



## ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

25 September 2011

<b>TIME/DATE:</b>	10am on 25 September 2011
<b>VENUE:</b>	Pacific Room, Sports House, 6A Figtree Drive, Homebush
<b>ATTENDEES:</b>	Alanna Ewin, Andrew Mathers, Bob Turner (SSCC), Bruce Morison (SSCC), David Lunn (PVCC), Deborah Cunneen (RCC), Elizabeth Wilson (PVCC), Gaye Foster (WKC), Huw Morgan (StGKC), Jason Cooper (SSCC), Joan Morison (SSCC), John Maddox (RCC), Keith Albury (HVCC), Kevin Long (POPC), Lynn Parker (RCC), Marie Carr (LCRK), Nicola Frowen (PDBOCC), Paul Hartlipp (BGCC), Peter Sigal (CSKC), Richard Andrews (Canoe Polo Technical Committee), Rowland Jones (SSCC), Tim Hookins (LCRK), Tom Balaam (Marathon Technical Committee), Tony Hystek (LCRK), Trish Hamilton (Recreational Technical Committee), Neil Crabb (WCC), Chris Thompson (PVCC), Brett Greenwood (MWKC), Stephen Newsome (LCRK), Kevin Nettle (CSKC), Tracy Hudson (RCC), Laurie Ward
<b>APOLOGIES:</b>	Nigel Colless (LCRK), Linda Bostelaar, Sharyn Cahill (ICC), Gaye Hatfield (MWKC), Elizabeth van Reece (JP), Helen Brownlee, Tony Carr and David Barlow (RCC).

### BUSINESS FROM THE MINUTES

#### The meeting opened at 10.10am

The **previous Minutes from 12 August 2010** was circulated and ACCEPTED, MOVED by Gaye Foster and SECONDED by Alanna Ewin.

**President's Report.** As printed. Tony reiterated that he was proud to be associated with this new organisation and thanked the current committee for their hard work and dedication. Even though the organisation continues to grow the major goal for this next year will be to engage more of the 97% of paddlers who are currently not members. The 'Start Paddling' Video, with its focus on safety and with PaddleNSW branding, could be the link that is needed to involve these paddlers with the organisation.

Many new Clubs have joined, particularly those interested in ocean racing.

Thanks to David Lunn for his hard work delivering the financial report. Unfortunately, he will not be running for a Board position this coming year.

Thanks to Lynn Parker for her work in education in setting up the reward system for refunding course costs to the volunteers who are willing to train others in their Clubs.

Marathon, Open water and the Recreation Committees have been very busy with managing the conduct of high standard events. Sprint is lagging, possibly the result of the National Identified Talent Programs that are funded by the Sports Commission. It identifies very young kids and puts them in squads outside of the Club system, potentially diminishing the Clubs of their young talented paddlers. We acknowledge the really great work of the coaches in this area. \$6,000 has been given to PaddleNSW to share across the 3 squads – but that amount cannot purchase boats for the group, something that Clubs could achieve if involved.

The future of PaddleNSW is based on it growing as a business. The Executive started by conducting events like the Foster Marathon, but needs to step back and provide more strategic direction and development to increase participation during this next year.

The AC Paddling Australia scheme allows outside groups to attain a licence to conduct a paddling event, e.g., "Stride for Stroke" and "Tuross Paddling Challenge" events run by organisations like Rotary. PaddleNSW is required to conduct a review of the risk and event management plans of their events.



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The process increases revenue and participation in the sport. Conducting events like these opens up the possible need for further assets, like safety boats, and where sponsorships can follow. The Boating Industry is now working with PaddleNSW on many Maritime projects.

After the introduction of the new Constitution, a Board that nominates a Chairperson has replaced the old Management Committee structure. There are 7 nominations for 7 positions.

Lynn Parker summarised the Education Report, and although very happy with the increase in qualified paddlers was concerned that some Clubs had not taken advantage of the opportunity to train-up guides, coaches or instructors, speculating that their affiliations with other organisations could be the reason. A reminder was given that it is time to start planning for next years Conference.

