

President Report - Oct 28, 2024

We have made it through our first registration period using the new RAMP system, it was a time intensive learning curve and I would like to thank Carol, Julie and Krystal for their valuable time spent in training and time spent setting things up and getting the club up and running.

We have found a replacement for our secretary, Kelly Bjornsen has joined in and will be assisting with club communication. We are very grateful to have the wonderful Becky Baldwin around to help with the meeting minutes and agendas while Kelly learns the ropes.

Erin Bailey has informed me that she no longer has the ability to commit to being a director on the board, I would like to thank Erin for her contributions to the club this year and in years past. Erin has expressed an interest in assisting with the bottle drive coordination and being in a secondary role to the new fundraising coordinator. Which I *think* has been passed over to Jenny Robinson who has been doing some amazing work with a new fundraising opportunity, I will have Jenny jump in to share details about it in the meeting ahead. Thank you Jenny for all your hard work so far on this project.

The club email address received an invite to an event this Friday at the pool to honour Nick Bennett the Paralympian gold medallist that used to swim in the lanes next to our club in years past. I am honoured and excited to attend, I am happy to bring a plus one if anyone would like to join me.

Also, a couple of recent local grants were brought to the clubs attention, I think that we could benefit from them. They are small, but we might as well apply for them. They focus on honouring a volunteer from the club, in which case I suggest we nominate and honour Carol MacFayden for her years of contributions to the club. There would be no club without Carol, thank you Carol. One is the Beach's 'Espresso Your Gratitude' sponsored by Melanie Peake, the other is via the Town of Qb called the Above and Beyond Award. I suggest we nominate Carol for both.

The SITI event turnout was less than I had hoped or anticipated with over 20 sign ups via the website and around 10 kids turned out. We had challenges with a mess in the pool which disrupted the plans, but we made the most of it. A parent, Kelly, suggested the idea for 'Bring a Friend' night. We could potentially try a night like this before Christmas and offer new enrollment in January for any friends that may want to join. Just an idea, something to talk about.

Next things to discuss are clothing (Uniforms) and club wear and getting that organised.
Ensuring the club compliance is in check (did this last year around this time)

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