



Canoeing Western Australia Inc

2011 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

DATE: 25 September 2011

TIME: 10:00am

VENUE: Ascot Kayak Club

1. OPEN MEETING, WELCOME and NOTE ATTENDANCE

Meeting was declared open at 10:23am by Rosalie Evans.

Attendance:

Board of Directors

Rosalie Evans, President
Marion Ewing, Director
Shanye Hamilton, Director
Neville Hine, Director
Vanessa Simpson, Director

Apologies

Grant Pepper, Director
Darryl Long, Director

Staff

Sarah Aulin, Executive Officer
Jak Wulff, Program and Event Coordinator

Apologies

Jesse Phillips, Event and Marketing

Affiliated members

David Brown
Peter Martin
Judy Darbyshire
Margaret Jeffery
Stephen Fidge
Robyn Khorshid
John Tomczak
Sarah Whittaker

Robin Jeffery
Angelo Armenti
Wanda Armenti
Bronwyn Martin
Julie Jenkinson
Rob Jenkinson
Spencer King
Helen Buyten
Craig Woodhead
Russell Miles
Steve Egger
John Hilton
Sara Trown
Gerry Jones
Anthony Carbone
Julie Morgan
Martyn Clancy-Lowe
Andrew Dedman
Calum MacDougall

Apologies

Peter Dear
Colin Grimshaw
Kellie Stublely
Greg Kaeding
Taitiarna Brown
Robyn Brown
Anne Hines

2. PREVIOUS MINUTES

2.1 Ratify minutes of Annual General Meeting held 19 September 2010

Motion that minutes are accepted for 19 September 2010 AGM.

Moved: Marion Ewing

Seconded: Neville Hine

Voted: Unanimous

2.2 Matters arising from Previous Minutes

Margaret Jeffery inquired about the interest made on the White Water Park grant, and whether this money had been rolled back into the grant total. Sarah Aulin confirmed that the amount remaining was shown on the Department of Sport and Recreation acquittal and will be returned.

3. CORRESPONDENCE RELATING TO THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

No correspondence

4. CONSIDERATION OF THE ANNUAL REPORT

4.1 Presidents Report

The Presidents Report was read by Rosalie Evans.

Julie Jenkinson asked why Shannon Reynolds did not receive a mention in light of her recent achievements at national level. Rosalie Evans acknowledged that this should have been included in the report and sincerely congratulated everyone who participated for Australia over the course of the year on behalf of Canoeing WA.

Margaret Jeffrey noted that the section corresponding to the White Water Park should be changed from 'under water rescue' to 'swift water rescue'. This was duly noted.

Margaret Jeffery stated that no information was recorded with regards to the Slalom TID program and results of WA Slalom paddlers, Margaret will provide Slalom information and statistics to Rosalie Evans for inclusion into future President reports.

4.2 Executive Officers Report

The Executive Officers Report was read by Sarah Aulin.

Julie Jenkinson questioned why the Canoeing WA website did not include any advertising for the National Elite Development Program Talent Identification Testing Day. Sarah Aulin explained it was a testing for non-members so did not want to mislead anyone. Julie Jenkinson stated it still would have helped by getting members friends along. This was duly noted.

Sarah Aulin suggested a formatted approach to Discipline reports in the future to gather consistent information from all Disciplines for dissemination at the Annual General Meeting. A template will be designed by Canoeing WA for 2012 report to be used by Disciplines.

4.3 Finance Report

The financial statements did not provide a categorical breakdown of the membership fees from clubs as a source of income for Canoeing WA. This was acknowledged and will be rectified for future financial reports.

Craig Woodhead raised the issue of Australian Canoeing and its fee structure. Shayne Hamilton indicated that Australian Canoeing was establishing an affiliation fee national model that provided a more equitable approach; however, the details relating to the fee calculation matrix was still to be decided by Australian Canoeing.

The sprint figure of \$193.00 was questioned by the Chairperson of the Sprint committee Sara Trown. This will be investigated by the Executive Officer.

David Brown asked if Canoeing WA had a budget for the 2011/12 financial year. Rosalie Evans stated that the budget was to be confirmed by the Board at the next meeting. It was questioned whether or not the Canoeing WA budget could be reflected in the Annual Report. This was acknowledged that it would change for the next meeting. However, no motion was made on this issue by the Board.

Julie Graham asked if Canoeing WA had anticipated a deficit for the financial year ending 30 June. Rosalie Evans stated that Canoeing WA paid a full time Instructor for the Paddle Academy program and that position has been terminated. Now two full time staff members adds to expenditure and the White Water Park grant expenditure was greater last year. Rosalie Evans asked the members for patience as Canoeing WA is going through a transition period.

Motion that the Financial Report is accepted.

Moved: Martyn Clancy-Lowe

Seconded: Margaret Jeffery

Voted: Unanimous

5. APPOINTMENT OF AUDITOR

Motion that CWA utilise Optima Partners, accountants and business advisors for 2011/2012.

Moved: Marion Ewing

Seconded: Craig Woodhead

Voted: Unanimous

6. ELECTION OF DIRECTORS

6.1 Nomination of Independent Directors

- Vanessa Simpson
- Andrew Dedman

Moved: Rosalie Evans

Seconded: Marion Ewing

Voted: Unanimous

6.2 Nomination of Interested Directors

- Neville Hine (renewing)
- Steve Reynolds

Moved: Marion Ewing

Seconded: Spencer King

Voted: Unanimous

7. BUSINESS ON NOTICE

7.1 Life Members

Three life members were nominated at the Annual General Meeting in 2010. According to the Canoeing WA constitution, this action was unconstitutional due to the fact there needs to be 60 days notice. Neville Hine, Peter Martin and John Mulcahy were recommended and made official Life Members.

Motion that Neville Hine, Peter Martin and John Mulcahy are made official Life Members on this day.

Moved: Marion Ewing

Seconded: Rosalie Evans

Voted: Unanimous

Marion Ewing voiced that nominations for Life Membership must be received by Canoeing WA no less than 60 days before the Annual General Meeting. This was reiterated by Neville Hine.

7.2 Open Questions

Rob Jenkinson asked about how recreational paddlers at Ascot Kayak Club and Swan Canoe Club (between 300 to 400 paddlers) are not affiliated with Canoeing WA and Australian Canoeing. He stated that this was a breach of page 7 of the Canoeing WA constitution. Rosalie Evans replied that recreational paddlers are a part of the Canoeing WA membership set-up. This created a debate about what recreational paddlers receive from Canoeing WA. It was acknowledged that Canoeing WA does a lot for its members with programs listed by the Executive Officer from her report. Ascot Kayak Club and Swan Canoe Club have taken out their own insurance as Australian Canoeing has holes in their insurance policy concerning recreational paddlers.

The floor was then open for questions about what Australian Canoeing provides Canoeing WA. Rosalie Evans said that Australian Canoeing supply insurance, pathways for elite programs, education and skill awards and that every paddler should be affiliated with Canoeing WA. Robin Jeffery explained the benefits that Australian Canoeing has given him as an elite athlete, and wants to give back to the grassroots level by supporting clubs. Rosalie Evans reaffirmed that Australian Canoeing are a big contributor to Canoeing WA. Rob and Julie Jenkinson reiterated what Robin Jeffery stated and that this is why they are so involved with WA NEDP squad.

8. MEETING CLOSED

The meeting was declared closed at 12:03pm by Rosalie Evans.