



Marion Marlins Masters Swimming Club Inc.

**MARION MARLINS MASTERS SWIMMING CLUB
2025 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING MINUTES
21 March 2026 at Marion Outdoor Pool Centre**

Attended by: Marc Loader (President, chair), Dean Guse (Vice President), Ace Lewis (Treasurer), George Crowder (Secretary, minutes), Neil Anderson, Robyn Brown, Maggie Evans, Garth Hayter, Maryanne Heffernan, Jane Horgan, Lindsay Martin, Claire McCaffrey, Mike Perkins, Charlie Roberts, Gavin Rowell, Judy Vowles, Ben Warr, Ian Young.

Apologies: Sharyn Roach Anleu, Rob and Bernadette Buchanan, Aimee Carter, Tony Fowler, Ruth Henty, Jan Langan, Sarah Langsford, Brenda Mangelsdorf, Roger Pearce, Mark Trenwith, Max and Carol Yates.

ITEMS OF BUSINESS

1. Welcome

The President (Chair) welcomed attendees and observed that a quorum was present. He thanked the Marion Outdoor Pool Centre for providing the meeting room.

Marc noted three highlights in the club's performance for 2025:

- (1) the club's victory in the Relay meet (thanks to Gavin Rowell and Sarah Osman for their recruitment and organisational work);
- (2) the securing of the OWS Aggregate Trophy, awarded at the Annual Branch Dinner (thanks to Ben Warr);
- (3) the successful Annual Dinner at the Brighton SLSC (thanks to Sarah Langsford).

2. Minutes of the 2024 AGM

The 2024 AGM Minutes were accepted as an accurate record of that meeting.

Moved: Garth Hayter Seconded: Gavin Rowell

3. President's report (Marc Loader)

The President's report was provided to attendees. Highlights included:

- Strong overall performance by the Club, including the three highlights noted earlier
- Good membership numbers: 105 at present (105 this time last year), 7 new members so far in 2026
- Negotiation of favourable pool entry and lane hire fees at the Marion Outdoor Pool and Scotch College that allowed us to keep training ticket prices unchanged in 2025
- Hosting of a successful SA State Masters Open Water Swimming Championships in 2025 at Somerton SLSC (and the Somerton 2K Classic in 2026), raising significant funds for the club.

- Some outstanding competition results achieved by individuals in pool and open water swim competitions, with some success as a club, particularly in open water events.
- The hosting of some well-attended social functions, including a number of Pub Nights.

4. Treasurer's Report (Ace Lewis)

Ace presented the Treasurer's report for 2025, together with statements of profit and loss for 2024 and 2025, a balance sheet for 2025, a statement of assets, and the 2025 auditor's report. Highlights included:

- For the calendar year 2025 the club recorded a net loss of \$57.34 (compared with \$4,113.76 surplus for 2024). Reported Income slightly down, and expenses slightly up, resulting in effectively breakeven.
- Notes on Income compared to prior year: swim tickets sales were similar; \$3000 grant received for coaching support; OWS income was higher in 2024 due to timing of entries and sales – income from 2026 OWS is not represented in 2025 accounts.
- Notes on Expenses compared to prior year: coaching and lane hire fees were again the highest costs at rates similar to prior year; OWS expenses appeared similar, but total costs were a lot higher for the 2025 swim; social functions and member benefits were similar; more was invested in coaching via courses, equipment and materials.
- Balance of Accounts (audited) as of 31 December 2025 was \$46,359.61 (compare 2024 \$46,416.95)
- Term Deposit: \$30,000: invested at 3.70%pa, to mature at 11/04/2026
- Fund-Raising: Raised a total of \$2,896.81 (2024 \$3,972.49): SA State Championships OWS Jan 2025: \$2,896.81 (Jan 2024 \$3,972.49); no Bunnings or Marion Outdoor Pool BBQs.
- Grants: \$3000 was received under the Active Club Grant program

5. Standing down of outgoing Committee members

The outgoing Committee stood down. Notes: Ian Young (General Member), and Sarah Langsford (Social) are leaving the Committee at this AGM. Marc thanked them for their service and noted Ian's 17-year service on the Committee.

6. Election of officers

The following members were nominated and elected unanimously by show of hands as members of the Executive Committee and office bearers:

President: Marc Loader
 Vice-President: Dean Guse
 Treasurer: Ace Lewis
 Secretary: George Crowder
 Registrar: Garth Hayter
 Safety Officer: Tony Fowler
 Co-Club Captain: Gavin Rowell
 Coaching Co-ordinator: Mark Trenwith
 OWS Co-ordinator: Ben Warr

General committee members: Vicki Day, Maggie Evans, Lindsay Martin, Charlie Roberts

Notes: Vicki Day returns to the Committee after a year away. There are vacancies for Co-Club Captain and Social Co-ordinator, but prospects of filling these through appointment by the Committee.

7. Nomination of Life Members

There were no nominations for life membership.

8. General Business Arising

Garth noted the club's responsiveness, in particular by organizing the Somerton Classic OWS in the face of the algal bloom crisis. The system of payment on the day was a success and could be used in future. Also, the coaching has been excellent.

Gavin issued his annual reminder of the upcoming Relay Meet. Also, the LC State Cup is coming up.

Ian noted the success of the Annual Dinner at Brighton SLSC and suggested rebooking there.

Marc reported that there may be renovations of MOP that will prevent its reopening until December 2026. If that happens, we will extend the Winter training program (Scotch and SAALC).

The meeting closed at 10.44 am.