

**Canoeing Victoria Annual General Meeting  
Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> October 2010  
Recreation House, Westerfolds Park, Templestowe**

**MINUTES OF MEETING  
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**1. Meeting Opened:**

The meeting was opened at 1.07 p.m.

The following documents were distributed to all attendees:

- Annual General Meeting 2010 Agenda
- Annual General Meeting 2009 Minutes of Meeting
- Annual Report including Financial Statements 2009-2010

**2. Present:**

Gary Flanigan	President & Interested Director	Canoeing Victoria
Tom Hirschoff	Chair & Interested Director	Canoeing Victoria
Tony Coventry	Independent Director	Canoeing Victoria
Richard Howard	Independent Director	Canoeing Victoria
Andrea Boothroyd	Co-Executive Officer & Minute Secretary	Canoeing Victoria
Sharon Swoboda	Co-Executive Officer	Canoeing Victoria
Sandra Reaburn	Staff	Canoeing Victoria
Vivienne Cherny	Club Member	Kirinari
Richard Lawrence	Delegate	Tarwin Lower CC
Dave Boulton	Delegate	Kirinari
Glen Rose	Delegate	Sherbrooke Knox CC
Brenda Stork	Delegate	Essendon CC
Bernie Boulton	Club Member	Kirinari
Dave Bevan	Club Member	Fairfield CC
Dorothy Sturgess	Club Member	Tarwin River CC
Mike Wilson	Polo Committee Chair	Essendon CC
Peter Grant	Delegate	Melbourne CC
Margaret Buck	Delegate	Fairfield CC
Paul Sorrento	Delegate	Whitehorse CC
Jan Anderson	Delegate	Etham College CC
Neil Grierson	Club Member	Fairfield CC
Roy Farrance	Delegate	CPRT

**3. Apologies:**

Laurie Chenoweth	Independent Director	Canoeing Victoria
John Wiseman	Delegate	Cobram-Barooga
Mark Gribben		Essendon
Martin Mebalds	Delegate	Sherbrooke Knox CC
	Delegate	Echuca-Moama
	Delegate	Footscray
	Delegate	Gippsland Waters
	Delegate	Ivanhoe Northcote
	Delegate	Kananook Creek
	Delegate	Mercantile KK
	Delegate	Mildura CC

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Mitta Mitta  
Patterson Lakes  
Shepparton CC  
Swan Hill  
Victorian CC

#### **4. Minutes of the Previous Meeting:**

Motion: That the minutes of the previous AGM be accepted as a fair and true view of the meeting:

Moved: David Boulton - Kirinari

Seconded: Tony Coventry – Kananook Creek.

The motion was accepted.

No Business arising from the previous meeting.

#### **5. Annual Report:**

The Chair noted and thanked the supporters as noted in the Annual report.

The Annual report was tabled including President, Finance, Discipline and Administration reports.

#### **Presidents Report.**

Gary Flanigan spoke to the President's Report as tabled in the Annual Report.

Motion: That the Annual Report be accepted.

Moved: Roy Farrance

Seconded: David Boulton

The motion was accepted

Question from the floor – Vivienne Cherney – What are the reasons behind affiliating with Australian Canoeing. Responses both from the Board and the chair included but not limited to: comments such as the underlying constitutional undertaking, international pathway and central administration benefits.

#### **Richard Howard presented the Finance Report.**

Association posted a profit of 4.5% of total turnover. As we are a not-for-profit association, this is an acceptable position. Strength of the association is discipline based. The administration currently stands at cash at \$50,000 and liabilities of \$40,000.

Further discussions regarding the Australian Canoeing Affiliation fee continued.

RH noted that with the Polo accounts showing such a high surplus is probably a result of income received this year that should have been realised in last year's accounts.

Motion: That the Finance Report be accepted.

Moved: Roy Farrance

Seconded: Margaret Buck

The motion was accepted.

## **6. Presentation reports from Technical Committee**

### **Polo Report**

Mike Wilson from Canoe Polo spoke to the Canoe Polo report as tabled in the Annual Report. Mike noted that the problem that most if not all the disciplines are facing is the lack of growth, lack of replacement of drop out paddlers and the lack of volunteers to run and manage the disciplines.

Mike also noted that the clubs need to take the active role in the growth and development of the sport rather than the disciplines who need to provide the opportunities not necessarily the development and finding the new paddlers.

Universities are still the growth area, and revolves around the previous issue of /university fees that once covered affiliation and membership costs.

### **Sprint Report**

Andrea spoke to the sprint report. A re-building year where the Executive Officer ran the discipline. This included a strong calendar on buoyed courses, focusing on increasing the masters returning to the discipline, the implementation of the NTID program and development of the volunteers.

Question from the floor regarding Westerfolds park development. Answered in 2 parts. The river component which is the development of the slalom course under the bridge was answered by Roy Farrance and that it was underway and looking promising but long term. The second part is the proposed development of additional resources such as a club house and storage next / near the existing Education resource within the park.

Administration report.

SS noted that the format of the report was based on the Strategic plan sections and reminded that Strategic plan needs to be reviewed for the next 3 years.

Suggestion from the Floor – Richard Lawrence. A Strategic committee be formed by the Board that conducts the strategic forum on a yearly basis and feed back into the State Office and the Board.

Motion: The 2009-2010 report be accepted.

Accepted – Richard Lawrence

Moved – Glen Rose.

## **7. Nomination for President**

Gary Flanigan and Tom Hirschhoff have stepped down from their Board positions as per their 2 year term. 4 Interested and the Presidents position are available.

As the Chair's position has been dissolved, Glen Rose chaired the meeting.

1 nomination for President have been received – Gary Flanigan Gary Flanigan was unanimously voted in as Canoeing Victoria President

## **8. Nominations for four Board Members:**

Two nominations for Interested directors have been received: Tom Hirrschoff and Connie Todaro.

Scrutineers: Mike Wilson and Bernard Boulton.

One nomination received prior to the AGM. (Tom Hirrschoff) As Connie Todaro's nomination was received within the 15 days prior to the AGM it was required that a nomination for Connie be received from the floor .

Connie Todaro Nominated by: David Bevan  
Seconded by Richard Lawrence.

Tom Hirrschoff and Connie Todaro were unanimously voted in as interested directors.

### **9. Nominations for Life Members:**

No life member nominations were received.

### **10. Other Business:**

Australian Canoeing Affiliation Fees.

A copy of the letter sent to Australian Canoeing and the letter sent to the Clubs regarding the position of the Canoeing Victoria Board and State Office was presented to the members.

From the floor: Has anything changed as a result of the review and Kidston report. It appears not. All the clubs are struggling with gaining members and ongoing growth.

The President made it quite clear that it is not Canoeing Victoria's position or in our interests to disaffiliate with Australian Canoeing. The issue is that if we pay the proposed affiliation fee, it will have a detrimental affect on canoeing in Victoria, in the short, medium and long term. Given declining members and no investment in development, if there is no significant relief in way of reduced fees, Victoria will not be in a position to pay future affiliation fees nor contribute to the future viability of Australian Canoeing.

### Acknowledgement of Support

The Co-Executive Officers thanked the Board and CV staff for their extremely valuable contributions and support over the past year, and acknowledged the contributions made by retiring Director Andrew Coutts.

### **11. Meeting Closed: 3pm.**