

9th PaddleNSW Annual General Meeting



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

On Saturday, 15th October 2016

Meeting Commenced – 4:38pm

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

Paddlesports: Cathy Miller (Canoe Polo), Eileen Callaghan (Freestyle), Gaye Hatfield (Paracanoe), Laura White (Sprint), Peter McIntyre (Wildwater)

Clubs: Karen Hutchinson (Avoca KC), Paul Hutchinson (Avoca KC), Gaye Foster (Big River CC), Patricia Ashton (BGCC), Margi Bohm (BGCC), Helen Tongway (BGCC), Paul Byrnes (Hunter Valley), Greg Hillier (Hunter Valley), Elizabeth van Reece (Just Paddlers), Phil Geddes (LCRK), Ann Lloyd-Green (MWKC), Cheryl Bretag (Newy Paddlers), Mark Bretag (Newy Paddlers), Darren Forbes (Newy Paddlers), Karen Forbes (Newy Paddlers), David Lowe (Penrith Valley CC), Tracy Hudson (River CC), Debra Buccan (Sutherland Shire CC), Jeff Buccan (SSCC), Albert Laurendet (SSCC), Kaye Laurendet (SSCC)

Members: Helen Brownlee OAM (Patron and Life Member), Ros Lawrence (Development Officer), Jeff Cottrell, Rosie Cottrell, Litsa Polygerinos, Basil Slaughter, Peter Tate (CEO – Minutes)

Apologies: **Paddlesports:** Tim Hookins (Ocean Racing), Jeremy Spear (Ocean Racing), Jeff Beere (Sprint), Graham Matts (Sprint), Stephen Shelley (Sprint)

Clubs: Christine Berridge (Bonville Creek CC), Craig Dodd (Brisbane Water), Nick Naughton (Central Coast), Damo Staunton (Makai Paddlers), Jodie Watkins (Makai), Paul Watkins (Makai), Karen Dallas (Stay Afloat), John Thurgar (Stay Afloat), Jason Redlich (Wagga Bidgee CC), Neil Crabb (Windsor CC)

Members: Nicole Bartels, Jessica Fox, Denise Rogers (Accounts Officer)

Australian Canoeing: Greg Doyle, Mary Macaluso

BUSINESS

1. Chairperson Tony Hystek opened the meeting at 4:38pm and thanked all those in attendance, with a special welcome to PNSW Patron and Life Member Helen Brownlee OAM.
2. **Previous Minutes:** The minutes of the previous PNSW Annual General Meeting held on 10th October 2015 were accepted as a true and correct record – *moved Tracy Hudson, seconded Anjie Lees, carried.*
3. **Business Arising:** Nil.
4. **2015/16 PNSW Annual Report:** On behalf of the Board and Management, Tony Hystek formally presented the 2015/16 PNSW Annual Report. The Annual Report was accepted by the members – *Anjie Lees/ Laura White – carried.*
5. **2015/16 Statement of Accounts:** Board Director Ross Fraser presented the Audited Financial Accounts, which record net assets of \$210,227 as at 30 June 2016. The state peak body recorded a deficit of \$29,987 in 2015/16 (\$22,471 in 2014/15). Ross foreshadowed a future increase in club affiliation fees for the first time in many years. Tony Hystek indicated PaddleNSW is considering rolling membership and will canvas the support of clubs in coming months. It was moved that the financial statements for the year ending 30 June 2016, the Directors' Report and the Independent Auditor's Statement thereon, be accepted – *Ross Fraser/ Kieran Lomas - carried.*

6. **Election of Life Members:** CEO advised the PNSW Recognition Committee had received numerous nominations for Life Membership. It is 11 years since the last Life Member was inducted. The Committee recommended bestowing Life Membership on three outstanding servants of the organisation, all of whom were ratified by the Board. CEO read a citation for each nominee and Helen Brownlee presented the new Life Member with a gift.
 - **Jeff Cottrell** Moved by the Board, seconded Basil Slaughter. Carried Unanimously.
 - **Gaye Hatfield** Moved by the Board, seconded Margi Bohm. Carried Unanimously.
 - **Lynn Parker** Moved by the Board, seconded Tracy Hudson. Carried Unanimously.Helen then addressed the members, congratulating the new inductees and expressing what a wonderful “family” environment we all share.
7. **Election of Directors:** CEO outlined the Constitutional requirements for Elected Board Director positions. Having completed their terms of office, three of the seven Elected Directors stood down, namely **Ross Fraser, Anthony Hystek** and **Lynn Parker**. Additionally **Andrew Mathers** had resigned on 12th October, thus creating another Director vacancy. At the close of nominations on 1st October we had received four applications, being from **Nicole Bartels, Ross Fraser, Anthony Hystek** and **Lynn Parker**. All four were duly declared elected as PaddleNSW Board Directors for a two-year term.

Tony then resumed the chair and called for interested members to nominate for the vacant Appointed Director position.
8. **Motions on Notice:** Nil
9. **Other Business:** Nil

GENERAL BUSINESS

- 10a. **Presentation to Ross Fraser:** CEO presented a Certificate to Ross Fraser as part of the 2016 Commonwealth Bank Not for Profit Treasurers’ Awards.
- 10b. **Club Roadshows:** On behalf of numerous clubs Gaye Foster expressed appreciation to Peter Tate for the time and effort he has made in visiting so many clubs in recent months, especially in northern NSW. CEO responded that he thoroughly enjoyed meeting with our regional members and sharing their issues. The hospitality has been warm and genuine, and more visits will be scheduled in the future.
11. **Close:** The meeting was formally closed at 5:25pm with the Annual Awards Presentation scheduled after dinner.