

MINUTES OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

OF

NSWASRL

Saturday 21st. June, 2008

North Bondi SLSC.

PRESENT: Mark Hazel, Steve Reilly, Graeme Knox, Eric Middledorp, Gavin Clarke, Cliff Gerahty, Glen Holland, Steve Lamrach, Rodrigo Fritiz-Lamora, Tom Molloy, Ashton Wright, Eduardo Fritiz-Lamora.

APOLOGIES: Charlton Honig, Damian Bennie, Tony Benfield, Chris De Jong, Kim Marsh, Matt Clymer, Trevor Dyson, Steve Todd, Matt Collins, Mark Mc Donald, Gary Watts, Gavin Scott, Craig Cunningham, Ken Lawrence.

The meeting commenced at 11.15am.

The Minutes of the previous NSWASRL AGM of 23rd. June, 2007 at Mona Vale SLSC were read out, and accepted. Moved by Steve Reilly, seconded Graeme Knox.

President's Report :

Steve Reilly outlined the Presidents Report on behalf of Charlton Honig who was Interstate on business with Fonterra. Mention of greatly increased Membership base, (to over 400) was highlighted, due mainly to the Sponsorship of Anlene via Charlton Honig for Women Members benefits. Moved that the Report be accepted by Eric Middledorp, seconded Gavin Clarke.

Secretary's Report :

The Secretary, Chris De Jong congratulated the NSWASRL Grand Prix Series Winners for the 2008 season: Open Men –Coogee, Open Women –North Cronulla, U19's –North Cronulla, Under 23 Men –Palm Beach, Under 23 Women –Bilgola, Reserves –Queenscliff. Bilgola were the overall winners of the Club Champion Trophy, medalling in four of the six categories of racing. Chris indicated in his Report that he will not be re nominating for the Secretary's position in 2009, but, he will continue to oversee the NSWASRL Website. The meeting thanked him for his tireless efforts he has put into the NSWASRL in recent years. Moved that the Report be accepted Steve Reilly, seconded Eric Middledorp.

Financials :

It was noted that the NSWASRL Westpac Account had a open balance of \$882.44 as at the commencement of July, 2007 and a closing balance of \$775.91, as at the commencement of June, 2008. Moved that the report be accepted Mark Hazel, seconded Eric Middledorp (passed unanimously)

Election of Office Bearers for 2009 :

Nominations and Elected Office Bearers are:

President: Charlton Honig. Nominated by Eric Middledorp, seconded Steve Reilly (passed unanimously).

Secretary: Damian Bennie. Nominated by Gavin Clarke, seconded Mark Hazel (passed unanimously).

Treasurer: Mark Hazel. Nominated by Steve Reilly, seconded Graeme Knox (passed unanimously).

Regional Board of Directors: Damian Bennie, Trevor Dyson, Matt Collins, Mark Mc Donald, Ken Lawrence, Steve Todd. All re Elected unopposed.

Agenda Items :

NSWASRL Hall of Fame Nominations.

NSWASRL Open.

NSWASRL Grand Prix Series.

NSWASRL State Team Selection Criteria.

General Business : Graeme Knox proposed 'Woofa' Surfboat Series

Agenda 1.

NSWASRL Hall of Fame Nominations:

The NSWASRL received Hall of Fame Nominations for the following:

Brian (Woggles) Mason (Freshwater SLSC) #deceased.

Richard Brierty (Avoca Beach SLSC).

Both nominaions resumes were read out at the meeting, with both receiving their acknowledgement regarding their numerous outstanding achievements pertaining to their involvement with the Sport of Surfboats.

It was especially noted that Brian Mason's 'achievements in the competitive arena were not only outstanding, but, they are **still** without peer. Brian not only won 4 Junior Australian Championships within 8 years in one decade during the 1960's, but these were all won "back to back". This is a fantastic feat which had **never** been achieved in our history, since Australian Championships

commenced in the 1920's, nor is it likely to be equalled or bettered in the future.

