

**Special General Meeting  
Paddle NSW Inc  
Ken Brown Rooms, Sports House  
June 15, 2008  
Minutes**

Meeting opened at 10.10 with Dianne Chellew at the Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting.

**Present:** Dianne and Phil Chellew, Tony Hystek, Roger Deane, Karen Kenyon, Joan & Bruce Morison, Nick Naughton, Lawrie & Karen Kenyon, Ian Hancock, Gaye Hatfield, Paul Bourne, Lynn Parker, Peter Tuziak, Bill Graham, Henry Van Heerden, Todd Stafford, Mick Carroll, Bob Montgomery, Monica Porteous, Basil Slaughter, Trevor Williamson, Helen Brownlee, Richard Boulton, Alanna Ewin, Tim Hookins

**Apologies:** Peter Sigal, Peter Clark, Any Halliday, Andrew Bovis, Elizabeth & Murray VanReece, Justin Pain, Rod Berrey, Jeff Horsewel, Roger Aspinall

**Agenda:**

1. Welcome and Vision for PaddleNSW: President Dianne Chellew
2. PaddleNSW Objectives: Dianne Chellew
3. Interim Committee Activities: Tim Hookins & Tony Hystek
4. Election of PaddleNSW Committee:
  - President
  - Vice President
  - Secretary
  - Treasurer
  - Three Ordinary Members
  - Public Officer nominated
5. PaddleNSW Immediate and Future Activities
6. Other Business

**1/2.** Dianne introduced and thanked the management committee which was formed at the meeting of the 16 March 2008 from a group of likeminded people who were left at the meeting that voted to dissolve NSWCI. These people with a huge amount of work behind the scenes have carried the new organization to this position that is outlined today. They are, Tim Hookins — Public Officer, Tony Hystek — Vice President, Lawrie Kenyon — Treasurer, Lynn Parker — Secretary and Dianne Chellew as President.

Dianne went on to outline how PaddleNSW has negotiated a DSR full grant for the development of the sport based on its business plan for the future and the Objects which clearly state the intention to reunite with Australian Canoeing. AC has also agreed to acknowledge PaddleNSW as the governing body of the sport in NSW and develop pathways for athletes to national competitions. A website has been set up that allows online member registration, insurance for events and a place where every paddler will want to come for information. The Model rules that have been adopted and will be developed further to a full constitution for the next AGM. Dianne outlined each of the Objects (attached) and reiterated that they will drive actions and not be just a bunch of words.

**3.** Tim outlined the potential of such an organization which is committed to foster inclusiveness, excellent communication channels, progressive processes that allows more time for volunteers to spend on the development of the organization rather than manual administrative processes. The aim is to vastly increase membership through progressive events for all abilities run by the paddle sports/discipline and club committees.

Tony reiterated that each paddler whether a fisherman or a K1 paddler will be treated as individuals and assistance provided to them to go to where they want to go. The administration of the organization will be guided into the 21st century; it will be modernized and simplified with today's business practices, leaving more time for human resources to be put to better use. He welcomed Max Adventure and hoped that PaddleNSW will be able to forge joint events with them and other businesses as well as organizations such as scouts and sea scouts. Athletes who strive for representation will not be forgotten, and pathways to Australian Canoeing and international races will be an ongoing objective.

**4. Election of Management Committee:** the current management committee stepped down and

Bruce Morison took the chair.

Bruce thanked the committee and especially Lawrie who has declined to stand as the Treasurer in the forthcoming committee.

Bruce outlined the nominations received. They were

President— Dianne Chellew

Vice President — Tony Hystek

Secretary — Lynn Parker

Public Officer — Tim Hookins

Ordinary Member — Laurie Kenyon

Ordinary Member — Ian Hancock

Ordinary Members — Phillip Chellew

As there was only one nomination for President, Vice President, Secretary, Public Officer received they were duly elected.

The position of Treasurer was declared vacant and nominations from the floor were called. Lynn Parker nominated Ian Hancock, seconded by Alanna Ewin and motion carried.

The two remaining Ordinary Member positions were duly elected from the nominations Laurie Kenyon and Phillip Chellew.

**5/6 Other Business:** Dianne resumed the Chair and thanked the NSWCI Board and volunteers, including Gaye Hatfield for the hard work undertaken over this difficult time of winding up NSWCI.

Dianne moved and seconded by Tim Hookins that all life members of NSWCI be invited to become life members of PaddleNSW. Motion carried unanimously.

Helen Brownlee accepted and congratulated PaddleNSW for the work and vision for the future. Bruce Morison accepted on behalf of Joan and him, urging every success for the future of the organisation.

Dianne reminded people of the up and coming Marathon race at Foster, urging everyone's support to make it the most successful first event in the new era. Gareth suggested that all events, take the opportunity to showcase other disciplines (paddlesports).

The meeting closed at 12.00 noon.

#### Attachment 1

*PaddleNSW aims to be the peak body for the administration of the sport of canoeing in New South Wales and the Australian Capital Territory. The objects for which the Association is established and maintained are to:*

- *Liaise with the peak national governing body, Australian Canoeing, and any other strategically aligned bodies in the pursuit of these objectives.*
- *Communicate and co-operate with Australian Canoeing to establish an affiliation structure to allow paddleNSW and its members to become and remain the principal New South Wales and Australian Capital Territory affiliated members of Australian Canoeing*
- *promote recreational and competitive canoeing and paddling related sports as a leading participation activity.*
- *conduct and assist in the organisation of safe paddling events to encourage participation at all levels*
- *explore commercial arrangements, sponsorship and marketing opportunities as deemed appropriate to further the membership of NSW.*
- *pursue high standards of safety, education and training in all aspects of the sport.*
- *formulate and maintain the rules of competitive paddling events for the conduct of competition and State championships and in supporting the selection of paddlers in training squads and representative teams.*
- *support the conservation of our waterways, bushland, native flora and fauna, and ensure that environmental considerations are taken into account in all paddling related activities conducted by PaddleNSW*
- *arrange insurance for the benefit of paddleNSW and all its members*
- *provide opportunities for people with disabilities to participate in paddling activities*