



WSNSW 2019 AGM Minutes

Annual General Meeting of Windsurfing NSW Association Inc.
Monday 15th of April 2019, at 7pm at Dobroyd Aquatic Club, Rodd Point.

Commenced 7:15pm

1. Present

Lissa McMillan, Richie Reynolds, Glen Morrell, Keith Single, Tom Plodr, Dave West, Helene Pratt, Denis Kolmerschleg, Francois Horion, Christophe Vial, Paul Hewett, Nial Kinch, Stephen Barton, Adrian Herbert, Catherine MacInnes, Jack Sitters

2. Apologies

Conor Coleman, Rupert Henry, Adam Craven, Murray Towndrow, Byron McIlveen, Steve Newman, Maria Quinlan, Amelia Quinlan, Derek Quinlan, Al Haynes.

3. President's report

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

This is my second year in the position of President. Thanks to the Committee of Keith, Greg and Richie for their support across the year.

My strong sense is that the sport of windsurfing is having a "second wind". Apart from a surge in sailors from the early days rediscovering the sport as they find more time through retirement or kids growing up, there has been a growth in the number of young people and women enjoying the sport.

We had the fantastic success of the Windsurfer Nationals at Toronto with 107 entries.

Across a number of fleets, notably One Design, Bic Techno and Raceboards, we are seeing more competitors, and Foiling is also growing gradually.

There's also been a growth this year in the number of NSW clubs affiliated with the Australian Windsurfing Association bringing the number to 12.

DAC

Hunters Hill

Illawarra

Koonawarra Bay

Marmong

Merimbula

St George

Stormriders

Toronto

Wave

Wallies

Woollahra

This is by far the largest number of affiliated clubs in any state. Qld is the next biggest with 6.

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. The more clubs affiliated, the easier it is to compete with peace of mind at a greater number of locations.

The committee has been working on making the Jervis Bay Sand N Sea festival in October an attractive event for the greatest possible number of sailboard classes. The feature of the event will be a 30km downwind race.

Quite a bit of learn to windsurf going on – DAC, Gosford, Kurnell amongst others.

WNSW has made a submission to RMS about the implementation of the SENS – Sailing Events Notification System, which altered the way Aquatic Licences were granted. In a nutshell : **We submit that sailboards should not be excluded from the definition of a Sailing Event, which would allow this class of sailing craft to be covered by the Sailing Event Notification System.**

We are continuing to work on insurance issues, seeking to work more closely with the AWA to allow members to be covered for 3rd party public liability when racing at Australian Sailing approved clubs – to my mind one of more controlled and safe environments in which to sail.

We have improved the website, and we are looking to update the constitution to make it more relevant. As an example it currently seeks *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.*

This season Windsurfing was included in Youth Sailing Team, which hadn't been done previously. A squad of 10 windsurfing participants receiving 10 days coaching during season 18/19 from Australian Sailing coach – Craig Ferris.

In July, 2 NSW windsurfers competed in the Youth Worlds in Corpus Christi in the US - Alex

Halank was 20th out of 27 boys, and Amelia Quinlan 16th of 17 girls.

Alex then went on to the Youth Olympic Games in Buenos Aires in October, and was 15th out of 24. Qld's Hailey Lea from Qld was 21st out of 23.

RSX Youth Europeans just completed in Mallorca, Spain, Grae Morris coming 9th out of 24 in the U17s, with two wins and a second towards the end of the regatta.

Boat Show: Windsurfing NSW, along with the B14 class Association, mounted a 200 square metre display at the Sydney International Boat Show in August. We had close to 30 volunteers who staffed the stand, and Sam Parker from WindsurfN Snow, Bevan McKavanagh from Bic, Justin Lord from Windsurfing Religion and Greg Johns from Wingenuity supplied material for display. 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. However, with the fire that razed Windsurf N Snow in January, the sail stands the Boat Show made for us were lost, as Sam was storing them on site. Karen Murden will be the WNSW coordinator of the Boat Show exhibit this year. Finally, thanks to everyone for their involvement this season. Every little bit helps.

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

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| Opening Balance | \$17,145.85 |
| Income | \$26,293.25 |
| Expenses | \$21,250.77 |
| Profit | \$ 4,368.18 |
| Closing balance | \$22,188.32 |

From AWA register: 341 members of which DAC has 31, HH 2, IYC 18, KBSC 1, MPSC 38, Merimbula 13, SR 11, StGSC 10, NSWWA 37, WCAA 166 (82 reside outside NSW), WSC 14.

