



## WSNSW 2018 AGM Minutes

Annual General Meeting of Windsurfing NSW Association Inc.  
Monday 13<sup>th</sup> of August 2018, at 7pm at The Oaks Hotel, Board Room  
118 Military Road Neutral Bay.

Commenced 7:05pm

1. Present

Lissa McMillan, Richie Reynolds, Glenn Morell, Wayne Bowness, Keith Single, Marty Stone, David Bell, Adam Craven, Tom Plodr, Dave West, Steve Walsh, Al Haynes.

2. Apologies

Greg McInnes, Glenny Grunfelder, Christophe Vial, Zack Coleman, Byron McIlveen, Brett Morris, Rick Murray, Jack Sitters, Murray Towndrow, Mel Webb.

3. President's report

Welcome, thanks for volunteering your time to promote the sport of windsurfing.

This is my first year in the position of President, and it's been a learning experience. Thanks to the Committee of Keith, Greg and Richie for their support across the year. I want to give you an overview of what we've been working on. Some of it is a bit dry, but I think it's important to inform you of what the committee has been doing.

**Insurance and affiliation:** WNSW Members join the AWA via their Club or in the case of One Design and Wave, through their Class Association. Apart from affiliation with the AWA and via them to Australian Sailing, joining gives members sail numbers, plus third party public liability insurance for any windsurfing activity 24 hours a day in Australia or OS (except the US and Canada), except when participating in an organised event, for example club racing, that is not sanctioned by AWA. Basically if a Club is not affiliated, or the event is not on the AWA calendar, members are not covered by the AWA public liability insurance when competing in events. Together with the Qld Windsurfing Association, I've been working on trying to tidy up this grey area, given club racing would tend to be one of the safest environments in which to sail. In December last year, the WNSW Committee passed a motion stating that all events held at Sailing Australia affiliated clubs are considered sanctioned events. We called upon the AWA at that time to pass a similar motion, and to act to renegotiate the insurance policy to remove the exclusion from future policies. Qld is working on a similar motion. As yet we've not had a response from AWA, despite writing to them again on 20 July.

**Constitution:** The current Constitution is from 1988, amended in 1990. Its Objectives are

- To promote the interests of Board Sailing, of its members and sailors;
- To encourage competition;
- To control the plans, specifications and restrictions governing the various classes and or divisions in particular, the open class (Division 2) of the IYRU in NSW.

First two objectives are great, but the 3<sup>rd</sup> is clearly outdated. The whole thing could do with some tidying up, and add things to bring it into the real world – allow emailing and electronic

meetings for example. If re-elected, I'd plan to revise the constitution with a view to bringing a draft to the next AGM. From speaking with the President of Windsurfing Tasmania, who has just redrafted that state's constitution, I've learnt the AWA is also looking to update its constitution. So there might be synergies. My plan would be not to do this in isolation and to be very transparent, to make sure the new document reflects the aims and ambitions of the NSW members.

In looking at the Constitution, I've discovered that we can have up to 5 ordinary members of the committee, as well as the 4 Office Bearers. So when we get to the voting part, get ready to nominate for these positions.

**Website:** The Windsurfing NSW website has been brought up to date, broken and outdated links fixed, and new links to groups such as Bic Techno and Windsurfer One Design added to make it an aggregator of information and links. We've also just added a new page called "Get Into It" which gives info on how to get into the sport – listing learn to windsurf schools, and where you can buy gear. If you haven't looked for a while, please do, and let the committee know if there are corrections or additions that should be made. Just on learn to windsurf, there are now at least 4 active windsurfing schools in Sydney, where four years ago there was only 1. So progress is underway.

**Logo:** Thanks to Greg MacInnes, WNSW has a new logo. If you'd like a sexy blue WNSW cap featuring this logo, please see him with \$25.

