

Annual General Meeting
Paddle NSW Inc
Ken Brown Rooms, Sports House
10.00am, August 30 2009
Minutes

Meeting opened at 10.10 with Tony Hystek the Chair who welcomed everyone to the meeting.

Present: Tony Hystek LCRK, Roger Deane LCRK, Joan OAM & Bruce Morison OAM, Lawrie Kenyon MWKC, Gaye Hatfield MWKC, Lynn Parker RCC, Peter Sigal CSKC, Trevor Williamson, Helen Brownlee Life Member, Alana Ewin, Tim Hookins LKRK, Roger Aspinall LCRK, Julie Stanton, Elizabeth Van Reece JP, Colin Jones, Robbie Stewart AC, Tony Carr LCRK, Trish Wilson SCC, Mike Eggleton MWKC, Lyle Meade, Russell Luton BGCC, Carolyn Williams, BACC, Rod Berry SSCC, Bill Graham SSCC, Gaye Foster RCC/MWKC, Jeff Cottrell WW, Steve Russell LCRK, Chris Thompson PVC, Roger Deane LCRK, Elizabeth Wilson CSKC.

Apologies: Monica Boerma SSCC, John Forsyte, Simon Mann, David Barlow RCC, Colin Burrows PVKC, Andy Halliday, Bruce Pain, Graham Halford Life Member, Dianne Chellew, Phil Chellew, Carolyn Raynor, Lee Killingworth, Nick Naughton CCCC, Nigel Renfrew CCCC, Christine and Bob Berridge BCKC

Agenda:

1. To receive the minutes of the last Special General Meeting
2. To receive the reports from Management & Paddle sport Committee
3. To receive the Statement of Accounts
4. To elect the 4 Office Bearers & 3 Ordinary Members to the Committee
5. To receive Nominations/Expressions of Interest for the Technical Committee of Sprint, Marathon, Slalom/Wildwater, Ocean Racing, Canoe Polo and Recreational
6. Other business

1. The Minutes of June 15 2008 and 2008/9 **Annual Report** had been circulated to members on the 27th August 2009 and at the meeting.

*Helen Brownlee moved and seconded by Bill Graham that the minutes be accepted as stated. Passed.

2. The President's Report;

Tony Hystek referred back to the goals set 12 months earlier. Although lofty, they have been reached to a great extent. He thanked each of the Committee for the work done in specific areas: Tim Hookins and Ocean paddling; Lynn Parker and recreational paddling; Simon Mann who unfortunately could not be here, for the financial statement and accounts; Tom Balaam for marathon; Chris Thompson for Slalom and especially into the future where much work is needed.

Special thanks to Dianne and Phil Chellew for their enthusiasm and drive to get the new organisation going. And thank you to Lawrie Kenyon for providing his wealth of experience across the board and especially in sprint, and Roger Aspinall for his work

producing the membership cards and with barcodes to stream line entries to events. Thank you to all the Clubs who have supported PaddleNSW from the beginning.

Membership numbers have already nearly reached last years figures. And we see that Ocean Racing will be the fastest growing sport in the future.

Reviewing the targets from last year:

- Be united with Australian Canoeing which was seen as essential for the National approach to canoeing. That has been achieved on an interim basis whilst finer points are sorted.
- That sporting Committees are functional and that has been achieved.
- An electronic membership system has been so successful that most of the clubs and events are also using the system and freeing up much valuable time.
- The Guidelines for running events are a governance style of document and used by the Clubs reviewed constantly for improvement to safety while still having a “good time”.
- Category 1 members – the Clubs are strong and special emphasis will be placed on increasing the benefits to the Category 4 members, Commercial and other organisations.
- With regard to using the Media and Publicity, we have not done so well. Better strategies need to be developed to raise the profile of the Organization, specifically using stories like Le Viek and his extraordinary feat of circumnavigating Australia.
- Seeking Grants and Programs need also to be improved during this year.

The Financial Statement shows a sound financial footing, although affiliations with AC will cost in the order of \$38 per head. PaddleNSW will continue to argue for a per head capitation. The balance includes a \$20, 000 grant from DSR which is most welcome but a small amount compared to other States like Qld, who wonder how they will get by on a grant of \$100,000. PaddleNSW would like to also employ an executive officer/webmaster for 2 – 3 days per week which will also use considerable funds.

The website structure is working well, with information always current. The AC website system has a tendency to keep out of date information. We have not developed a forum, as they are available on different sites. The classifieds have not been a great success considering the time needed for managing the advertisements. This service may be curtailed.

The future objective is to seek to engage the 150,000 people involved in canoeing but who are not involved with AC or the State organisation. We need to redirect some of resources away from the elite paddlers and focus on new paddlers. Our response is to introduce a new scheme called “Start Paddling”. It has been submitted to AC and the Education Committee for endorsement and project development. It focuses on providing information by DVD and very basic skill of one hour’s tuition to select and use a boat safely. It is to be used at the retailer or club end and by licensing to each purchaser, funds for the package will be reimbursed to AC and payment for tuition will be retained by those delivering the course. (See separate document for detail)

The attendees of the meeting wholeheartedly supported the concept. Liz Wilson urged that cost of the DVD is kept to a minimum so it is accessible to more people. Another member was concerned that there are paddlers out there paddling without insurance.

