

8th PaddleNSW Annual General Meeting



Held at Land's Edge, Chowder Bay Road, Mosman

On Saturday, 10th October 2015

Meeting Commenced – 4:24pm

Present: **Board Directors:** Tim Hookins (Chairperson), Ross Fraser, Tony Hystek, Anjie Lees, Kieran Lomas, Andrew Mathers, Lynn Parker, Chris Thompson, Bob Turner

Paddlesports: Eileen Callaghan (Freestyle), Jeff Beere (Sprint), Laura White (Sprint)

Clubs: Craig Dodd (Brisbane Water), Margaret Dodd (Brisbane Water), Mark Bretag (Hunter Valley), Darren Forbes (Hunter Valley), Sue Smith (Hunter Valley), Elizabeth van Reece (Just Paddlers), Murray Reece (Just Paddlers), Phil Geddes (LCRK), Phil Newman (LCRK), Paul van Koesveld (LCRK), Jenny Listberger (MWKC), Tracy Hudson (RCC), Colin Jones (RCC), Ian Royds (RCC), Andy Singh (RCC), Dee Taylor (RCC), Robert Walker (RCC), Yvette Graf (Southside Paddlers), Bruce Graham (Wagga Bidgee CC)

Members: Jo Brigden-Jones (Development Officer), Karen Dallas, Alanna Ewin, Gaye Foster, Mark Hammer, Peter Tate (CEO – Minutes)

Apologies: **Paddlesports:** Gaye Hatfield (Marathon), Stephen Newsome (Ocean Racing), Paul Richardson (Ocean Racing), Jeremy Spear (Ocean Racing), David Birt (Sprint), Graham Matts (Sprint), Stephen Shelley (Sprint)

Clubs: Karen Hutchinson (Avoca), Paul Hutchinson (Avoca), Christine Berridge (Bonville Creek), John Preston (BGCC), Nick Naughton (Central Coast), Christine Porter (FNCCC), Rob Moulder (Great Lakes), Damo Staunton (Makai), Nicola Frowen (Pacific Dragons), Tony Haines (Shark Island), Luke Hagan (Southside), Brian Trouville (Southside), Emma Croser (Wagga Bidgee)

Members: Gilbert Coombes, Jessica Fox, Rowan Kaar, Gray Stride, Lachlan Tame, Denise Rogers (Accounts Officer),

BUSINESS

1. Chairperson Tim Hookins opened the meeting at 4:24pm and thanked all those in attendance. Tim made special mention of Life Members Joan Morison OAM and Bruce Morison OAM who sadly passed away during the last twelve months.
2. **Previous Minutes:** The minutes of the previous PNSW Annual General Meeting held on 13th October 2014 were accepted as a true and correct record – *moved Andrew Mathers, seconded Anjie Lees, Carried.*
3. **Business Arising:** The membership data request by Tracy Hudson was again noted. CEO advised a membership snap-shot will be created and distributed in due course.
4. **2014/15 PNSW Annual Report:** On behalf of the Board and Management, Tim Hookins formally presented the 2014/15 PNSW Annual Report. The Annual Report was adopted by the members – *Lynn Parker/ Tony Hystek – carried.*
5. **2014/15 Statement of Accounts:** CEO presented the Audited Financial Accounts, which record net assets of \$240,214 as at 30 June 2015. The state peak body recorded a deficit of \$22,471 in 2014/15, following the previous year's \$52,984 surplus. It was moved that the financial statements for the year ending 30 June 2015, the Directors' Report and the Independent Auditor's Statement thereon, be accepted – *Tracy Hudson/ Jenny Listberger - carried.*

6. **Election of Life Members:** CEO advised there had been one nomination received. It is ten years since the last Life Member was inducted, and the Board has decided a Nominations Committee shall be established to make recommendation on whom else is also worthy of induction. The members were satisfied with this course of action.
7. **Election of Directors:** CEO outlined the Constitutional requirements for Board elections. Three of the seven Elected Directors stood down, namely **Kiaran Lomas, Andrew Mathers** and **Chris Thompson**. Additionally **Tim Hookins** is resigning at the conclusion of this AGM, being mid-way through his two-year term. At the close of nominations we had received four applications, being from **Anjie Lees, Kiaran Lomas, Andrew Mathers** and **Chris Thompson**. All four were duly elected unopposed for a two-year term – *Bob Turner/ Tony Hystek - carried.*
8. **Motions on Notice:** Nil
9. **Other Business:** The Board had invited two dignitaries to be Co-Patrons of PaddleNSW, being the **NSW Minister for Sport** of the day (currently the Hon. Stuart Ayres MP) and **Helen Brownlee OAM** (PaddleNSW Life Member and Vice President of the Australian Olympic Committee). Both Stuart and Helen had accepted with humility and pride, subject to the endorsement of the members at the AGM. It was moved Kiaran Lomas, seconded Gaye Foster that the NSW Minister for Sport and Helen Brownlee be appointed Co-Patrons of PaddleNSW – *carried unanimously.*

GENERAL BUSINESS

- 10a. **Paddlesports:** Chris Thompson and Laura White provided verbal reports on behalf of the PNSW Slalom and Sprint Technical Committees respectively.
- 10b. **PNSW RPAP:** The **PNSW Representative Paddler Assistance Program (RPAP)** has been re-invigorated. Athletes are only eligible for grant funding if they have been a financial member of PaddleNSW for at least the previous 12 months. The grants are available to juniors only, selected by Australian Canoeing to represent their nation overseas at World Cups, World Championships or international events of similar stature. We have approved financial assistance for four junior athletes who paddled at the 2015 ICF Freestyle World Championships held in Canada in August (**Rowan Kaar, Gilbert Coombes, Liam Dowd** and **Georgia Clarke**). Those presentations are being made as part of the Annual Forum.
- 10c. **Farewell by Chair:** Tim Hookins wished all members a year of enjoyable paddling. In closing the meeting as his last PaddleNSW Chairperson's duty, Tim summarised a few highlights including a great Board comprising people with many skills and unlimited passion; the tremendous Waterways Guide and PaddleSafe App; newly-appointed Development Officer Jo Brigden-Jones; our continuing engagement with commercial operators; and healthy partnership with surf lifesaving clubs.

Vice Chair Tony Hystek formally thanked Tim, and the members expressed their appreciation by acclamation.
11. **Close:** The meeting was closed at 5:01pm in preparation for the sunset paddle, BBQ and Annual Awards Presentation.