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To:
All Clubs
Members
BMB

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Attachment: Thoughts on the need to become a board member.

Recent emails have drawn attention to some of the content of this circular, however, this is a formal reminder.

Registrations

- Could club registrars please regularly check under Active and Unfinancial in their club data and de-activate the members listed with a green tick. For a member to register a green tick, s/he has to be active and financial.
- It is important that you contact past members to encourage them to re-register and those training with you, who may not be current members, need to know that our insurance doesn't cover them.

NB: - Swim Meet Fee and Results

- In 2012 the BMB decided to re-introduce the \$1 per competitor fee to help with the cost towards the MSX awards.
- Clubs need to send the amount within 7 days after the swim meet. You may send a cheque or pay online, via Direct Debit.
- The RE1 file will be sent to clubs 2 weeks before the swim meet and the updated records 1 week before the event. If a club needs an RE1 file closer to swim meet date, please contact Dinah (email below).
- Meet Manager backup files must be sent within 7 days. The meet recorder must send a pdf document of the results as well.
The officials must ensure that all the records, infractions, DQs have been accepted at the end of the 30 minute period before the final result of each event is posted.
- Meet Referees must 'sign off' on all records before the conclusion of the day's event.
Send the backup file and pdf document to: dinah.glykidis@swimming.org.au and copy helga.ward@swimming.org.au



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Health Care Card Holders

- Could clubs please send me the list of HCC Holders for 2013 by the end of February and then after that on a needs basis.

State Championships Merchandise and shirts

At this stage, there was not enough interest in the purchase of merchandise or shirts for the State Championships. The timing has also not been good, considering the recent natural disasters. However, we may still consider these items in future as we also believe that we need more time to gauge the exact interest of our members. We are open to suggestions. Members should let me know at the state championships.

Sponsorship for the State Short Course Championships

After the success of the 'Friends of Swimming' sponsorship at the Pan Pacific Masters Games in November 2012, we would like to once more appeal to clubs to sponsor an event or more.

The cost of each event's sponsorship is:

\$50 for 25 and 50m events

\$100 for 100 and 200 ,400m and Relay events.

A form will be sent to clubs requesting sponsorship support. We would love members to encourage their place of work to sponsor an event or two.

Some clubs were very generous during our PPMG and hopefully more clubs will take their lead.

A flyer will be sent shortly explaining how it works.

Branch Management Board Positions

I've attached a 'report' regarding the BMB positions and concerns. Please make sure you read it and pass it on to your members.

Generally clubs are extremely supportive of the work done by the board and the members of the board appreciate that. That can often be attributed to the work done by the VPs, who are playing an increasingly positive role in engaging with their clubs. However, from time to time clubs may express their concerns about MSQ matters or decisions made.

Many clubs have either never had a representative on the Board of Management or it may have happened years ago - a fact lost on current members.

By putting your hand up to be on the Board, you play an important role in the decision-making processes. Our organisation needs to evolve and it needs to embrace changes that suit our times.

Please include discussions about your club's role in MSQ at your meetings.

Some clubs have had tremendous representation on the board and rightfully they feel that other clubs need to play their part in the organisation. We appeal to all members, but in particular some of the larger clubs to become more active in matters beyond their clubs.

MSQ without proper representation on the board will cease to exist unless clubs recognise the importance of the state organisation.

Technical Officials

This is another appeal to clubs to encourage club members to become technical officials. A number of officials will be retiring from their positions, but currently there aren't any new officials to take their place.

Please include this discussion at your club meetings.



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If we have a large pool of officials to draw from, we would be able to ensure that the current officials need not attend all swim meets in their region. Alternatively, it would also allow our officials to continue to compete and officiate at a meet, something they are not always able to do.

The reality is that if we are not able to find enough officials for particularly our larger meets (State Championships and Pan Pacific Masters Games), then we will have to cancel some of our swim meets.

A technical course is free and it takes a number of years to reach the position of referee. The time it takes will depend on how often you attend a swim meet to meet the requirements of the different positions/roles.