

**Canoeing Victoria Annual General Meeting  
Sunday 13 September 2009  
Recreation House, Westerfolds Park, Templestowe**

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

The meeting was opened at 1.00 p.m.

The following documents were distributed to all attendees:

- Annual General Meeting 2009 Agenda
- Annual General Meeting 2008 Minutes of Meeting
- Annual Report including Financial Statements 2008-2009

**2. Present:**

Gary Flanigan	President & Interested Director	Canoeing Victoria
Tom Hirrschoff	Chair & Interested Director	Canoeing Victoria
Geoff Hindle	Interested Director	Canoeing Victoria
Andrea Boothroyd	Co-Executive Officer & Minute Secretary	Canoeing Victoria
Sharon Swoboda	Co-Executive Officer	Canoeing Victoria
Sandra Reaburn	Staff	Canoeing Victoria
Carmel Cook	Staff	Canoeing Victoria
Aaron Townsend	Delegate	Ballarat Canoe Club
Liz Jenkins	Delegate	Fairfield Canoe Club
Annette Scott	Delegate	Footscray Canoe Club
Graeme Bowes	Delegate	Geelong Canoe Club
Lawrie Chenoweth	Delegate	Ivanhoe Northcote Canoe Club
Carol Polkinghorn	Member	Kananook Creek Canoe Club
Tony Coventry	Delegate	Kananook Creek Canoe Club
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David Boulton	Delegate	Kirinari Kayak Club
Bernard Bolton	Member	Kirinari Kayak Club
Simon Greaves	Delegate	Melbourne Canoe Club
Jim Gardner-Gaskin	Delegate	Whitehorse Canoe Club

**3. Apologies:**

Andrew Coutts	Interested Director	Canoeing Victoria
Richard Howard	Interested Director	Canoeing Victoria
Margaret Buck	Member	Fairfield Canoe Club
Alan Opie	Delegate	Patterson Lakes Canoe Club
	Delegate	Deniliquin Canoe Club
	Delegate	Eltham Canoe Club
	Delegate	Gipps. Waters Canoe Club
	Delegate	Melb. Uni. Mountain. Club
	Delegate	Shepparton Canoe Club
	Delegate	Swan Hill Canoe Club
	Delegate	Tarwin Lower Canoe Club
	Delegate	Templestowe Canoe Club
	Delegate	Yarrowonga Canoe Club

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

Business Arising: Tony Coventry noted that the question raised at the 2008 AGM regarding Education Programs that was unanswered at the AGM has been clarified in the minutes.

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

Moved: Tony Coventry

Seconded: Lawrie Chenoweth

The motion was accepted.

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

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

Sharon Swoboda presented the Finance Report in the absence of Richard Howard.

Motion: That the Finance Report be accepted.

Moved: Tony Coventry

Seconded: Jim Gardner-Gaskin

The motion was accepted.

Gary Flanigan presented the President's Report.

Sharon Swoboda presented the Annual Report.

Motion: That the Annual Report be accepted.

Moved: Lawrie Chenoweth

Seconded: Liz Jenkins

The motion was accepted.

#### **6. Nominations for two Board Members:**

Two positions of Interested Director are available, however no written nominations were received prior to the meeting. The Chair called for nominations from the floor.

Sharon Swoboda explained that the skills being sought in Directors reflect those of the Strategic Plan.

Tony Coventry expressed interest in being a Director and spoke to his relevant skills and experience. As Tony is currently President of Kananook Creek Canoe Club he was ineligible to be nominated as an Interested Director.

Canoeing Victoria Board will liaise with Tony regarding his nomination.

Two positions of Independent Director are available. The Board will approach appropriately skilled personnel, external to the membership to fill the positions.

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

Ian Beasley (nominated and elected in 2008) was officially recognised at the meeting. Max Parsons was nominated and accepted as a life member.

As neither was present at the meeting, Canoeing Victoria will organise presentation of their Life Member certificates and pins at an appropriate discipline event.

## **8. Other Business:**

### Murray Marathon

Sharon Swoboda presented an update on the YMCA Murray Marathon including:

- An Executive Officer (Sharon) sits on the Board of Management of the YMCA Murray Marathon as a Canoeing Victoria representative.
- The YMCA is a developing as a great asset and supporter of the event and brings to the table, dedication to the event, resources and great enthusiasm.
- VicSuper has been secured as a major sponsor for 3 years.
- Day 1 of the event has moved back to Yarrawonga.
- The YMCA has generated a great deal of local support from councils, community, authorities etc for the event.
- The YMCA is a strong supporter of developing the relationship with Canoeing Victoria and we are currently developing how that partnership will benefit all parties into the future.
- The YMCA is very conscious of balancing both the 'competition' participants and the 'adventure' participants.
- The event provides a substantial marketing opportunity for Canoeing Victoria as only 40% of participants in 2008 were CV members.
- Australian Canoeing will be sanctioning the event.

### Membership Review

Sharon Swoboda outlined Canoeing Victoria's plans for an extensive review of our membership structure and processes. Clubs will be informed of the review timetable, and invited to participate in the review.

Delegates at the meeting raised several immediate issues with the current structure and processes including:

- Family membership is defined as 2 adults/1 child.
- The 'lapsed' time in July between membership expiry and renewal.

### 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 Geoff Hindle.

## **9. Meeting Close:**

The meeting closed at 2.25 p.m.