

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

MINUTES - 21 OCTOBER 2013



TIME/DATE:	7:00pm, Monday, 21 st October 2013
VENUE:	Ken Brown Room, Sports House, 6a Figtree Drive, Sydney Olympic Park
ATTENDEES:	<p>Board Directors: Tim Hookins (Chairperson), Peter Debnam, Tony Hystek, Lynn Parker, Tim Ring, Chris Thompson</p> <p>Paddlesports: Eileen Callaghan (Freestyle TC), Tom Balaam (Marathon TC), Richard Andrews (Canoe Polo TC)</p> <p>Clubs and Members: Tracy Hudson (River Canoe Club), David James (MWKC), Gavin James (MWKC), John Kelly (Penrith Valley CC), Jake Relf (Hunter River Paddle Club), Jeff Cottrell, Angus Thompson, Rosalyn Lawrence, Darren Lee, Colin Sieders, Peter Tate (CEO – Minutes)</p>

APOLOGIES: Greg Doyle (AC), Jessica Fox, Damo Staunton (Makai Paddlers Society), Yvette Graf (Southside Paddlers), Andrew Mathers, Gary Henderson (Port Ocean Paddlers)

BUSINESS

1. Chairperson Tim Hookins opened the meeting at 7:10pm and thanked all those in attendance.
2. **Previous Minutes:** The minutes of the previous PNSW Annual General Meeting held on 16th October 2012 were accepted as a true and correct record – *moved Tony Hystek, seconded Chris Thompson, Carried.*
3. **2012/13 PNSW Annual Report:** On behalf of the Board and Management, Tim Hookins presented the 2012/13 PNSW Annual Report. In addition to the document as read and accepted, Tim outlined that the Board intends to engage greater capacity with the commercial operators and the 70,000+ recreational paddlers throughout NSW and ACT. Tim welcomed Peter Tate as the newly-appointed Chief Executive Officer and thanked all the volunteers who have supported the organisation, especially the Board Directors, the Technical Committees and the affiliated clubs.
Tracy Hudson requested that total membership numbers and Paddlesport participation data be publicised.
4. **2012/13 Audited Financial Report:** The Audited Financial Accounts record net assets of \$209,701 as at 30 June 2013. Tim explained that the \$3,965 deficit in 2012/13 was significantly due to increased affiliation payments to Australian Canoeing (\$47,177 in 2012/13 compared to \$36,364 in 2011/12). Events conducted by Paddlesports are basically cost neutral and the Board expressed a desire for all Paddlesport banking and reconciliation to be absorbed into the one main account – currently with ANZ Bank. It was moved that the financial statements for the year ending 30 June 2013, the Directors' Report and the Independent Auditor's Statement thereon, be accepted – *Tim Ring, Peter Debnam, Carried.*
5. **Motions on Notice:** Nil
6. **Election of Directors:** Tim outlined the Constitutional requirements for Board elections. Three of the seven Elected Directors stood down, namely **Peter Debnam, Andrew Mathers** and **Chris Thompson**. All three re-nominated and as there were no other nominations, all three were duly elected unopposed for a further two-year term – *Tony Hystek, Tim Hookins, Carried.*
7. **Appointment of Auditor:** The Board reported that W & D Financial Services would continue as the organisation's auditor. The Members accepted this action.

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8a. Waterways Guide: Lynn Parker and Jeff Cottrell gave an excellent presentation on the web-based Waterways Guide and explained the next step will be a PaddleSafe App for mobile phones.

8b. 2012/13 PNSW Annual Awards: Tim warmly congratulated the PNSW Award Winners for 2012/13 and presented the trophies to those in attendance.

1. *Male Paddler of the Year* – **Darren Lee**
2. *Female Paddler of the Year* – **Jessica Fox**
3. *Young Paddler of the Year* – **Angus Thompson**
4. *Paddler with a Disability Award* – **Colin Sieders**
5. *Masters Paddler (Veteran) of the Year* – **Gary Henderson**
6. *Team of the Year* – **Women's Slalom Team (Alison Borrows, Jessica Fox & Rosalyn Lawrence)**
7. *Coach of the Year* – **David James**
8. *Administrator of the Year* – **PNSW Canoe Polo Committee**
9. *Volunteer of the Year* - **Gaye Hatfield**
10. *Event of the Year* – **Makai Cup run by Makai Paddlers Society**
11. *Charity Event of the Year* – **WomDomNom run by Macquarie River Canoe Club**

9. Close: The Chairperson wished all members a year of enjoyable paddling and closed the meeting at 8:21pm.