Richard's personal achievements accumulated in the past decade were recorded as second to none in recent decades.

Moved Eric Middledorp, and seconded Steve Reilly that both these outstanding nominees be accepted (passed unanimously).

Agenda 2.

NSWASRL Open.

That the NSWASRL Open will be as per last season and be held in conjunction with the Annual Manly Open Carnival to again be held on the last weekend of January, 2009, over two days. Sundays racing will be down to 16 Crews in the Open Men, Open Women and Reserves, with 12 Crews for the Under 19, Under 23 Men and the Under 23 Women categories.

There will be a 16, 12, 8 and a Final of 6 format, with the Under 19 Final to be the 2nd. last Final, aligned to the Open Men.

Final sequences as follows Reserves, Under 23 Women, Under 23 Men, Open Women, Under 19 and Open Men.

There will again be Medals for all place getters, including Club Trophies for winning crews, and a overall Premier Club Trophy to be presented on the day.

There may be additional Prizes or monies TBA., pending further negotiations with Sponsors and the Manly LSC..

Note : Only Members of the NSWASRL will be eligible for these additional Prizes or monies.

Moved Gavin Clarke, seconded Steve Reilly (passed unanimously).

Agenda 3.

NSWASRL Grand Prix Series.

That the NSWASRL Grand Prix Series will be run on a similar format to the previous season as follows :

Single Points -4 best results from your respective SL Saving Regional Surfboat Premiership Series.

Double Points-2 best results from the following 4 Open Carnivals :

- Coffs Harbour Open Carnival.
- Pacific Palms Battle of the Boats.
- Wanda Open Carnival (Intercities).
- Mollymook Open Carnival.
- Swansea Belmont Open Carnival. TBA..

Triple points for :

- NSWASRL Open (**compulsory**).
- SLSNSW State Championships.

Note : Only Members of the NSWASRL are eligible for Prizes or monies.

Moved Cliff Gerahy, seconded Graeme Knox (passed unanimously).

Agenda 4.

NSWASRL State Team Selection Criteria:

That the selection criteria would be the category winners (or best placed crews if winners do not attend) at the NSWASRL Open (Manly SLSC Open Carnival).

Proposed that the incumbent Management Team of Kim Marsh, Chris Branson and Midget Farrelly remain for the 2009 NSWASRL State Team for the ASRL Interstate Team Challenge Series.

Note : Only Members of the NSWASRL are eligible for Selection.

Moved Eric Middledorp, seconded Mark Hazel (passed unanimously).

Agenda 5.

General Business –The Bill "Woofa" Barnett Surfboat Series.

Graeme Knox outlined a new proposed Surfboat competition to be named the Bill "Woofa" Barnett Surfboat Series. This innovative competition will be modelled on the hugely successful English FA Soccer Cup Competition. All entrants will be drawn against a "single challenger" in a "single race", with only the winner going through to the next Round. Due to the element of surf skills/luck involved, it would be possible for a lesser ranked Crew, for example a Junior Crew, to beat a highly fancied current State Champion Open Men's Crew in their Rounds. If about 128 Crews enter, this means a \$12,800 prize pool at \$100 per crew entry fee, and with potential additional Sponsorship, this may even increase the prize monies on offer.

Further information and details to be presented.

The meeting agreed that full details of the proposal (when available) be circulated to all NSW Competitors via the NSWASRL and ASRL Websites, inclusive of emails to be forwarded onto all respective NSW Members of the NSWASRL and ASRL Associations.

Also that Graeme's proposal to be presented for Federal approval and endorsement at the ASRL AGM to be held at the North Steyne SLSC on the 19th. July, 2008, and that the SLSNSW Surfboat Panel be kept informed of all developments for a final approval and endorsement by SLSNSW.

Moved Graeme Knox, seconded Steve Reilly (passed unanimously).

Meeting finished at 1.24pm..
Eric Middledorp.