**Promoting the sport:** One of the things we've started working on is the removal of the ban on windsurfing across Sydney Harbour channel. This is an historic ban, and there are some people in places of authority with strong view about retaining this rule. However, we're working on this in the background. One move that may help with this is us being invited to join the revitalised Sailing Industry Association group, which has its inaugural meeting tomorrow. The mission is to get more people into sailing, provide support to people to do so and to provide opportunities for employment, education and training within the Sailing industry.

**Performance:** It's been a very mixed year in terms of the relationship with Australian Sailing. The low point was the breaking of the contract with National Windsurfing Coach, Max Wojcik, who I believe has been crucial in building the new enthusiasm around the sport of windsurfing, setting up the Centre of Excellence in Brisbane, and travelling the country providing coaching to youth and to older sailors. On the other hand, windsurfing has now been included in Youth Sailing Team, which hadn't been done previously. Each year Australian Sailing invites the top young sailors in the state in "Pathway Classes" to apply for the NSW Youth Sailing Team. So there is now a squad of 10 windsurfing participants receiving 10 days coaching during season 18/19 from an Australian Sailing coach – Craig Ferris.

- Supported 2 windsurfing participants to the Youth Worlds in Corpus Christi in the US - Alex Halank was 20<sup>th</sup> out of 27 boys, and Amelia Quinlan 16<sup>th</sup> of 17 girls. Both are from NSW.

- Alex will also be going to the Youth Olympic Games in Buenos Aires in October, along with Hailey Lea from Qld.

- Australian Sailing is claiming it is offering additional coaching support to participants at the upcoming NSW Youth Championships (on Lake Macquarie). However, WNSW is being asked by the organising club to pay for some of the coaching that was supplied last year by Australian Sailing through Max and Belly. So whilst we welcome the inclusion of windsurfing in the YST, overall I think the Australian windsurfing community is poorer for the decision to send Max packing back to Poland.

**Boat Show:**

Windsurfing NSW, along with the B14 class Association, has just mounted a 200 square metre display at the Sydney International Boat Show. Thanks to the close to 30 volunteers who staffed

the stand, and Sam Parker from WindsurfnSnow, Bevan McKavanagh from Bic, Justin Lord from Windsurfing Religion and Greg Johns from Wingenuity for supplying material for display at very short notice. We pulled the display together with a week's notice, together with some great videos on the big screen, and the organisers were so impressed with our display they suggested it was Best on Ground, and have asked us back next year, again at no cost.

4. Receive financial statement for the season 2017/2018 (Treasurer's report)

Opening Balance	\$13,488.62
Income	\$36,148.22
Expenses	\$32,450.99
Profit	\$3,697.23
Closing balance	\$17,145.85

243 members.

5. Approve election of the following Office Bearers for the 2018/2019 season  
(Mover / Seconder)

- President Lissa McMillan (David Bell/Wayne Bowness)
- Vice President Greg MacInnes (Lissa McMillan/Adam Craven)
- Treasurer Keith Single (Wayne Bowness / David Bell)
- Secretary Richie Reynolds (Glenn Morrell/ Al Haynes)
- Ordinary Members Decided that they will be class reps.

6. Appoint Windsurfing Class Reps for the 2018/2019 season

- One Design (Wallies) Al Haynes, back up Steven Walsh
- Raceboards Lissa McMillan (David Bell/ Tom Plodr)
- Slalom/GPS Byron McIlveen & Adam Craven
- Formula Adam Craven
- Wave Simeon Glasson
- Youth/Bic Techno 293 David Bell
- Foiling Glenn Morrell (Keith Single/Wayne Bowness) passed
- AWA Brett Morris

7. Club Reps

- DAC Greg MacInnes
- Stormriders Adam Craven
- Marmong Murray Towndrow
- St George Keith Single
- Illawarra Glenn Morrell
- Koonawarra Glenn Morrell
- Gosford John Doolan
- Balmoral Melanie Webb
- Woollahra Dave Bell
- Merimbula John Smythe
- One Design Al Haynes
- Kurnell Arthur Gargett
- Hunters Hill New club to be approached

8. Class rep reports

**Raceboard Report 2017-18**

- Nationals held jointly with Formula, so 52 participants, with 29 Raceboards.

