Windsurfing NSW General Meeting Minutes 7:00pm 22/02/21

By video conference

Present: Lissa McMillan, Geoff Kitchen, Greg MacInnes, Tom Plodr, Peter Doolan, Neil McKinlay & Keith Single

Apologies: Richie Reynolds, Richard Lacey, Glen Morell, Kevin Wadham, John Doolan, Maria Quinlan & Lisa Jackson.

President's report. WNSW is still progressing Sydney Harbour access. RMS is now attempting to talk to Sydney Port Authority about this but nothing has been heard back. This will be followed up in March 2020.

WSC is unlikely to pass on windsurfer information to WNSW for privacy reasons so it is intended not offer affiliation next season. All current windsurfing WSC members appear to be covered by Stormriders or other affiliated clubs so this should not create an adverse impact on sailors.

It is clear the existing constitution needs modernisation. It needs to be updated to amend the objectives which are no longer relevant, and to future-proof the document. Electronic communication like Zoom meetings is not allowed. When the constitution was amended in 1990 confusion was created by deleting "individuals and organisations" and replacing it with "Associations/clubs" under the membership clause. But not all mentions of "members" were altered, so there is clear confusion between when the document is referring to members of WNSW, which we all are, and when it means affiliated clubs and classes. In the redraft, circulated to meeting invitees, we've tried to clarify when the constitution means sailors, and when it means affiliates. Our current thinking is to leave the membership arrangements as is, ie via affiliated clubs and classes, as individual memberships will introduce a whole range of new problems.

There was discussion on the constitution's current voting method where only representatives of affiliated clubs can vote on AGM agenda items (eg appointment of committee members) or any other issues at regular meetings.

Any change to the constitution needs to be approved by a ¾ majority at a general meeting. The aim is to put the revised constitution to the AGM. According to the constitution, the AGM should be held after our financial year ends, which is 30/6. Looking at a date in July / August.

Please review the draft in order to discuss next meeting, Monday March 29. Also feel free to call up with any ideas or write an email with suggestions.

- 1. At the Kurnell Cup, there were 2 sailors in the foiling class, Will McMillan and Tash Bryant who are members of an WNSW affiliated club (RPAYC) but are not on the AWA register. No windsurfing member details have been received from RPAYC by the Secretary as required in the affiliation agreement. Members of the affiliated clubs become WNSW members and appear on the AWA register once their details have been received by WNSW. Members then receive the benefit of the AWA TPL insurance. Geoff K will follow this up. Sailors should check the AWA register and confirm that they are current members. The WNSW website now suggests this.
- 2. Keith reported there is around \$18,000 in the bank account and a there is lot of money in the WNSW Paypal account. Lissa /Glen to explore if itemised

- amounts can be sent from Paypal to WNSW account to allow for easier bookkeeping.
- 3. Keith also reported that the St George club house may be ready in February 2022.
- 4. Geoff K reported learn to windsurf at RPAYC has gone very well with full classes. The club will hold the winters series in 2021.
- 5. IYC has a number of older sailors returning to the sport. They had 14 racing on Saturday with 31 members all up.
- 6. John D reported that Saratoga SC are progressing well and now has 9 Windsurfing members at Saratoga. They will hold Heat 5 of the NSW Windsurfer Summer series this Sunday 28th Feb 2021. They are hosting the postponed Raceboard nationals to be held in April 2021 (covid permitting).
- 7. Peter Doolan reported 30 windsurfers came to the DAC event. Heat 5 at Saratoga will take place this Saturday. The 2021 Nationals have been cancelled and the next Nationals will be held at Parkdale in January 2022. The Masters sailing Windsurfers are to be held in October 2021 in Perth.
- 8. Greg MacInnes said DAC numbers are strong and the training is going well thanks to Lissa, Richie, Gary and Christophe. The Australian Sailing quarterly report shows the following chart.



Source Australian Sailing Quarterly Report 2nd Quarter, 2020. <u>uctlm3rcsazdem6z.pdf (revolutionise.com.au)</u>

9. Next meeting Monday March 29