

Windsurfing NSW General Meeting Minutes

7:15pm 27/2/20

5 Coleridge Street, Leichardt

1. Present
Lissa McMillan, Richie Reynolds, Tom Plodr, Greg MacInnes, Melanie Webb, Martin Stone, Glen Morrell, Keith Single, Neil McKinlay
2. Apologies
John Doolan, Brett Morris, David Bell, Murray Towndrow
3. President's Report
Items from the last meeting were
 - a) Greg M wasn't able to contact Greg Johns regarding windsurfers using serial numbers. The windsurfer class website (www.windsurferclassaus.com/class--membership.html#numbers) lets members use an AWA sail number or hull serial number for racing and members have to resolve any conflicts that may arise.
 - b) Lissa reported on the SENS/Aquatic license. The RMS has resolved that sailboarding and kiting come under their "sailing" definition and that they should not be treated differently from other sailing events. This is a breakthrough so no separate aquatic license for windsurfing events is required. RMS documentation confirming this is expected soon.
 - c) The Sydney harbour windsurfer exclusion zone was also raised. Lissa was advised by RMS that public submissions will be sought in late 2021 as part of the 5 year review cycle and there was no point in submitting documents now.
 - d) Unfortunately, the proposed relay event for late February was not able to take place.
4. Glen M reported on NSW foiling. He is expecting foiling to pick up more in 20/21 as the iQFoil will be the Olympic windsurfer for Paris 2024. The 3rd foil nationals was held in RQYS, Manly Qld and went very well. It is likely that the 20/21 nationals will be held at the same venue as the NZ, New Caledonia and Singapore entrants found it easy to get to. The foil class is likely to have more regatta events in 20/21. Rounds 3 & 4 of the NSW series had 13 attendees. In Glen M's view Formula is "dead." There were no participants at the 2020 nationals & few are sailing in NSW.
5. Lissa reported on Raceboards. The 21st to 25th of January at Kurnell is being proposed for the 20/21 nationals and discussions are continuing with the club. Raceboards will continue with the Huskisson Sand & Sea event on the 24 & 25th of October. Other more tentative dates are 3 & 4th of October at Palm Beach Sailing Club and the state titles on the 14th & 15th of November. Toronto and Saratoga are possible options for the states. The Raceboard nationals at RQYS delivered a net loss of \$184 which was a good result given no Formula participation.

6. KS reported on St George sailing club. Demolition is ongoing. There will not be a club for the 20/21 season so sailing will again be from Georges River sailing club. The Windsurfer class are increasing in numbers.
7. Martin S reported on the windsurfer class. The December 2020 worlds to be held in Perth is a focus this year and a number of raceboarders will attend Perth. The fleet continues to increase Royal Prince Alfred Yacht club with Friday twilight racing. Al Haynes and others are teaching at Toronto Sailing Club.
8. Melanie W reported on Balmoral. They are already in training for the Perth worlds and 4 members have entered the World Masters Games to be held in July 2021 in Kansai Japan. Club numbers continue to increase.
9. GregM reported on DAC. Raceboards are increasing in numbers while windsurfers have been static. RR and LM continue to train new members & now offer an improving windsurfer course.
10. GlenM reported on KBC. They have 4 very active foilers but it isn't sufficient for course racing. As a result, they often sail out of Port Kembla sailing club to get competition against a mixed fleet.
11. Neil M reported on IYC. They have 29 registered members of which 7 are never seen, 7 are learners, 7 are "oldies" and 7 are competent sailors. Typical Saturdays have 10-12 sailors competing.
12. Richie R talked about giving Raceboard class feedback to Starboard. They are working on a new mast track design that can be retrofitted into existing tracks. There was no time given on availability. Starboard are now distributing mast track warranty parts on a timely basis.
13. Richie talked about the AWA. The next AWA meeting is Thursday 19th of March. There is nothing to report on insurance since the October meeting. There are currently 802 AWA members. The AWA analysis of member postcodes show that 257 come from NSW & ACT (32%), WA have 219 (27%), Qld, 125, Victoria, 92 (11%), SA 66 (8%) and TAS 35 (4%) and 8 members with no postcode. The AWA have paid the affiliation fee of E200 to the iQFoil class.
14. The WNSW website continues to progress. Glen M will look to install a payment gateway on the website. RR has developed the event planning sheet. To date, there has been no use from other classes outside of Raceboard.
15. Lissa proposed that the WNSW AGM be held at DAC on Monday 18th of May, 2020. One of the agenda items will be to investigate how to confer WNSW life memberships. There is currently no such item in the WNSW constitution.
16. The meeting closed at 9.19pm.

