

**CANOEING VICTORIA BOARD MEETING
MINUTES
Tuesday 20/05/08
Gary's House**

1. MEETING OPENED

The meeting opened at 8.00pm

Gary Flanigan – President (GF)
Tom Hirschoff – Chair (TH)
Richard Howard – Independent Director (RH)
Sharon Swoboda– Executive Officer – Co (SS)

2. APOLOGIES

Geoff Hindle - Interested Director (GH)
Richard Lawrence - Interested Director (RL)
Andrea Boothroyd – Executive Officer – Co (AB)

3. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

Motion: "That the minutes of the previous meeting be accepted".
Moved: GH Seconded: TH

4. PRESIDENT'S REPORT:

Congratulations to Tom Hirschoff for winning one of the Inaugural Julius Lockington Patching Sports Official of the Year Award.

Gary presented another \$440 cheque for fundraising. – Thank you Gary.

5. FINANCIALS

Tabled and discussed

Credit Liability.

Ensure that the 1/12th of this years membership that relates to July 2008 is credited to a liability account this year so that it can be taken to income in correct financial year. This situation will be resolved in 2008/09 as the membership year will be aligned with the financial year."

Insurance. Check the date of insurance, If Jan, only 5/12th should be expended in this financial year and the rest Credited to an Asset account until 1st July 08,

Comment. Change the wording from "Late Fee" to Early payment discount of 10.00.

Action: SR to implement.

Aged Receivables were reviewed.

Tom has been working hard on recovering the receivables and well in hand.

Action: Provide for a provision for doubtful debt for Flatwater.

Finance report moved TH seconded RH.

6. EXECUTIVE OFFICERS REPORT

Executive officers report tabled.

Action: Andrea to provide details of racking system to Gary and Ric to pursue getting the system built.

SS provided a Canoeing NSW update. In Summary; NSW Canoeing is currently in limbo due to the recent AGM where the board stepped down and the nominations from the floor were not accepted. They are not affiliated with AC anymore and therefore any members of NSW Canoeing cannot compete at National or international level.

Paddle NSW is a new group that has formed with the intention to replace NSW Canoeing. AC have supported the proposal that all NSW Canoeing assets be transferred to Paddle NSW and that in time they will affiliated with AC.

In the mean time, AC have enabled NSW Clubs, to affiliated directly with AC to enable members to compete as required, however this is an interim solution until Paddle NSW is viable and can affiliate directly.

Note: Direct Individual membership is now available with AC, however, the membership price is very high (in the order \$200) of which \$100 returns to the state office as compensation. This to provide the opportunity for the public to join direct without undermining the club structure.

Accepted. TH seconded GH.

7. TECHNICAL COMMITTEE'S

7.1 Canoe Polo Committee

No report provided.

Congratulations to the Canoe Polo committee on great championship.

Action: Letter to be written on behalf of the Board to this effect.

Action: Request a final budget report on the Championships (as per the MOU).

7.2 Flatwater

Verbal report provided by Sharon from Neville Stone:

All schools finished the season.

Plan to have a junior development squad working with Craig Pickett inclusive of all the junior coaches to bring together and provide some streamline collaborative coaching.

Tom to provide a copy of the committee's original junior development plan.

7.3 Wildwater

Report provided by Sharon

Calendar has been published and updated on the Web site with newsletter to all interested members having been sent. Thanks to Kirinari for hosting the Yarra Series with year and Matthew French for assisting with the Country Series.

No responses yet for interested members for the Committee. The first race will be on the 22nd June so a meeting will held after that.

Nationals dates have been set, web work still to be done, Tony Misson is the only volunteer at this stage to help with preparation.

SS will invoice back to WW for the Nationals.

7.4 Marathon

Treasurers report tabled.

TH provided verbal report. Schools championships – entries about the same as last year or with slight increase and moderate profit.

Warnambool race had 110 paddlers which is a 30% increase in paddlers. Auravale lake had a mammoth 224 paddlers despite the weather. Congratulations to the hosting clubs and the marathon committee.

Closing bank balance \$9,123

Report Accepted TH seconded GF.

7.5 Recreational/Touring

Web pages will be updated within two weeks.

8. STRATEGY

Strategic plan has been distributed to all the clubs and the disciplines for comment.

9. MARKETING

Action: Sharon to write to Andrew Coutts.

10. General Business

- Letter to Melbourne Water regarding snag clearing on the yarra Tabled. Gary signed and will be sent to GF for counter signature and then forwarded on.
- VCAT – Hawthorn rowing Shed. VCAT has had a continuum with new documents forwarded for the next sitting on 30th May.
- Ross Steven's resignation tabled.

The Board Accepted Ross's resignation with regret and thanks Ross for his fantastic contribution over the 18months especially with the accounts and with Australian Canoeing.

- Life Member certificate to be presented to Whitehorse Canoe Club member at AGM or via mail whichever family prefer.
- Yarra Descent. Disciplines need to be approached to support and assist both entering and running the event. Without both RH recommended the event be dropped.. RH and SS to followup
- Finance meeting between Marathon (Michael Baird) and Flatwater (Damon Bonney) Sandra, Rich and Sharon to be organized to iron out procedures / issues regarding taking on board the accounts.
- Marathon Vic Champs have offered CV to run the Kiosk. GF to respond.
- Sunsmart Trailer use to be reviewed. Suggestion is to remove the excess steel and enable it as a box trailer. Sharon to Review.
- Prorata sunset clause

Motion: Prorata has a sunset clause of 2 years. Moved TH seconded GF.

11. NEXT MEETING

17th June

Future meetings: 15th July (Tom and Sharon away)., 19th August, 16th September, 21 October, 18th November.

AGM to be decided at next meeting.

Meeting Closed: 11.59pm.