. · No late entries to be accepted.

Summary Sheets: Blue for male, pink for female and yellow for relays with provision for the following information:-

. (1) State, Club Name, Name of Club Official and 'phone number.

(2) Competitors name, age, registration number, event number and nominated time.

(3) Fees for competitor. Total number of entries per sheet and total amount of fees per sheet.

    All sheets to be checked and signed by <u>Two</u> Club officials.

Meets. Compilation of heats was done by computer based on the summary sheets provided. This eliminated the need for the pink and/or blue cards. All entries must be "proof read" to ensure correct keying-in of information prior to the computer print-out of the draft programme. This is essential.

Late Entries. We consider that AUSSI swimmers are adults, and as such should be able to make sure their entries are received on time - i.e. 5 weeks prior to the meet date. Thus no provision should be made for any late entries.

E. Collier
                                        <u>ELAINE COLLIER.</u>

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THE USE OF COMPUTER SYSTEMS

OBJECTIVES:

The computer system for the National and State Swim was proposed to assist in two procedures of the carnival administration:
- (a)   preparation of the program;
- (b)   recording of results.

Improvements were anticipated in two aspects of each of these operations:
- (a)   speed and efficiency of processing;
- (b)   error rates.

Without the control of a parallel manual system, it is impossible to draw definite conclusions, but the following observations are suggested.

EFFORT:

The amount of manpower required in the actual tasks of program preparation and recording of results appeared to be less than would have been required without the computer system.   In this carnival, the total effort was much greater than usual because of the time spent by Academy staff in system development, and by recorders in a manual backup system; both of these can be considerably reduced in the future.

TIME:

In this instance it was not possible to demonstrate savings of elapsed time in the two operations.   This was largely due to the experimental nature of the system, and significant time savings could be expected from the improvements suggested below.

ERROR RATES:

The error rate of the computer did seem to be significantly lower than would be expected in a totally manual operation of this size.   All significant errors in the programme were the result of incorrect or unclear entry submissions; the compilation of the programme was virtually error free.   There was a disappointing number of errors in recording of the results, but this was no greater than normally occurs in a large carnival.   Nearly all errors resulted from inadequate control in the entry of times, and could be virtually eliminated if the suggested improvements are adopted.

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FACILITIES:

It was hoped that the computer system could provide some services not possible with a manual system -- notably progressive individual and club points at frequent intervals.   Because of teething troubles with the system, this was not possible until the Sunday.   There should be no reason why this cannot be accomplished in future meets.

SUGGESTED IMPROVEMENTS:

1. The major lesson learned from this exercise is that there should be a "dry run" of the recording system prior to the event to ensure that all runs are correct and to familiarize the recorders with the system.

2. Routine procedures should be devised for the entry and verification of times.

3. Entry of times should be prompted by heat and lane rather than entered by a computer-generated key.   If a wrong computer number is keyed, it corrupts the time of another competitor in another event and is almost impossible to trace.   As a further safeguard, the lack of a time for a particular swim (e.g. "did not swim", "did not finish", or "disqualified") should require a positive entry.

4. Ideally, the system should interface directly with the electronic timing and scoreboard equipment, but this would involve technical problems beyond the resources of AUSSI, and cannot be recommended at this stage.

5. The system should allocate heats and lanes automatically.   This should not be difficult if entries are sorted in the correct sequence.

6. All entries should be submitted on summary sheets only (i.e. the pink and blue cards should be abandoned).   Summary sheets must include nominated times.

CONCLUSIONS:

The greatest advantage of a computer system is that once the system is developed, considerably less work is required in subsequent applications. Now that the basis of a sound system has been established through the generosity of Academy Computer Software, it would be logical to develop that system for use in subsequent state and national swims.

BERT COLLIER.

MARSHALS REPORT

The marshalling at the National Swim was undertaken by the officials of the Queensland Amateur Swimming Association (Q.A.S.A.) on behalf of the Queensland Branch.

The system was discussed and refined during meetings with the Q.A.S.A., and is basically that used during the Commonwealth Games and major swim meets.   Certain amendments were made as most AUSSI swims rely on timed placings within the various age groupings.

The printed programme is the medium by which the system succeeds (or fails), as it is used by the initial marshalling prior to each race, by the race timekeepers and also the recorders.

