

## **Windsurfing NSW General Meeting Minutes**

### **7:00pm 29/03/21**

#### **By video conference**

##### **Present**

Lissa McMillan, Richie Reynolds, Geoff Kitchen, Tom Plodr, Glenn Morrell, Brett Morris & Richard Lacey

##### **Apologies**

Keith Single, Mel Ward, Murray Towndrow & Greg McInnes

President's report. WNSW is still progressing Sydney Harbour access. RMS has been trying to talk to Sydney Port Authority about this but nothing has been heard back. Allowing windsurfers to access currently banned Harbour areas will require a change to NSW legislation. The review cycle for this legislation is five years. The longer term project is to make a successful submission to Maritime, similar to what was achieved with the change to SENS. Seeking to refine strategy with input from Craig Ferris and Sarah Kenny, fellow windsurfers at Australian Sailing.

The organisers of Sydney Boat Show (now renamed to Sydney Festival of Boating, 29 July to 1 August, 4 days and 3 nights) have asked windsurfers to exhibit in the festival of lifestyle on the ground floor of the ICC. This is a much better spot than in 2018 and 19 and now much more notice has been given of the dates. The space is free and 24hr security is provided gratis. There was a discussion referencing Karen M's 2019 report and whether it makes sense to exhibit or just have videos. It was decided to proceed, gathering together a team to share the workload. Volunteers will be needed.

Keith S reported via Lissa that WNSW is financially sound. Glen M will transfer the windfoil and raceboard paypal entry fees to the WNSW bank account. Lissa has sent Keith a report extracted from Paypal which met his requirements.

AWA - no discussions over the past month.

Secretary's report – the current WNSW constitution was amended in 1990. The aim of the constitution reform is to have a document that reflects the current position and to modernise procedures. A draft document for review by the committee will be sent out in early April for discussion and comment. The plan is to put forward the new constitution for consideration by the affiliated clubs at the WNSW 2021 AGM.

Richard L from PBSC reported that this has been a very strange season with a lot of no wind days. The WCAA summer series has been good but club racing has been poor. A lot of northern beaches windsurfers are also wing dingers (estimated at 80%).

Geoff K will send names and details of RPAYC members to the Secretary and President. Club windsurfing racing at RPAYC has been developing. The RPAYC winter series is scheduled for the following Sundays 16-May-21, 30-May-21, 6-Jun-21, 20-Jun-21, 4-Jul-21, 18-Jul-21, 1-Aug-21 & 15-Aug-21.

Glen M reported that the foilers series had 38 individual entries with 20-25 at each event. The series winner was Grae Morris with Chris Wood in second place and Will McMillan in third. The events paid for itself with a surplus of \$300. The IQ Foil class has revamped itself and once travel resumes it should flourish.

Mel W reported via email to the President that unfortunately, the Windsurfer nationals were cancelled (Melbourne) both Australia Day and Easter. The NSW Windsurfer slalom Champs will be held on the 24 and 25 April Port Stephens. The slalom is on Saturday and marathon on Anzac Sunday. Windsurfer midwinter nationals will be held in Bowen Queensland (an hour north of Airlie Beach) on the long weekend 12-14 June. The Perth Australian masters may occur in October 2021. The Perth worlds to be held in December is awaiting a decision. Balmoral is going from strength to strength. BSC is being visited from the shire and RPA on a regular basis for both twilight sailing (BSC set a course and starts) and Saturday afternoon racing. Scottie O'Connor plans to join the Balmoral team next season and has got involved with helping with Windsurfer One Design NSW. The Balmoral SC renovations are complete. Despite covid they have managed to sail a lot.

Brett M reported that Stormriders is still a virtual club but will assist with the foiling series next season (21/22.) There was a discussion of what will appeal to wing dingers? Is it downwind, freestyle or something else? Wings, wing boards & wing foils sales have been very strong and the retailers are doing well.

Raceboards series was won by Grae Morris. At the revamped Raceboard Nationals scheduled for Saratoga in April there should be in excess of 10 doing the sprint courses. DAC's winter series will be held the following Saturdays, 1 May, 5 June, 3 July and 7 August.

General comments were that joint scheduling of One Design and Raceboard events worked well as did the Foilers / Raceboard / Techno event at Kurnell. Upside is vibe and viability, downside is sailors with a foot in more than one camp who have to choose.

The next meeting is scheduled for 3 May 2021.