

Shown below is recent advice forwarded to our association record steward; Toni English

Hi Toni,

I confirm that the position of Record Steward is not a management position.

I have found that this had always been the situation previously [before my presidency] but the first committee that took office after Dave Greaves retired had not realized this. In fact, it was only during discussion with Margaret Pugh of Swimming Australia [towards the end of the 08-09 swimming season] that I became aware of the situation and the need to address it.

Today, in response to your email, I have re-affirmed with Margaret that 'record steward' is not a management committee position.

As has happened previously, Record Steward reports are sent to the CQ office as an email attachment and are tabled at the meeting following their receipt.

I apologize for any confusion or inconvenience you may have been caused.

Regards,  
David

Footnote.

Since my advice to Toni, I am now also aware that Lynette Dahl who filled the position of record steward after John Meldrum and immediately before Rhonda's appointment did not have voting rights on the management committee.

It appears that during my presidency, the committee has erred by giving Rhonda voting rights which were never attached to the position of Record Steward.

As explained above, it was late in the 08-09 swimming season that I became aware of the situation and the need to address it. However, before I had advised Rhonda of the error, our association minute secretary resigned and Rhonda was called upon to fill this vacancy in the short term until the position could be filled at the AGM.

As a consequence of Rhonda accepting the role of interim secretary, there was no need to address the matter further since she [as acting secretary] now had a committee vote. Consequently, I had put it from my mind.

Our constitution provides for such situations [where management may err while believing it is acting correctly]. However, it is my understanding that once management is alerted to an error, the committee is obligated to correct the situation in moving forward with association business.

David Milburn