The PaddleSport Committees reported:

Marathon: Roger Aspinall referred to the written report on page 12 explaining the finer points of the report. The major highlights are that Marathon has the greatest income generating stream outside of membership and that the challenge will be to maintain the level of interest as Ocean Racing grows. The racing system and divisional racing has proven most successful and it is very satisfactory to see the race times overall getting better.

Recreational: Tony Carr outlined the very successful recreational paddles, with plans for increasing numbers next year.

Ocean Paddling: Tim Hookins conferred to Robbie Stewart and welcomed him as also representing AC and that they would from now on refer to Ocean Racing as Open water racing, as it is a term that would encompass waters in lakes and estuaries which can behave like ocean waters. Tim is focusing on supporting the paddler at the grass roots level and to help in areas not in conflict with the established racing series. They will focus on pathways for juniors and females at all levels. They have identified different levels based on water conditions and the safety and insurance to match. Maintaining a ladder for the PaddleNSW contestants entices others to belong. More than half of the contestants are PaddleNSW members.

Tony thanked Joanne Mansell for preparing the Annual Report

3. Financial Statement: Chris Thompson explained the financial statement to the AGM and commended the statement be accepted. Moved by Joan Morison and seconded by Tony Carr and passed.

*The Committee stepped down. And Bruce Morison resided as the Returning Officer.

4. Election of Management Committee: Bruce thanked the current Committee for the work achieved. He reviewed the nomination for the President. As there was only one for President and each other position of the management committee they were duly elected as follows.

President—Tony Hystek
Vice President/Public Officer — Tim Hookins
Secretary — Lynn Parker
Treasurer - Tom Balaam (elected by the committee)
Ordinary Members — Chris Thompson
Ordinary Member — Bill Graham
Ordinary Member — Elizabeth Wilson

5. PaddleSport Committees

The following nominees have been received;

Slalom – Colin Borrows, Bruce Pain, Peter Croft, John Forsythe

Recreation – Tony Carr, Trish Hamilton

Canoe Polo – Trevor Williamson

Marathon – Roger Aspinall

Sprint –

Wildwater –

6. Other Business: Robbie Stewart as a Director of AC stated how pleased it was to have NSW back with Australian Canoeing. Joan and Bruce Morison agreed.

Tony Carr reiterated how important it is to strengthen relations with all clubs.

Meeting Closed 12.00

Strategic Forum
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Introduction: Willow Warriors

Tony outlined the work carried out by the Willow Warriors and the benefit to conservation and access to waterways. He recommended that interested persons participate in assisting in the health of our waterways by joining with WWs. He thanked Jeff Cottrell and welcomed his organisation as a member club, and participants as 'special conditions' Category 6 members.

1. Constitutional Changes:

The Department of Fair Trading is implementing changes to the Model Rules, which from now on will be called the Constitution. The changes are designed to modernise the law applying to not-for-profit associations, reduce red tape, bring about greater accountability for organisations with revenue over \$200, 000 – where all books will need to be audited, greater flexibility for meetings and passing resolutions and introducing a more business like approach to management.

Details will be found on the website

http://www.fairtrading.nsw.gov.au/Cooperatives_and_associations/Associations/Associations_legislation/Changes_to_associations_legislation.html

Any changes to current constitutions will force adoption of the new constitutional framework in full, so clubs should consider the new constitution well before the change is forced upon them. The changes are designed to be easy for clubs to implement.

At the next AGM, PaddleNSW will put forward its revised Constitution. The call for approval may be in the form of a compulsory question on the membership form. A committee will be formed to draft the new document. The PaddleNSW website will soon have additional information on a new menu replacing the classified advertisements menu.

2. Insurance: The idea for boat insurance has been advertised on the website. Tony advised that the viability target had not been met. The concept was discussed and it was determined that the concept may not have been well enough explained on the website. Tony Carr agreed to rewrite the concept. Agreed that PaddleNSW should check with the insurance policy that AC uses when taking boats overseas and also analyse statistics, to determine just how many members have suffered lost/damaged boats where insurance could have been financially useful.

3. Start Paddling Initiative was discussed further. Whether a paddler should be able to swim was debated. Tony Carr explained that Maritime in their accreditation of training providers requires that the onus is transferred to the paddler who must state formally that they CANNOT swim. Then the leader/IC decides whether they will allow the participant to get on the water or not.

4. Open Water Paddling

Harbour Racing Inc is being formed to incorporate all the small groups of paddlers who conduct events on the harbour/s around Sydney. As an affiliated club member of PaddleNSW they will be guided to conduct events using the PaddleNSW event guidelines.

It is advised that the PaddleNSW Paddle Sport Committees are the coordinators of the Clubs events which are run on behalf of PaddleNSW. The Clubs must take responsibility for the conduct of their events. PaddleNSW committees could be responsible for running events in closed waters.

5. Electronic Registration: Users of the system commended the time saving efficiencies of the system. The finer features were demonstrated, especially useful is the offline availability for adding registrations which have been received by slow mail.

A request that questions to denote the club of a paddler will ensure clubs are awarded points in applicable events.

Meeting closed at 3.00 pm

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