No problems were experienced with the electronic finishing pads, despite misgivings from certain quarters prior to the meet.   We consider that the adequate instructions within the programme, coupled with regular reminders from the announcers, made the procedure abundantly clear to all swimmers.

The timekeepers were used to provide a back-up system for the electronic timing.   Mostly this was adequately provided, but several timekeepers turned up without stop-watches, or failed to show for their rostered change-over.   We recommend that each Club(s) on each lane provide a roster sheet detailing their timekeepers at the start of each days events.

In order to facilitate speedy and efficient running of the programme, spectators must be confined to separate areas and away from the pool-deck officials.   This was enforced during the meet, with only those swimmers with a definite physical disability being allowed to occupy seats on the pool-deck area.

No meet can be a success without full and proper announcements, of both heats and swimmers required for marshalling as well as races and results.   We were fortunate in having the services of two top-rate announcers, John Knox (a professional) and Tom Dixon, to add "spice" to the announcements, Clubs should provide details on any celebrity or outstanding swimmers to the Marshalls at the start of the meeting.

FRED KNUDSEN.

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EVENT	HEATS	TIMED	
		START	FINISH
DAY 1 - Friday 15 April.			
1. 400 Freestyle	27	8.45	11.15
		12.00	12.45
		1.15	2.00
2. 100 Backstroke	22	2.00	3.20
3. 50 Breastroke	30	3.20	4.40
4. 100 Butterfly	9	4.40	5.15
5. 200 Med. Relay (M)	4	5.15	5.45
6. 200 Med. Relay (F)	3	5.45	6.05
DAY 2 - Saturday 16 April.			
7. 200 Backstroke	14	8.35	9.50
8. 50 Butterfly	16	9.50	10.40
9. 200 Breastroke	14	10.40	11.50
10. 100 Freestyle	35	11.50	12.45
11. 200 Indiv. Medley	16	2.40	4.00
12. 200 Free. Relay (M)	4	4.00	4.20
13. 200 Free. Relay (F)	4	4.20	4.45
14. 200 Mixed Med. Relay	5	4.45	5.15
DAY 3 - Sunday 17 April.			
15. 50 Freestyle	40	8.35	9.50
16. 100 Breastroke	24	9.50	11.20
17. 50 Backstroke	31	11.20	12.25
18. 200 Butterfly	5	12.25	12.50
19. 200 Mixed Free. Relay	5	12.50	1.20

Notes

. All heats involved use of 10 lanes of pool.
. No breaks for morning/afternoon teas.

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TREASURER'S REPORT.

The financial side of the National Swim went exceptionally well,
with no problems encountered with the running of the Queensland
State Titles in conjunction with the Nationals.

Things ran fairly smoothly, with almost all entries being accompanied
by Club cheques and well itemised into separate costs associated with
the swim entries and the dinner function.   A few hiccups were still
experienced with late entries accompanied by personal cheques.

As usual, most of the profit was due to the hard work put in by the
Executive and the Club committees, coupled with a zealous approach
to advertising within the programme.

In addition, the Queensland Government gave a generous subsidy
towards the cost of holding a National Swim, the selling of souvenirs
was handled by the Host State on behalf of the National Executive.
As such, no attempt has been made to incorporate any profit from
this item within this Report.

.E. Palmer...............   JOHN & ESME PALMER.

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INCOME

Entry Fees	10,236.92	
Presentation Dinner	8,240.00	
Qld Government Subsidy	1,500.00	
Advertising in Programme	2,050.00	
Pool Entry and Programme Sales	258.90	
TOTAL		$22,285.82

EXPENDITURE

Presentation Dinner - Crest Hotel	12,016.23	
Printing Official Programmes	2,902.66	
Stationary and Postage	316.23	
Pool Hire	2,018.00	
Medals, Patches and Ribbons	960.00	
Photographer	300.00	
St. John's Ambulance Brigade	200.00	
Lunches - Officials, etc.	323.23	
Telephone	86.90	
Sundry Expenses	283.10	
Entry Refunds	138.00	
TOTAL		$19,544.35

NETT PROFIT $ 2,741.47

Profit Distribution

. National Body	$1,370.74.
. Qld Branch	$1,370.73.