- At this event Raceboarders held a discussion to talk about class issues – insurance, future calendar – tried for nats in Vic to promote class and build small fleet there, but clubs there were not overly interested, so now the Raceboard Nats will be at Myall Lakes from 20-23 January, together with Formula again, and possibly Wallies.
- Highly successful NSW Raceboard Series attracted 42 different sailors to the various events – 7 in all, including States at Sanctuary Point.
- Two Australians competed in the RB Worlds in Blanes, Spain – Lea Sitja (9<sup>th</sup>) and National Champion Cam Harrison (32<sup>nd</sup>).
- Four about to head over to Portugal for the World Masters RB championships.
- Across last season, Raceboards held 6 Masterclasses, 3 with Max Wojcik, and one each with Richie, Lea and Justin with topics ranging from rigging, rules and flags, gybing and tacking. Averaging 20 participants each time. Great way to provide self-help, elevate the skill level of the whole fleet.
- Also, together with Richie and me, Greg MacInnes, Christophe Vial and Jack Sitters are volunteering to run a Learn to Windsurf class at DAC twice a season. We feel that we are ensuring the class grows both by providing lessons, but also increasing the pool of accredited windsurf instructors.

#### **St George**

- Business as usual this year. Rebuilding not expected to effect this seasons sailing.

#### **Stormriders**

- Formula/Foils combined events coming soon.

#### **Wallies**

- Light on numbers 4-5 to Nationals. ~15 boards to states. Interclub combined with rippers 15 competitors last year.
- Excited about new LT. Keen to have Nationals with raceboards at Myall Lakes but making alternate enquiries as they feel accommodation is not sufficient.
- Looking at good youth fleet on Lake Macquarie for Nationals on Australia day weekend. States at Gosford on Labour Day weekend with Raceboards.
- Potential of a combined Nationals in 2019 of Foiling/Formula/Raceboard/One design - Festival of Windsurfing in Brisbane.

#### **Techno**

- After 4 years class is now established, spearheading through WSC , DAC was good start to Rippers series with lots of interest in trying also at SLMSC, Balmoral incredible 120 kids 75 just trying. Kurnell awesome. Hunters Hill getting on board.
- Amelia Quinlan 15yo competing against 18yo at world's had a great time. Sail Sydney 21 kids. CHS Belly and Max coached the kids. East coast champs 10 kids States 16 Nationals 28 also giving kids experience in Formula.
- Accepted into YST 10 kids taken from 19 who trialled. Belly coaches those that didn't get in. AS supporting Sam Trehane but not providing him with a boat. Kids from other classes getting interested in windsurfing and sailing both.
- Grae at worlds in Latvia competing with 8.5 m sail at 14 youngest competitor on this size sail.
- Active Kids \$100 voucher for kids. Government scheme check it out to help kids join up.
- Rippers trademarked to Belly. Girls only sessions at WSC proving popular. Rippers series set not to clash with optis travellers. 5 assistant instructors now trained at WSC.

#### **IYC**

- Quiet season, Saturday racing will continue.

**KBSC**

- Wind Foiling club Lots of support from club. Still to work out sailing program

**Foiling**

- First season combined with Formula. This year hosted first Nationals with 20 competitors from WA, QLD and NSW. Coming season more competitors expected this season. Nationals planned to be on Botany Bay again late in the season.

9. Draft calendar for the 2018/2019 Season                      Being finalised by class reps.

10. General Business

Jervis Bay Sand Sea Festival. 26-28 October Triathlon, SUP, Kayaking, Kites. Doing a 7 and 14k downwind sail. LM to talk with organiser tomorrow. Interest in supporting the event as it is a great location to go to.

11. Close Meeting 9:05