The financial statement provides a true and fair view of the Association's performance.
Moved KS Seconded LM Carried.

5. Approve election of the following Office Bearers for the 2019/2020 season
(Nominator)

- President Lissa McMillan (Greg MacInnes)
- Vice President Greg MacInnes (Lissa McMillan)
- Treasurer Keith Single (Lissa McMillan)
- Secretary Tom Plodr (Lissa McMillan)
- Ordinary Members Decided that they will be class reps.

No nominations from the floor were received so all nominees were accepted into the positions.

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

- One Design (Wallies) Marty Stone
- Raceboards Lissa McMillan (Greg MacInnes)
- Slalom/GPS Byron McIlveen & Murray Towndrow
- Formula/Foil Glen Morrell & Murray Towndrow
- Wave Zack Coleman
- Youth/Bic Techno 293 No Nomination previously David Bell
- AWA Richie Reynolds (Conor Coleman)

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7. Class rep reports

Wallies

- 107 at Nationals at Toronto.
- Next nationals in Brighton Seacliff SA Australia Day.
- World Championship at Lake Garda Italy, \$2500 each given to the top boy and girl at the nationals to support their trip to the Worlds. Maybe 20 Aussies could go to the worlds.
- Many new boards around the country especially WA.
- Event in Thailand in December.

Foiling / Formula

- Formula contracting, Foiling increasing slowly. Both classes combine well together. Had 4 rounds this year and maybe 5 next year.
- Skill levels increasing quickly in foiling.
- NZ is an epicentre of foil development in southern hemisphere.

Raceboard Report 2018-19

- Nationals held jointly with Formula at Myall Lakes. A big jump in youth and female sailor numbers was a feature of the 2019 Raceboard Nationals. The event (20-23 of January) was held with the Formula Nationals, and attracted a combined fleet of 47 boards, including 35 Raceboards - up from the previous year in Brisbane where 29 boards competed. The Raceboard Overall trophy was won by Brisbane-based Julien Savina.
 - Highly successful NSW Raceboard Series attracted 33 different sailors to the various events – 7 in all, including States at Marmong.
 - Four competed in the World Masters RB championships in Portugal – Richie Reynolds (5th) Lissa McMillan (1st woman ,24th) Tom Plodr (27th) and Stephen Barton (28th)
 - Four heading off shortly for the Masters Worlds in the Czech Republic.
 - Two Australians about to go to the RB Worlds in Warnemunde, Germany.
8. Draft calendar for the 2019/2020 Season Being finalised by class reps.
CV keen for more multi class events.

9. General Business

Membership fees. Insurance premium reduced so affiliation fees do not need to be so high. Also a greater number of affiliated clubs mean a lower fee per club is possible. Club affiliation fees to be dropped from \$150 to \$100 Moved GM Seconded KS Carried Individual memberships to be dropped from \$25 to \$20 Moved GM Seconded KS Carried

GM Try to have events at all affiliated clubs as a way showing support to clubs and provide value for affiliation. IYC keen to host event Neil McKinlay their president.

KS Clubs can put in a submission for support from Windsurfing NSW to support their sailors.

GMac Windsurfer LT sail numbers don't run AUS numbers but numbers based on sailor history or board number. DW Windsurfer class is looking at the issue. WNSW to write to Greg Johns about this issue.

PH Spare parts for Phantoms. Did the committee look at stocking mast tracks, centre board flaps etc. Enquiries to Windsurf N Snow indicated that there would be a meeting to advise customers when to order equipment. Committee to follow up on ordering parts that render boards useless, ie; mast tracks, mast pedals, centreboard flaps.

GM Green Island Slalom Insurance. Need to get names in promptly to ensure coverage of sailors competing in the event that is just at the start of the new insurance year. This also applies to sailors going to compete into world championships in Europe. As the insurance is 24/7 for all training then we need to work out how to ensure that all members are covered for the whole year, not just from the start of their clubs administrative year until June 30th. GMac to talk to Ian Fox.

DW Bruce Kendall's Glide board is looking to be the next step for techno sailors. Bruce may be bringing 70 boards into Australia. It would fit into the R300 class.

10. Close Meeting 8:45