



ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

16 OCTOBER 2012

TIME/DATE:	7.00 pm 16 October 2012
VENUE:	Brown Room, Sports House, 6A Figtree Drive, Homebush
ATTENDEES:	Alanna Ewin, Andrew Mathers, Bruce Morison (SSCC), Deborah Cunneen (RCC), Joan Morison (SSCC), Lynn Parker (RCC), Paul Hartlipp (BGCC), Colin Jones (RCC), Tim Hookins (LCRK), Tom Balaam (Marathon Technical Committee), Tony Hystek (LCRK), Chris Thompson (PVCC), Jason Cooper, Gaye Hatfield, (MWKC) Wade Rowston, Tim Ring, John Greathead, Jeff Cottrell, Tracy Hanford, Alanna Ewin, Phil Newman, Paul Heartcliff, Allison Bryant Proxies: Nine proxies in all. Ali Parker, Mark Brachenreg, Colin Kinnison, Gary Luke. David Barlow.
APOLOGIES:	Yvette Graf – Southside Paddlers, Bruce Taylor – FNCCC, Liz Van Reece – Just Paddlers, Helen Brownlee, Bob Turner, Max Shambrock, Liz Swanton, Gary Henderson – Port Ocean Paddlers, Steve Newsome, Richard Barnes LCRK, Peter Segil SCC, Lawrie Ward, Lawrie Kenyon BGCC, David Barlow RCC, Mercy Kibbey RCC

BUSINESS FROM THE MINUTES

<p>1. The meeting opened at 7.20 pm Tony Hystek the current Chair of PaddleNSW thanked all for coming, especially Bruce and Joan Morison who have agreed to act as the Returning Officer.</p>
<p>2. Roll Call (as above)</p>
<p>3. Previous Annual General Meeting Minutes from 25 September 2011 was circulated and ACCEPTED, MOVED by Alanna Ewin and SECONDED by Tim Hookins.</p>
<p>4. Chairman's Address: As printed. Tony outlined that the Board has applied a more business approach to running the Association since Peter Debman has joined the Board. He also thanked Andrew Mathers who provides expertise in the website and membership management, Lynn Parker covered education, Tim Hookins in events management, especially the Open Water Events, Chris Thompson provided legal advice and slalom events, and Steve Newsome in the events and merchandising. He went on to welcome Scott Schweikle who has been appointed as the Executive Officer, freeing the Board from administrative tasks.</p> <p>Thank you to all who have supported the Board especially the Technical Committees. This year's successful Marathon Series ended last Saturday, Sprint is now making money, Open water has gone from one to three series per year, Slalom continues to be challenged by the high costs of running events at Penrith Whitewater Stadium and numbers are up for the Sydney Canoe Polo competition. Thank you to the volunteers without whom, none of the events could be run. We now need a Safety Committee to assist with administering assets like the IRB and ensuring appropriate training. Thanks are extended to Buzz Powell and Glen Orchard for the completion of the Open water Coach course that has now been submitted to Australian Canoeing for accreditation.</p> <p>This is a rosy picture, however now as the organisation becomes more complex we will need to adopt more sophisticated systems of communication to reach specific groups more efficiently. Reaching the great numbers of</p>



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recreational paddlers still remains a difficult challenge and it is hoped that our Start Paddling Video will assist this. This safety film will now be distributed across Australia and NZ, and we need to ensure it is promoted as a PNSW product.

Tony asked all to refer to the Audited Financial Accounts explaining that although there is a surplus, the additional employment costs and the increase in affiliation fees to Australian Canoeing will challenge the revenue and business strategies for this coming year.

5. The 2011 - 12 Annual Report including the Audited Financial Report was moved for adoption by Colin Jones and seconded by Tom Balaam – passed in the affirmative

6. Notice of Special Motion:

That the Members hereby approve the Constitution of PaddleNSW inc be amended by amendment to clause 5.1 (b) so as to read as follows:

a. Life Members, who subject to this Constitution shall have the right to receive notice of General Meetings and to be present and to debate at General Meetings, shall have voting rights at General Meetings.

Tony Hystek explained that last year PaddleNSW adopted a new Constitution where unfortunately Life Members were not afforded the full voting rights. The Board recommend that they be acknowledged for the continuous service and be provided with the full rights of membership.

