

**Canoeing Victoria Annual General Meeting 2008
Sunday 18 October 2007
Recreation House, Westerfolds Park, Templestowe**

MINUTES OF MEETING

1. Meeting Opened:

The meeting was opened at 1.07 p.m.

The following documents were distributed to all attendees:

- Annual General Meeting 2008 Agenda
- Annual General Meeting 2007 Minutes of Meeting
- Annual Report including Financial Statements 2007-2008

2. Present:

Gary Flanigan	President & Interested Director	Canoeing Victoria
Tom Hirschoff	Chair & Interested Director	Canoeing Victoria
Geoff Hindle	Interested Director	Canoeing Victoria
Richard Howard	Independent Director	Canoeing Victoria
Sharon Swoboda	Co-Executive Officer & Minute Secretary	Canoeing Victoria
Andrea Boothroyd	Co-Executive Officer	Canoeing Victoria
Roy Farrance	Delegate	Canoes Plus Racing Team
Kevin Harrington	Delegate	Fairfield Canoe Club
Lawrie Chenoweth	Delegate	Ivanhoe Northcote Canoe Club
Tony Coventry	Delegate	Kananook Creek Canoe Club
Simon Greaves	Delegate	Melbourne Canoe Club
Glen Rose	Delegate	Sherbrooke Knox Canoe Club
John Lidstone	Delgate	Geelong Canoe Club
Jan Anderson	Delegate	Eltham College CC
Chris de Luis	Delegatge	Footscray Canoe Club
Jed Macartney	Delegate	Essendon Canoe Club
Glenrose Rose	Member	Sherbrooke Knox Canoe Club

The change of membership year to align with the financial year also resulted in the administration taking a loss to account for the 1/12th membership to be forwarded to the new financial year.

RH commented that the loss of \$12000 for the organization is line ball and can be explained by timing issues with expenses and matching income.

RH / SS highlighted that the Educational Programs difference between 2007 and 2008 was due to the "Education Programs" in 2006-07 included payroll wages to instructors (as opposed to the Instructor Wages which is invoiced/contractor wages). In 2007-08 the Education Programs expenses included only a "manuals" expense of \$27 with the Instructor payroll expenses being rolled up with "Staff Wages"

The issue of "rolling" up accounts into different headings will be addressed with auditor for the following year as it is extremely hard to equate back to the chart of accounts used in accounting system. Action SS.

Question from the floor regarding income and where does it come from (once again will be addressed with the appropriate account codes in the future)"

Response: Fees include team fees (approx 700 per team), increased income to match higher expense in such things as pool hire and includes an inflated figure for the Nationals.

Marathon reports.

It was explained that Marathon made a loss due to the timing of expenses versus their matching income. ie the uniform fees was taken in 2006-07 but expensed in 2007-08, similarly with the team support. Income taken in 2007-08 but should have been expensed over 2 years.

All disciplines recorded a "loss on disposal" due to asset review and accounting. This asset review was a necessity to ensure all assets were correctly being depreciated and covered by appropriate insurance.

Motion: The Finance Report be accepted.

Moved: Jed Macartney

Seconded John Lidston

Executive Officer's Report: Sharon Swoboda presented the Executive Officer's Report.

Main highlighted points were the impending partnership with a third party to ensure the Murray Marathon would continue. The floor was very supportive to take advantage of any opportunity.

Whitewater Stadium needs to be a high if not the highest priority to raise our profile and get the stadium installed and the strategic plan will be the driving force of development and direction for 2008/09.

Motion: That the Executive Officer's Report be accepted.

Moved: Lawrie Chenoweth

Seconded: Kevin Harrington

The motion was accepted.

Sports Development Report & Education Programs Report:

AB presented the Sports Development Report and highlighted the increased number of coaches (Double) and such initiatives as the general coaching principals are now included in the coaching programs.

Motion: That the Sports Development Report and Education Programs Report be accepted.

Moved: Roy Farrance

Seconded: John Lidstone

The motion was accepted.

Discipline Reports:

Canoe Polo, Flatwater Sprint and Slalom did not present their reports. It was noted that there was no Marathon or Wildwater Report.

Motion: that all received discipline reports be accepted.

Moved Roy Farrance

Seconded Glen Rose

Motion: The Annual General Report be accepted

Moved: Glen Rose

Seconded Roy Farrance.

6. Nominations for Canoeing Victoria Board Positions:

Interested Directors:

The Chair received two Interested Director nominations from Tom Hirrschoff and Geoff Hindle..

These nominations was accepted by secret ballot.

The Chair called for nominations for a third Interested Director from the floor. No nominations were received. The vacant position will be advertised on the Canoeing Victoria website and an Interested Director will be appointed by the Board.

President:

One nomination was received by the chair for President: Gary Flanigan

This nomination was accepted by secret ballot.

Independent Directors:

The Chair called for nominations from the floor to fill the vacant positions. No nominations were received.

7. Nominations for Victorian Olympic Committee Representatives:

Motion: That Roy Farrance and Warwick Draper continue as VOC representatives until the end of the current Olympiad in 2012

Moved: Tom Hirrschoff

Seconded: Gary Flanigan

The motion was accepted.

The Board thanked Ivan Gaal for his support on the Olympic Council over many years.

8. Nominations for Life Membership:

One nomination for Ian Beasley was received.
Motion: Nomination Accepted and implemented
Moved: RH
Seconded GF
Motion accepted.

9. Any Other Business:

Members Passed

TH remembered and acknowledge the members of the association that had passed away during the year, in particular Damon Bonney, Philip Clarke (Life member) and to all other members that are no longer with us.

General Discussion regarding Events and opportunities.

Discussion included issues such as the Flatwater Sprints,, the list in the marathon diary, 500, recharge and finals, having sprints each fortnight, and including TK Boats. It was also discussed the issue of Junjior and their commitment. AB reported that the new discipline committee was committed to defining the new diary and will be increasing the number of events during the new year.

Suggestion to developing a social calendar where it is populated by the clubs and promoted / advertised by Canoeing Victoria. Clubs interested in such a proposal included Kannanook Creek, Fairfield, Whitehorse, Kininari, Ivanhoe and Patterson Lakes.

Further discussion regarding the regulations around PFD's. It was reiterated that PFD's must be worn at all times outside marathon and sprint competitions where the risk management plan has met all the safety requirements for the exclusion.

Chris DeLuis made mention that Exemptions can be requested with Marine Safety Victoria.

Canoeing Victoria's position is that "All members should be encouraged to wear PFD's and be educated to the legal requirements".

10. Meeting Close:

The meeting closed at 3:25 p.m.