

**Foundation Meeting of 'Paddle NSW'**  
**held at 6 Figtree Drive, Sydney Olympic Park in the Centenary Room**  
**on March 15, 2009**

*Following the apparent and imminent cessation of NSW Canoeing Inc, it was decided by those present that a new group of like minded people with a broad view of promoting kayaking and canoeing be established in the state of NSW. This group will have the working title of Paddle NSW (PNSW).*

Present: As per attached

Chairperson: Dianne Chellew

At approximately 5.30pm on March 15<sup>th</sup> 2008, the inaugural meeting of like minded people to govern canoeing in NSW was declared open.

Names were called for of those interested in becoming involved in the formation of the group. Those who put their names forward were Craig Alexander, Lynn Parker, , Dianne Chellew, Tim Hookins, Andrew Bovis, Paul Bourne, Joan and Bruce Morison, Nick Naughton.

The group will next meet on Sunday March 30<sup>th</sup> at 10.00am. During this intervening period, those present at the meeting should take the opportunity to:

- discuss the changes with members of their own clubs
- start implementing Model Rules
- determine the wants and needs of our own clubs
- investigate insurance alternatives (Ian Dewey mentioned \$7 insurance, Joan Morison said that the Bushwalkers Club offers insurance to paddlers at a reasonable rate. Permission was given to Trevor Williamson to investigate all insurance avenues including having discussions with NSW Sea Kayak Club.)

Action required:

- The accountant for NSW Canoeing Inc will need to be notified regarding the apparent and imminent cessation of NSW Canoeing Inc
- Paperwork to implement incorporation of Paddle NSW needs to be organised through the Department of Fair Trading (Lynn Parker to initiate and to have in readiness before the meeting of March 30<sup>th</sup>). Incorporation needs to be organised as quickly as possible as members of unincorporated bodies are equally and severally liable
- It was agreed to adopt the Model Rules as part of the Constitution of Paddle NSW, which will allow funds and assets to be received from a like minded association.
- As the name "NSW Canoeing Inc" is part of the NSW Canoeing's assets, it could be transferred to the new like minded group which in the meantime will be known as Paddle NSW
- Notification is to be sent to all clubs stating that both the motions of the special general meeting of NSW Canoeing Inc were NOT carried, resulting in the resignation of all members of the Board and that a new Board could NOT be formed

Possible outcome:

- Australian Canoeing have a number of resources so it is quite possible that they will attempt to establish a NSW Board themselves

- Australian Canoeing may also attempt a massive membership drive
- A number of clubs may be reluctant to disassociate with Australian Canoeing, especially clubs that are primarily involved in Slalom and Sprint

General Discussion:

- As all members are still currently members of Australian Canoeing the Nationals will proceed as normal with competitors still eligible to wear NSW Canoeing singlets
- It was mentioned that the Sports Commission provided a loan to Australian Canoeing with the provision that ALL states pay back the loan
- Joan Morison requested that Paddle NSW should make sure that it offers a recreational base
- Dianne Chellew will email correspondence to all members on the list
- As clubs have their own constitution they can join Paddle NSW as a like minded association. If a club's constitution has reference to NSW Canoeing Inc, this can be readily deleted as that entity as such will no longer exist
- The marathon race at Narrabeen will also proceed

The meeting closed at approximately 6.30pm.