Motion was moved by Tom Balaam and seconded by Tim Hookins and unanimously accepted.

Joan Morison went on to suggest that a By law be created that required at minimum 10 years service before a nomination for Life Membership could be made. Agreed to be considered by the Board.

She also pointed out that this year's AGM is actually on the 4th AGM and not the 5th. Accepted and all documents would be corrected to reflect this.

7. Election of Directors

Tony outlined the Constitutions rules for Board elections. Four of the 7 elected members must step down each consecutive year. Tony Hystek, Lynn Parker, Tim Hookins stepped down as the longest serving Committee members. A Steve Newsome tendered his resignation.

Joan Morrison took over the proceedings as the Returning Officer.

As no nominations were received by the due date, nominations were called from the floor. Tim Hookins, Tony Hystek, Lynn Parker were nominated and seconded. Tim Ring was nominated by Tony Hystek and seconded by Peter Debman. Tim Ring outlined his background in finance, previously a chartered accountant, treasurer of a rugby union association and now a paddler of three years experience.

No further nominations were put forward. All accepted Tony Hystek, Tim Hookins, Lynn Parker and Tim Ring.

Joan went on remind all of her 57 years in canoeing and especially her role as historian. She requested that the Board should seek a trainee to learn the ropes.

She thanked Scott Schweikle and Marie Carr for a very professional Annual Report.

Tony thanked Joan and Bruce for their role

8. Election of Auditor: Lynn Parker outlined that the Auditor actually continues in their position, so there is no need for an election. PaddleNSW again thanks the W & D Financial Service for donating their services.



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9 Technical Committee Members Reports: Tim Hookins took over as the acting Chair outlining that the new Board will elect this position. He thanked Tony for his enthusiasm, energy, many projects, new ideas and great helmsman ship.

He again thanked the Technical Committees asking the Chairs to highlight their Annual Reports:

Tom Balaam thanked Joan, Craig, Gaye and Lawrie Ward. Andrew described that there has to be other avenues to engage the recreational paddlers, and it could be through educational workshops. John suggested that everyone should participate in Sprints as sprinting forms part of every discipline especially marathon races. He urged more use the K4s a boat that provides for great interclub competitions. Lynn reported that the University of Western Sydney is negotiating for another group, and training is now heading to Walgett, in the far west.

10. General Business:

Nominations for the following committees were received and accepted.

Marathon: Tom Balaam, Gaye Hatfield, Bob Turner, Craig Dodd,

Para Canoe: Buzz Powell, David Lunn, David James

Recreation: Clayton Kesting and Erica Hansch

The PaddleNSW Annual Awards: Lynn Parker described the background to the Awards, and this as a special year with the Olympics; PaddleNSW awarded Jessica Fox who gained silver, as the Female paddler of the year, and Murray Stewart with his Gold in the fours, with the Male Paddler of the year. Tim Jacobs coached Murray, and therefore very deserving of the Coach of the year. Joseph Dunne gained young male paddler with his dedication in becoming the National Junior Freestyle champion in a sport that is not greatly supported in Australia, Allison Bryant who did so well in the Sprint in Australia and Overseas. Tracy Hansford described her success in using paddling to assist with her rehabilitation after a car accident – an inspirational voice to all received the Paddler with a Disability Award. Just Paddlers won the Charity Club Cup again with their very successful Myall Lakes event. Lawrie Kenyon was awarded a distinguished award for his service to canoeing, the MWKC Club and to the PNSW Board. Tony Hystek and Tim Hookins, how they could find the time, managed to win Master paddler of the year by Tony and Tim the Administrator of the year and for the extra work he completed to draw a number of disparate groups together to form the Harbour Racing Club, a Club Event Award. And then Jeff Cottrell takes out volunteer of the year for the exceptional work done on our waterways. Somehow, some people just seem to find the time to achieve great things – CONGRATULATIONS to all.

Acknowledgement of Life Members: Joan and Bruce Morison, Helen Brownlee and a speedy recovery, Peter Flowers, Bev Pallister, Phil Coles, and confirm the status of Graham Johnson.

Thank you for coming, and best wished to all members, their Clubs and events for this coming year.

The meeting closed at 9.00 pm