

CANOEING VICTORIA BOARD MEETING
MINUTES
25th Mar 08
Gary's House

1. MEETING OPENED

The meeting opened at 7.40pm

Gary Flanigan – President (GF)
Tom Hirschhoff – Chair (TH)
Richard Howard – Independent Director (RH)
Ross Stevens – Independent Director (RS)
Geoff Hindle - Interested Director (GH)
Andrea Boothroyd – Executive Officer – Co (AB)
Sharon Swoboda– Executive Officer – Co (SS)
Peter Grant – Slalom Committee Representative – (PG)

2. APOLOGIES

Richard Lawrence - Interested Director (RL)

3. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

Motion: “That the minutes of the previous meeting be accepted with clarification of membership prices”.

Moved: GF. Seconded: RS. Accepted.

4. SLALOM COMMITTEE REPORT

CV Board welcomed Peter Grant from the Slalom Technical Committee.

Slalom on all accounts is going really well. Approx 50/50 Adults / Juniors with credit to the CPRT/Bendigo Bank and Rapidly to London Squads really boosting junior members.

Results from the Oceania competition was very good, with Warwick Draper topping the results in the Mens K1. The Competition itself was complemented by Jean-Michel Prono, the ICF Slalom Racing Chair regarding the way the sport runs and how it is implemented in Australia.

Congratulations to Simon Greaves who has recently been accepted as an ICF Slalom Official.

Victoria is doing well at a National Level with:

- Warwick Draper - National Champion - Mens K1
- Mark Bellefoire – National Champion C2 crew with NSW Lachlan Milne (formally Victorian).
(both Warwick and Mark will represent Australia at the Olympics)
- Sarah Grant – National Champion Womens K1.
- Tim Hobbs and Jackson Merritt – National C2 Juniors.

It was noted that a whitewater stadium course in Victoria would take the pressure off travelling and performance for current and future Victorian paddlers and their families.

Next year Nationals will be held in Tasmania which will encourage some "neutral" ground competition.

For the sport to flourish, more officials and coaches are required as well as an investment in access to water.

5. **PRESIDENT'S REPORT:**

Presidents Report tabled.

It was suggested that the reference to the Red Cross and the Murray Marathon be amended to reflect that CV will conduct initial conversations with the Red Cross regarding the future of the event.

Moved: RS
Seconded GH

Action: Organise a meeting with Board Representative, the office and Red Cross.
SS

6. **FINANCIALS**

a) **Budget versus Actual Analysis**

Tracking well at this stage.

b) **Aged Receivables.**

Motion: To write off the debt by Mitta Mitta Canoe Club.

Moved RH
Seconded RS

Receivables generally looking good.

Note regarding Australian Canoeing. Invoices should be entered as what we intend to pay rather than their invoice (re GST conflict).

Action: All currently entered invoices to be amended to reflect. SS/SR

c) **Balance Sheet.**

Current Year earnings - \$30,000 is high due to income received early in the year with expenditure increasing per month towards year end.

Action: Membership Allocations for 2008/09 need to be followed up. RS.

Financial Report Accepted

Moved TH

Seconded GF.

7. EXECUTIVE OFFICERS REPORT

a) Affiliation Fees for Gippsland Kayak Club

Motion: Offer Pro-rata affiliation rate to Gippsland Kayak Club to support a collapsed club to rejuvenate.

Moved RH
Seconded RS

b) Recreational Junior Member

Motion: Create a new membership category – Recreational Junior at \$40.00 per year..

Moved RH
Seconded RS

Discussion regarding insurance clarification regarding recreational membership. Upon clarification, membership forms need to be clear in what insurance is provided upon membership.

Action: *Followup with AC regarding increasing insurance coverage.*

Action: *Amend membership forms to reflect true membership benefits.*

c) Insurance

Cancellation of existing equipment insurance policies is now required with taking out new insurance coverage.

New insurance covers only what is on the asset register. Therefore Technical Committee's need to be contacted to update the register to ensure coverage.

Action: *Followup the assets that have dropped off the asset register having been fully depreciated and re listed. SR / SS*

Action: *Contact the Technical Committees to required asset list. AB*

Action: *Existing policies and new policy to be sent to GF to confirm coverage before cancellation.*

d) VIS Individual Scholarships.

