

MINUTES OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING NSWASRL

Saturday 20th. June 2009

Mona Vale SLSC.

PRESENT: Mark Hazel, Steve Reilly, Eric Middledorp, Ron Pomeroy, Ken Trembath, Mark McDonald, Gary Watts, Howard Christie, Gerry Plim, Midget Farrelly, Brent Lethbridge, Rebecca Mobbs, Michael Dawes, Craig McCarthy, Tim Mever, Matt Collins

. APOLOGIES: Graeme Knox, Simon Paterson, Alan Gibbons, Brook Down, Chris Branson QC, Trevor Dyson, Aaron Reilly, Richard Crayford, Tony Benfield.

The meeting commenced at 11.15am.

The Minutes of the previous NSWASRL AGM of 23rd. June 2008 at Nth Bondi SLSC were summarised, and accepted. Moved by Eric Middledorp: Seconded Mark Hazell.

At this point, Gerry Plim requested clarification regarding the ongoing role and existence of the NSWASRL –refer to ‘General Business’ for detailed discussion of this issue.

Financials:

It was noted that the NSWASRL Westpac Account had an opening balance of \$775.91 of July 2008 and a closing balance of \$5,949.21 as at the commencement of June 2009. Expenses this year included Nth Bondi AGM \$350, Nth Styene NSW ASRL State Carnival Catering of \$250, Trophies \$6,000, Fuel State Team subsidies of \$3,000. Moved that the report be accepted Mark Hazel: Seconded Eric Middledorp (passed unanimously)

Agenda Items:

1. Election of Office Bearers.
2. Hall of Fame Nomination.
3. NSWASRL State Team Criteria.
4. Sponsorship Update.
5. NSWASRL State Premiership Series.
6. NSWASRL Open.
7. Acknowledgement of NSWASRL 2009 State Teams.
8. Membership.
9. General Business.

Agenda 1. Election of Office Bearers for 2009:

Nominations and Elected Office Bearers are:

President: TBA This to be confirmed at the first NSWASRL

Board Meeting: One nomination received and recommended. Howard Christie was nominated initially from the floor for the position of the NSWASRL President but declined the nomination and the Board will undertake the selection of a President as per the NSWASRL Constitution when the Board is complete.

Secretary: Gerry Plim. Nominated by Eric Middledorp, seconded Mark Hazel (passed unanimously).

Treasurer: Eric Middledorp. Nominated: by Steve Reilly
Seconded: Midget Farrelly (passed unanimously).

Public Officer: Steve Reilly. Nominated: by Howard Christie
Seconded: Eric Middledorp (passed unanimously)

Sponsorship and Marketing: Steve Reilly. Nominated: Ken
Trembath Seconded: Ron Pomeroy (passed unanimously).

Director of Competition: Ron Pomeroy. Nominated: Steve Reilly
Seconded: Matt Collins (passed unanimously).

Liaison Officer to the ASRL and SLSNSW: Aaron Reilly.
Nominated: Mark McDonald Seconded: Gary Watts (passed
unanimously).

Regional Board of Directors:

Far North, North and Mid Coast: Brook Down (Coffs Harbour)

Lower North, Hunter and Central Coast: Trevor Dyson (Dixon Park)

SNBeaches: Matt Collins (Bungan Beach)

Sydney: Mark McDonald (Elouera)

Illawarra: TBA by Jack Patison.

South and Far South Coast: TBA by Barry Page.

Nominated: by Gerry Plim Seconded: Midget Farrelly (passed
unanimously).

Agenda 2. NSWASRL Hall of Fame Nominations:

The NSWASRL received Hall of Fame Nomination for Tony
"Torch" Haven (South Narrabeen).

Tony "Torch" Haven's Nomination resume read out at the
meeting by his Steve Reilly acknowledging numerous
outstanding achievements pertaining to his involvement with
the Sport of Surfboats: Moved Steve Reilly Seconded Ron
Pommeroy (passed unanimously).

Agenda 3. NSWASRL 2010 State Team Criteria and Management Team:

the newly elected Board will endorse the format of this year's
criteria.

- It was recommended that an alternative selection procedure
this season include a "Point Score" system involving the
following Carnivals:

Mollymook, Coffs Harbour, Wanda and Freshwater (best two results) with these Carnivals "Single Points" with Manly having "Double Points".

Team Management of four (4) to be confirmed by the NSWASRL Board as Chris Branson QC, Howard Christie, Midget Farrelly and Ron Pomeroy (Director of Competition).

Agenda 4: NSWASRL 2010 Sponsorship Update:

Steve indicated ongoing commitment of current Sponsors. He also flagged initial discussions with possible other sponsors including two other Major Co.'s TBC. The Meeting thanked Steve for his ongoing Sponsorship and commitment to the NSWASRL.

Agenda 5: NSWASRL 2010 State Premiership Series:

That the proposed format for this year's criteria be endorsed by the newly elected Board as per the same as the 2009 season.