Chris Thompson reported on the good year for Slalom. Numbers increased in the Penrith areas, training up Whitewater instructors. In the country the major pockets are Great Lakes Canoe Club, Bonalbo, and Grafton. Rosalyn Lawrence was named International Paddler for her great results in World Cups, and Jess Fox's results have been outstanding.

Trish Hamilton summarised the Recreational Report and declared the good work of the expanded committee to produce two paddles per month. Joan Morison suggested that it could be time to offer an International Paddle Festival in Australia. This was accepted as a great idea.

Tim Hookins reported that Open Water is rapidly expanding and the success of a new Harbour Racing Winter Series added to the calendar. A Coaching Course for Open water has drawn the best paddlers in that area to work together on developing the syllabus for a national accreditation system. We call for more people to join the Technical Committee. The State Championships were held at Port Macquarie with the NSW Open Water Series conducted at Port Macquarie, Wyong, Ulladulla and other areas.

Tim also described how the Assets and Sponsorship Committee has been established with Peter Debnam, Steve Newsome and Lauren Brown working on the business needs of the organisation. It is possible that assets like rescue boats and timing equipment could service all of the sports.

Andrew Mathers, who has taken on the technological needs of the organisation, explained the current membership and event system, and the new system for Recreational events. It is of concern that many of last years' members have not yet renewed despite incentive promotions. There is a need to introduce a better tracking system, and one that enables details to be carried forward from one year to the next in order to streamline processes.

The new website is almost ready to go live and will be demonstrated in the Forum. It will enable a dynamic system where all members and clubs can have access. This will alleviate some of the work on the office and Board members.

David Lunn presented the Financial Report as printed. He explained that the operating budget can only take into account the membership fees, the sporting grant and not the income from Paddle Sports. Therefore, it is of concern that the affiliation fees to AC be aligned to services provided and not to the proposed formula based multi-faceted areas under consideration.

The Financial Report was ACCEPTED. MOVED by David Lunn and SECONDED by Tracy Hudson.

Tom Balaam thanked the Marathon Committee for their great effort rewarded by accolades from a great number of competitors. The State Championships were run so successfully at the Penrith Regatta Centre that NSW will now host the Nationals next Easter.

Brett Greenwood thanked the Management Committee for its efforts and achievements.

The Committee stepped down. Joan and Bruce Morrison stepped in as the Returning Officers. The Constitution requires that each nomination for an elected Board member be voted in.

Seven nominations were received and tabled as follows:

Tony Hystek, Tim Hookins, Lynn Parker, Chris Thompson, Andrew Mathers, Peter Debnam and Stephen Newsome.



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A short summary of each nomination was presented. Members of the past committee were taken as read and Tim Hookins presented the new nominations.

### STEVE NEWSOME

Steve is a director of a clothing wholesale firm. His business supplies sporting singlets amongst a wide range of other clothing. His firm supplies the paddling singlets to the Ocean series. Steve has demonstrated skills in business management and organisation.

Steve is the Secretary of the Assets and Sponsorship sub-committee mentioned above.

He has been one of the main organisers of the highly successful PaddleNSW Harbour Series and Iceberg Series.

Steve comes from a background of Outrigger Canoe paddling and has long-standing links with the Australian outrigger Canoe Association, a group whose members are identifying ever more closely with PaddleNSW.

Steve also has close links with Surf Lifesaving and is currently involved in organising new paddling events jointly with Surf Lifesaving clubs.

### PETER DEBNAM

Peter was the leader of the parliamentary Liberal party in opposition and has demonstrated skills in administration.

He has knowledge of the workings of political affairs in the NSW government machinery.

Peter also has experience in the management and use of media.

He is the Chairman of the PaddleNSW Assets and Sponsorship sub-committee which has recently been set up to deal with control and development of sponsorship income and with decisions relating to the growing assets of the organisation such as rescue boats, event equipment and timing equipment.

Peter has experience in the effective management of volunteers and grass roots fundraising from his past work in politics.

All nominations were duly elected with a show of hands and acclamation.

Tony described that the Constitution requires a turn-over of Board members.

Tony thanked Joan and Bruce for their role.

**The meeting closed at 12pm.**