



Canoeing Western Australia Inc

## 2014 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

**DATE:** Thursday 25 September 2014 **TIME:** 6.30pm

**VENUE:** Department of Sport and Recreation  
246 Vincent Street, Leederville

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### 1. OPEN MEETING, WELCOME, and NOTE ATTENDANCE

Richard Lowther (President) opened the meeting and welcomed all, a special mention of thanks was made to the Life Members that were present.

Richard also thanked the Clubs for the fantastic turnout with ten of the twelve Clubs being represented.

**ATTENDEES:** Steve Egger (CRCC - D); Simone Burge (CRCC); Michael Pond (BPSC); Peter Burge (CRCC); Daniel Smee (BPSC - D); Terry Bolland (AKC - CWA L/M); Helen Feasey (AKC); Barry Feasey (AKC); Tim Feasey (AKC); Ramon Andersson (BPSC); Neville Hine (L/M); Laurie Carbone (BPSC); Amanda Branley (AKC - D); Kate Vyvyan (SCC); Robyn Khorshid (AKC - L/M); Judy Darbyshire (AKC); Judy Blight (SKC - D); Peter Martin (AKC - L/M); Bronwyn Martin (AKC); David Brown (CRCC); Nikky Lee (PCPC - D); Jamie Ingram (CRCC); Peter Ewing (SCC); Sarah Whittaker (SCC - D); Shirely Go (SCC); Isabella Choate (SCC); Peter Van Maanen (PP); Julie Jenkinson (PP - D); Alex Graham (AKC); Sara Trown (AKC); Dean Beament (IOP - D); Sonia Harding (MPC - D); Robyn Brown (CLBC - D); Richard Lowther (AKC - CWA Board); Rob Jenkinson (PP - CWA Board); Darryl Long (AKC - CWA Board); Marion Ewing (SCC - CWA Board); Rosalie Evans (CWA Admin); Jason Parker (CWA Admin); Zac Acott (Guest)

#### **\*\*D – Signifies the Delegate from the Club**

Apologies were received from Life Members Margie Jeffery, John Mulcahy and Greg Kaeding.

An apology was also received from Board Member Shayne Hamilton.

### 2. PREVIOUS MINUTES

2.1 Ratify Minutes of AGM held 24 October 2013

Motion that minutes were accepted

Moved: J Jenkinson (PP)

Seconded: A Branley (AKC)

**Approved unanimously by all Delegates by a show of hands.**

2.2 Matters Arising from Previous Minutes

No matters were raised.

### 3. CORRESPONDENCE RELATING TO AGM

No correspondence was received.

#### **4. CONSIDERATION OF ANNUAL REPORT**

##### 4.1 President's Report

The President's Report was read by R Lowther.

##### 4.2 Executive Officer's Report

The Executive Officer's Report was read by R Evans

##### 4.3 Finance Report

Several Questions were raised in regards to the Finance Report

4.3.1 A request from P Ewing (SCC) that for future financial reports that the **Membership fees, sponsorship and programs** get broken up individually between Paddle Academy, CWA Membership and Events – this will be done.

A break-up of the above finances to be sent out to the Delegates.

4.3.2 A question from the floor (H Feasey) why there was such a big difference in Expenses under Consultants and Coaches and Salaries, wages and superannuation between this year and last year.

The EO clarified the reason for the discrepancy, and explained that both of the figures for the two years were similar, although in fact the figures for the 2013/14 year were over \$20,000.00 lower than the previous year.

A motion was put that the reports be accepted and ratified

Moved: D Smee (BPSC)

Seconded: R Brown (CLBC)

**Approved unanimously by all Delegates by a show of hands.**

#### **5. APPOINTMENT OF AUDITOR**

A motion was put that CWA continue with the independent auditor Optima Audit.

Moved: S Whittaker (SCC)

Seconded: A Branley (AKC)

**Approved unanimously by all Delegates by a show of hands.**

#### **6. ELECTION OF DIRECTORS**

##### 6.1 Nomination of Elected Directors

Mike Pond (BPSC)

Richard Lowther (AKC) – re-standing.

R Lowther stood down from the Chair and the position was assumed by M Ewing, who explained as there were only two nominations received by the due date for the two positions – there will be no vote required.

J Jenkinson (PP) requested that it be noted and recorded in the minutes that she felt that it was a major concern about the nomination of M Pond as a CWA Board Member as she felt that there was a conflict of interest because M Pond is a WAIS coach.

J Jenkinson also informed the meeting that the CWA EO had sought clarification from the CEO of Australian Canoeing and also of the Department of Commerce and in their opinion felt there was no conflict of interest.

Both Mike and Richard were welcomed to the Board and Mike was asked to come forward and sit with the current Board.

Richard resumed as Chair of the meeting.

## **7. ELECTION OF LIFE MEMBERS**

### **7.1 Nomination of Life Members**

Ramon Andersson

Marion Ewing

As per the CWA Constitution (see below) voting papers were handed out to all the Club Delegates to vote on the nominations of Life Members.

### **6.3 Life Members (CWA Constitution)**

(b) The nomination for Life Member shall be considered at the Annual General Meeting. A resolution of the Annual General Meeting to confer life membership must be passed by Special Resolution. The vote on such resolution will be taken by secret ballot and to be voted by the Club Delegates.

The papers were handed in, counted and double checked and the vote was unanimous that both Marion Ewing and Ramon Andersson are bestowed as Life Members of CWA.

## **8. BUSINESS ON NOTICE**

8.1 Amendments to the Constitution – the words in red have to be included in our Constitution as per the requirements of the Department of Commerce.

The Amendments to the Constitution to be voted on by the Club Delegates.

### **32.3 Inspection of Records**

Subject to privacy and commercial considerations and **clause 9 of this Constitution**, the Board may in its discretion make the records, books and other documents of Canoeing WA available for inspection (but not copying) by a Member at any reasonable hour.

### **37.2 Distribution of Property on Winding Up**

If upon winding up or dissolution of Canoeing WA, there remains after satisfaction of all its debts and liabilities any assets or property, the same shall not be paid to or distributed amongst the Members of Canoeing WA but shall be given or transferred to another **association incorporated under the Act** having objects similar to the objects of Canoeing WA and which prohibits the distribution of its or their income and property among its or their Members to an extent at least as great as is imposed on Canoeing WA by this Constitution and which is also not carried on for profit and which is similarly exempt (or entitled to be exempt) from income tax. Such body or bodies to be determined by the Members of Canoeing WA at or before the time of dissolution, and in default thereof by such judge of the relevant Supreme Court or such other court as may have or acquire jurisdiction in the matter."

A vote was taken by a show of hands by all Delegates in regards to the additions (shown above) to the CWA Constitution; the changes are to be forwarded to the Department of Commerce for approval.

**The vote was unanimous.**

## **9. MEETING CLOSED – 7.05pm**

**Following the close of proceedings for the 2014 AGM, we will proceed with the nominations for:**

**Senior Paddler of the Year**

**Junior Paddler of the Year**

**Volunteer of the Year**