- Single Points: 3 best results from your respective Regional SLSNSW Surfboat Series.

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

Mollymook Surfboat Classic, Coffs Harbour Craft Carnival, Bate Bay Carnival (Wanda), Battle of the Surfboats (Pacific Palms).

Triple Points: 2 Carnivals with the NSWASRL Open (Manly) to be compulsory, plus the SLSNSW State Championships (Swansea Belmont).

There will be Medals for **all** place getters and Club Trophies to the winning Crews as well as an Overall Champion Club Trophy. If there are additional prizes, and, or equipment on offer, **only** NSWASRL Members to be eligible to claim them.

Agenda 6: NSWASRL 2010 Open:

The NSWASRL and Manly LSC will co-ordinate and organize the 2010 NSWASRL Open at Manly Beach in partnership with the SNBeahes Branch of SLSaving.

There will be Medals for **all** place getters and Club Trophies to the winning Crews as well as an Overall Champion Club Trophy with Presentations to be held at the North Steyne SLSC at the completion of racing on the day.

If there are additional prizes, and, or equipment on offer, **only** NSWASRL Members to be eligible to claim them.

Refreshments and BBQ to be Sponsored by the NSWASRL and Byron Bay Premium Ales at North Steyne SLSC Club.

Moved: Steve Reilly Seconded: Matt Collins (passed unanimously).

Agenda 7: Acknowledgement of the NSWASRL 2009

State Representative Crews:

Cheques for \$500 from the NSWASRL were distributed and presented to Club representatives present (except the Novice Junior Crew).

1. Open Men: Whale Beach (Howard Christie).
2. Juniors: Bungan Beach (Matt Collins).
3. Open Women: Manly (Matt Clymer).
4. Under 23 Men: Austinmer (Jack Patison).
5. Under 23 Women: Palm Beach (Peter Spence).
6. Reserves: Palm Beach (Peter Spence).
7. Novice Juniors: Broulee Surfers (Robert Pollock).

Agenda 8: Membership:

That the incumbent free Membership of the NSWASRL to be endorsed for the 2010 season. Moved: Midget Seconded: Ron Pomeroy.

Agenda 9: General Business:

A. Continued Role of the NSWASRL.

- Gerry Plim raised the question regarding the ongoing role and existence of the NSWASRL.
- He indicated that he is raising this in light of last season's less than ideal relationships between SLSNSW and the Federal ASRL.
- Mark Hazel pointed out that he would never agree to winding up the NSWASRL and he/Steve Reilly/Gary Watts/Matt Collins/Ron Pomeroy then went on to explain that each State requires an Independent Association/Body to address their specific individual State needs. Members in attendance unanimously stated that they were amazed at Gerry's comments reinforcing the need to retain the NSWASRL and asked Gerry if he was "committed" to the NSWASRL. Gerry indicated that since the management protocol of the NSWASRL has been clarified and confirmed as "Board controlled" with all formal communications to go via correct channels that, yes, the NSWASRL will have his total support.

B. Role of the SLSNSW "Surfboat Panel".

- Ron Pomeroy then went on to ask why the NSW SLSA State Centre does not recognise the NSWASRL. Matt Collins and Howard Christie explained that an "unelected" hand picked SLSNSW Surfboat Panel liaises with the SLSNSW State Body.

Discussion resulted in confirming that the newly elected NSWASRL Board Members will be put up to the SLSNSW State Centre as the liaison point for ALL Surfboat related issues.
Moved Gerry Plim Seconded Matt Collins (passed unanimously).

C. That all NSWASRL Honour Boards.

- Steve Reilly recommended that all NSWASRL Honour Boards be on permanent display at the Collaroy Beach Services Club, Collaroy Beach – This was discussed and Steve Reilly was asked to investigate and report back to the NSWASRL Board for a final decision.

D. Future Venues of NSWASRL AGM's.

- Discussion was held whether to hold future NSWASRL AGM's as per existing procedure (alternating between Sydney Northern Beaches eg: Mona Vale SLSC and Sydney eg: Nth Bondi SLSC or at a permanent venue of the Collaroy Beach Services Club, Collaroy Beach was discussed. This will be further investigated by Steve Reilly who will report back to the Board for a final decision

E. That "Electronic Voting" be endorsed and incorporated into the NSWASRL Constitution.

The Board to commence implementing this procedure before next years NSWASRL 2010 AGM.

F. SLSNSW Surfboat Panel.

- Matt Collins again brought up the issue of the unelected SLSNSW Surfboat Panel indicating it tends to be informal and not a true representative of the issues relevant to all NSW rowers. It was recommended that the NSWASRL writes to the SLSNSW State Centre requesting that the NSWASRL Board be the premier contact/conduit between SLSNSW and all Surfboat related issues. Moved Gerry Plim Seconded Matt Collins (passed unanimously).

Meeting finished at 1.24pm...

Eric Middeldorp –Minute taker 20 June 2009