

**CANOEING VICTORIA BOARD MEETING
MINUTES
Tuesday 21st September 2010
Gary's House**

1. MEETING OPENED

The meeting opened at 7.45pm

Gary Flanigan – President (GF)
Tom Hirschoff – Chair (TH)
Tony Coventry. – Independent Director (TC)
Andrea Boothroyd – Executive Officer – Co (AB)
Sharon Swoboda– Executive Officer – Co (SS)
Peter Garguilio – NTID Coach – (PG)

2. APOLOGIES

Lawrie Chenoweth – Independent Director (LC)
Richard Howard – Independent Director (RH)

3. Minutes of Previous Minutes

Motion: “That the minutes of the previous meeting be accepted”
Moved: TC Seconded GF

4. Sprint Committee Presentation – Peter Garguilio

Peter Tabled 2 documents:

Victorian Sprint Technical Committee Proposal
Sprint Canoeing in Victoria

Peter presented both papers and presented the position of a group of interested and dedicated members that are prepared to commit by forming a Sprint Technical Committee and implement the proposed development plan.

PG has requested an endorsement by the Board to move forward with the proposed structure and committee members.

The Board thanks Peter for the presentation and taking the time out to attend the Board meeting.

5. K4 Trailer currently being stored at Mercantile.

An issue has arisen at Mercantile where the K4 trailer was requested by the Mercantile Rowing club. Due to Andrea unable to determine whether the trailer was being used by anyone in Canoeing Victoria this weekend in addition to the approach and demanding tone delivered by the Mercantile Rowing club member, the trailer use was denied. As a result, Mercantile rowing club has evicted the trailer and the racking space. This now creates a problem for the Mercantile Kayak Club. After a number of phone calls, it has been determined that the trailer is available.

As a result, PG will organise pick up of the Blue trailer and K4's from Mercantile on Wed and relocate. The Silver trailer (currently managed by PG), is under question as to whether the Rowing club can borrow the trailer for no charge when not in use by Canoeing Victoria.

Despite the Mercantile Rowing Club removing the Blue Trailer and K4 racking system from the Club sheds, Canoeing Victoria discussed lending the silver trailer to Mercantile Rowing Club

as long as it is not in use by any Canoeing Victoria to support the Mercantile Canoe Club and their relationship with the Rowing Club.

Motion: Mercantile Rowing Club may borrow the Silver K4 Trailer when not in use by any Canoeing Victoria members subject to request and approval by the Canoeing Victoria office.

Moved: TC Seconded: GF

6. Business arising from previous meeting

- a) Letter was sent to Australian Canoeing regarding the Affiliation fees. A reply has been received by Canoeing Victoria from Danielle and Greg Doyle. A copy was sent to all Board Members.
- b) Office Insurance has been organised.

7. President's Report

President's report was tabled by GF.

Moved: TC Seconded TH

8. Strategic Areas

- a) Training, Education and Safety

SRV Future Directions grant applications have been released. It is proposed that CV apply for a Junior and Volunteer development project as this has been identified as a key area for development and a current issue for both membership and discipline growth.

- b) High Performance

NTID Program – Issue with existing program members not current members of Canoeing Victoria. AB reported that after discussions with the TID programs this will be rectified ASAP.

- c) Membership Services
Refer Board Report

Despite Membership number increasing compared to last year, membership income is well down – by \$8500. This is an indication that the type of membership being taken out is being down graded to the likes of social rather than competitive.

The increased in numbers is also due to the vigilant efforts of checking memberships and followup with clubs.

- d) Club Development
Refer Board Report

- e) Community Development
Refer Board Report

- f) Non-competitive – Active Paddling Member Development
Refer Board Report

- g) Competition Development

Sprint Management 2010/11 Season.

AB Presented a comparison of solutions for the sprint management in the future.

Options include: Merged with Marathon, PG proposed Solution, CV Board take over, CV Office run the discipline or that the discipline is closed.

Joe Alia (chair of marathon) provided support via email to the option of a merge with Marathon.

Action: GF to contact George to discuss the future of the sprint management and George's role of Chair.

Action: AB to update PG that the Board are still considering their position and will complete some due diligence prior to making any decision.

Exception to the Competition Event Licence fee for Canoe Polo competitions.

Current rule is that you cannot enter a competition unless you complete and pay the \$10 event licence. Canoe Polo does not have an existing mechanism to provide a free "Come and try" option to encourage new participants.

Board agreed that the \$10 fee is waived for new participants / novice grade only for the first night and thereafter the \$10 fee applies.

Competition entry fee for recreational members

Currently Recreational members and non-members are expected to pay an extra \$10 despite the recreational members having paid a membership fee to Canoeing Victoria where the non-members have not paid anything.

Board will take the issue under consideration in the context of membership review.

Action: AB to respond to Stewart Nicol's letter highlighting the issue.

h) Corporate Governance

AC Affiliation Fees.

AC have responded that they will not consider reducing the fee in this financial year. AB and SS voiced their disappointment with the contents of the letter from AC that included facts that were wrong particularly in relation to the fee review when Canoeing Victoria DID wish to be involved in the review to ensure CV's representation. We were not given the opportunity.

Issues Affiliation review was supposed to provide a model to be discussed at the AC Strategic Forum, timing of affiliation fee notification (not approved at 2009 agm or strategic plan), etc

Action: GF to rewrite to AC again.

Action: GF to write to all Club presidents to outline current position and affiliating with AC.

AC AGM

TC and SS will represent Canoeing Victoria at AGM with TC with voting rights.

Finances

- All Discipline (ex Wildwater and Slalom) were tabled.
- Auditor has been in and very happy with the accounts presented.
- Slalom have deposited \$20,000 in the ING account.

- i) Market and Communication
See Board Report
- j) Representation
See Board Report
- k) Advocacy
See Board Report.

9. General Business

Board approve that the Executive Officers can sign the SRV Organisation and Future Directions grant applications.

10. Meeting Closed: 10.15 pm.

11. Next Board Meeting

Next Board Meeting AGM – 9th October – CV Offices. Board meeting prior to AGM – 10am at CV Office.