Scholarships have been advertised on the web site and sent to disciplines. Scholarships mainly provide access to VIS facilities and VIS programs. Little assistance for travel or ongoing training costs.

Action: Followup with individuals from last year to ensure awareness of due date. SS

It was noted that the VIS is no longer offering any programs to Tier 2 Sports – only individual scholarships. To regain a Canoeing Program in the VIS, the sport would need to be upgraded to a Tier 1 Sport.

e) Masters Project

Catherine Gardner-Gaskin has been appointed to the SRV Masters project. Catherine brings in a vast amount of experience from the Masters competition management as well as being a keen paddler and a member of Whitehorse Canoe Club.

f) Touring Web pages

Touring Web pages are yet to be updated. SS to complete.

g) Coaching Program

PG highlighted that Slalom are very interested in the coaching program. AB updated PG on the current contact with Victoria Milne, Dita Phal and Andrew Farrance regarding input into the coaching project.

Action: Followup with Slalom regarding project – AB / PG

h) Yarra Bend Ramp

Aboriginal overlay has already been completed so the ramp can now go ahead.

Discussion over the future ownership and management of the ramp considering CV will be building the ramp on Crown land managed by Parks Victoria.

Suggested that CV donate the ramp to Parks Victoria and therefore transfer the future liability and maintenance to Parks Victoria.

Action: Followup – AB

There is a possibility of a new Slalom course near Mt Beauty, however similar liability problems are a possible problem. PG to be kept informed of Yarra Bend Ramp situation.

Motion: Executive Officers report accepted.

Moved GF
Seconded TH

8. TECHNICAL COMMITTEE'S

8.1 Canoe Polo Committee

Verbal report provided by RH. Nationals were well attended and extremely well run. The Board sends their congratulations to the Technical Committee and all those involved. Due to not installing the new pontoons, it is predicted that the event will make a profit.. Future pontoon building / hiring was discussed. RH to continue discussion with Polo TC.

MOU was finally signed on the last day before competition began. AB raised the issue of getting AC to provide the MOU in the first place and the difficulty in getting it signed and feed back.

It was proposed that Victoria define a standard Victorian MOU for all AC events held in Victoria in the future. SS / AB to followup.

7.2 Flatwater

State Champs were held 4 weeks ago (Feb) and National championships 2 weeks ago as part of the Oceania Competition.

It was noted that the event was not widely promoted and many classes were not open (due to lack of numbers). Generally wider participation is required.

7.3 Wildwater

No report.

7.4 Marathon

No report tabled.

TH Verbally reported on Nationals run last weekend.

7.5 Recreational/Touring

GH Reported that GH has been liaising with Melbourne Water re snags. As a result, Major snags have been removed 1km up and down from Burke Rd Bridge.

Burke Rd to Banksia street –woody weeds will be removed in 2009 as part of an Ecology report on the river.

In addition, A report on Plenty river to Dights falls section will be completed in 2008 with a capital works commencing in 2009.

GH and GF to continue to write and followup with Melbourne Water.

9. STRATEGY

2008-2011 DRAFT Strategic Plan tabled for discussion at the next meeting.

10. MARKETING

TH spoke again to Andrew Coutts from Patterson Lakes who is interested in assisting the CV Office and becoming a board member. TH to keep informed.

11. General Business

Olympic Council – Meeting to be held on 16th April.

Action: *Ensure delegates (Roy and Ivan) are aware of meeting.*

Team Managers

Discussion regarding Team Managers, their role and responsibilities.

Action: *Provide GF with current team manager positions descriptions.*

Discussion on amalgamation of classes and offering 5 year age groups but where 3 are required to constitute the class. Further discussions will be taken up with the Marathon committee and incorporated into the marketing plan to increase participation to reduce likely hood of cancelling / amalgamating classes.

It was noted that Ian Muir has resigned as President of Australian Canoeing with Danielle Woodward acting as the Chair.

The CV Board thanks Ian Muir for his valuable contribution to Australian Canoeing during the recent turbulent times and restructure and looks forward to working with Danielle.

12. NEXT MEETING

Tues 15th April.

Meeting Closed: 10:50pm