

Windsurfing NSW General Meeting Minutes

7:00pm 18/5/20

By video conference

Present

Lissa McMillan, Richie Reynolds, Tom Plodr, Dave Bell, Murray Towndrow, Melanie Webb, Glen Morrell, Keith Single, Neil McKinlay, John Doolan, Byron McIlveen, Peter Doolan & Al Haynes.

Apologies

Greg MacInnes.

1. President's Report

Items from the last meeting were

- a) Glen M will be looking to install a payment gateway on the WNSW website (this has been an agenda item since November 2019).
 - b) After a submission by WNSW in Feb 2019, Maritime finally gazetted legislation on March 20, 2020 that says sailboards are considered sailing vessels under the Sailing Event Notification System (SENS), meaning clubs no longer need to apply for separate aquatic licences to allow for windsurfing races to be held. The relevant gazette pages are shown in Attachment A. Lissa will explain the changes to the clubs in the affiliation mailout document. Click through to the <https://legislation.nsw.gov.au/#/gazettes/2020> and then click on Gazette No 51 of March 2020 and go to pp964 to pp970.
 - c) Lissa said that any proposals to develop windsurfing should be presented to WNSW. There are 16 WNSW affiliated clubs with members.
2. Richie reported on the 19th March AWA meeting. Very importantly, AWA members sailing at any Australian Sailing Affiliated Club will now be covered for third party liability from July 1, 2020. WNSW has been lobbying and subsequently working with the AWA to bring about this change for many years. Ian Fox is now president (previously vice president) and Richie is now vice president, John Rhode continuing as Sec/Treasurer. The AWA is working on a new risk management policy and affiliation documents. Updates will be included in our upcoming agreement with clubs.
 3. KS reported as Treasurer. Invoices for the 20/21 season have been sent to all clubs & some have paid. WNSW is waiting for the AWA invoice. There is \$22,887.31 in the account. Glen will transfer to KS some \$3,000 of foiling racing entry money soon. According to the AWA member list, Saratoga, Palm Beach, Sunshine & Toronto don't have any WNSW members. This doesn't appear to be correct given Richard Lacey & Steve Newman are PBSC members. This is largely due to sailors paying their insurance through WCAA. John Doolan noted that several Gosford sailors are likely to join Saratoga for the 20/21 season.
 4. It was planned to agree the sailing club affiliation fee among members at the AGM. Given the delay of the AGM due to COVID-19 and the need to set the affiliation fee before the proposed June mail out of Affiliation documents, it was agreed fees needed to be set ahead of the AGM. After discussion, and noting that affiliation fees were dropped last year, it was proposed to keep the same fees for season 20/21. The AWA fee is as yet unknown. The desire of the group was to hold a face-to-face AGM when possible, possibly the 3rd Monday in July. Fair

Trading has advised that AGMs can be delayed due the disruptions caused by COVID-19.

5. Tom P talked about WNSW life memberships. Attachment B outlines a proposal for WNSW to grant life memberships.
6. David Bell reported continued growth in youth classes. In summary, there is now a progression from techno + to the IQFoil, the Olympic class for 2024. The Sorrento Australian youth championships had 26 contestants (9 girls) including 15 NSW sailors. Grae Morris (NSW) won the event and was chosen as the Australian representative at the Youth Olympics in Brazil. Unfortunately, the event has been cancelled. The next Australian youth championships are in Perth on the 10-14 January 2021. Rippers have been on a sailor acquisition drive and there are lots of 10-13y.o. participants.
7. Glen M reported on NSW foiling. As noted above, IQFoil is coming soon. Dan Wilson (GBR 6) is being funded by NSWIS to coach elite youth sailors. The foilers are looking to do a 3-day foiling camp on Lake Illawarra in early December and the Nationals will be held in Manly QLD in 2021. The foiling calendar is being worked on. The aim is to have one group event per month rotating around Lake Macquarie, Sydney (possibly Botany bay) and Lake Illawarra.
8. Lissa reported on Raceboards. Raceboards will race their 2021 nationals at Saratoga Club from 21-25 January.
9. Murray T reported on GPS sailing. They had a great season in 19/20 with lots of events and looking to repeating them in 20/21. Murray asked if due to the usual Slalom nationals not being held at Green Island in July 2020 due to COVID 19 whether an event was likely in WA in January? RR to contact WA.
10. John Doolan reported from Saratoga. The club season was cut short but up to 8 people are sailing on good days.
11. Keith S reported on St George sailing club. Demolition is still ongoing. There will not be a club for the 20/21 season (& possibly a portion of 21/22) so sailing will again be from Georges River sailing club.
12. Al Haynes reported on the Toronto club the windsurfer class. The Toronto club has 6 windsurfing members. Toronto are looking to host a combined Techno, Windsurfer & Raceboard regatta on the 14th & 15th of November, 2020. The Windsurfer Nationals are likely to held at Parkdale Victoria finishing on Australia Day. There are now 226 members in the Windsurfer class. Keith, Peter & Al will get together to understand the funding and charges of WNSW and AWA.
13. Melanie W reported on Balmoral. Windsurfers are now the second largest sailing class at Balmoral. 19/20 was a great season. She will reconcile the AWA membership and Balmoral to ensure that all Balmoral members are insured.
14. Richie reported on the proposed calendar for 20/21 with the club & class representatives. The WNSW racing calendar is a function of the class representatives reporting back to Richie with dates. A draft calendar is attached as Attachment C. The 20/21 racing events will then be shown on <https://www.windsurfingnsw.com/calendar/> Events should start appearing on the website by the end of this May. The 20/21 Raceboard draft calendar is attached. The attached JPG shows a sample of the WNSW calendar.
15. Neil M reported on IYC. The club is a licensed club & locked due to COVID-19 so there is no access to board lockers. They are working on the 20/21 calendar.
16. Lissa asked whether WNSW should purchase Marine Radios for off-the-beach events. It was decided not to as Al Haynes advised radios and buoys can be borrowed from Australian Sailing for such events.

17. Lissa proposed that the next WNSW meeting be held virtually on Monday 22th June, 2020.
18. The meeting closed at 8.36pm.