



Annual General Meeting Minutes

Monday 16th of August 2021, at 7pm via Zoom

1. Attendees
Lissa McMillan, Richie Reynolds, Tom Plodr, Geoff Kitchen, Murray Towndrow, Brett Morris, Dan Wilson, Greg McInnes, Kevin Wadham, Martin Stone, Neil McKinlay, Glen Morrell, Keith Single, John Doolan & Peter Doolan
2. Apologies
Steve Newman, Al Haynes
3. The minutes of the AGM of July 2020 were approved.
4. WNSW President's report 2020-2021

Welcome, thanks for volunteering your time to support and promote the sport of windsurfing, not just tonight but throughout the year. It's much appreciated.

This is my fourth year in the position of President. Thanks again to the Committee of Treasurer Keith Single, Secretary Tom Plodr, Vice President and Public Officer Greg MacInnes and AWA Rep Richie Reynolds for their support across the year. Thanks also to the Club and Class delegates who have given their time and energy.

Again this year Covid-19 has impacted on windsurfing, as it has on all community sports and life in general to differing degrees. Club racing, States, Nationals and events and series large and small have been postponed and cancelled.

We had planned to once again represent the sport of windsurfing at the Sydney Boat Show, which was to be renamed the Sydney Festival of Boating. Karen Murden especially put in a lot of time into staging this event, which was sadly cancelled again due to the pandemic. I'd like to put on record my thanks to Karen for her efforts.

Despite Covid-19, membership of AWA via Windsurfing NSW grew in the past season by 65 people from 411 to 476.

For historical reasons, Windsurfer One Design membership Australia-wide is channelled through WNSW, so taking out 137 interstate Wally sailors, the NSW membership stands at 339, up 72 on last year (267 last year). This makes us the largest windsurfing state in the country. The next biggest is WA, with 284 members, followed by Qld with 164.

The number of Clubs and Classes affiliated with WNSW remained steady at 16.

The lockdown has allowed us to work on a much needed update of the Constitution. A great many hours have been put into trying to bring this document into the 21st century, to embrace current world realities like email and zoom, and reflect the way this association now performs. Thanks to Tom Plodr and Richie Reynolds for investing so much time in refreshing this document. I recommend the amendments to you.

I'd like to think that over the past year and beyond, we have been increasing the transparency of how Windsurfing NSW works, that there is more communication from the organisation and between the individual classes and clubs that make up the association. We had eight committee meetings since the last AGM, and I want to again thank those reps who have been committing time and effort to the cause. Minutes from our meetings are posted online for all to see, and collaboration on the calendar continues to be strongly encouraged to avoid clashes of events, and to facilitate joint events where feasible.

We are also working more closely with the Australian Windsurfing Association. WNSW, via Richie who is AWA Vice President, is asked for feedback on different issues, our views are canvassed, and we are kept up to date on their activities.

One of those developments is that alongside windsurfers, Wing Foilers are now covered under the AWA insurance policy, so that means Wing Foilers in NSW will be insured if they join WNSW via an affiliated club.

We've recently worked with the Woollahra Sailing Club – to make membership easier for both them and us, with an online additional payment on the club website for a windsurfing add-on for membership. This model can now be used for other larger clubs, which struggle to keep a track of which members are windsurfing members, or have issues with collecting additional fees, or passing on personal details. [Windsurfing NSW Membership – Woollahra Sailing Club](#)

So despite the challenges the year has brought us, I feel this association is fundamentally in a stronger position than it was in at this time last year.

And thanks once again to all of you, whose contribution makes windsurfing happen in NSW, and let's hope we can all see each other again, soon out on the water.

5. Receive financial statement for the season 2020/2021 (Treasurer's report).
See Appendix 1, WNSW Financial Statements as of June 30, 2021
6. The proposed amendments to the WNSW constitution were passed. The motion was approved by all nine club representatives present (quorum required was five with 75% of clubs approving the amendments). The new constitution will be registered with Fair Trading NSW by the end of August 2021 & is available on the WNSW website.
7. The following Office Bearers were elected for the 2021/2022 season
 - a. President Lissa M was nominated & accepted
 - b. Vice President Greg M was nominated & accepted
 - c. Treasurer Keith S was nominated & accepted
 - d. Secretary Tom P was nominated & accepted

e. AWA Representative Richie R was nominated & accepted

8. The following Windsurfing Class Reps were appointed and accepted for the 2021/2021 season. Wave and Windsurfer both have their own affiliated associations who put forward a rep. The other classes operate as divisions of Windsurfing NSW.

a. Wave	Zack Coleman
b. Windsurfer LT/OD	Martin Stone
c. Raceboards	Lissa McMillan
d. Slalom/GPS	Byron McIlveen
e. Foiling	Glen Morrell
f. Techno 293	Dave Bell (to be confirmed)

9. Class rep reports

Foiling: Six regattas were held on 3 locations. There were 38 competitors in total with sailing being cost neutral. Grae Morris was the event winner.

Slalom GPS: There were 24 competitors with 3 events. Foils are making progress against the fins and the plan is to drop the wind limits this season to 8kn. There will be different locations this year so stay tuned.

Windsurfer LT/OD: The Windsurfer AGM was held in June. The Nationals will be held in Parkdale, Victoria in January 2022 and tentatively the Worlds in Perth December 28, 2021 -January 4, 2022. The Australian Masters Games to held in Perth in October 2021 are unlikely to sailed at this stage.

Raceboard: After being postponed from the original January date, the Raceboard Nationals were held at Saratoga Sailing Club in April. 29 competitors all up, down three from the previous year. 13 competed in the sprint series, with a big number of newbies competing in their first regatta. It was nice to see lots of new people entering the class, driving the demographic down with increased numbers of seniors and masters, where we have usually been seeing growth only in the grand master and veteran classes.

All but one of the Sprint course participants had joined the Raceboards through the DAC Learn to Windsurf classes. Placegetters were:

Men 1st Richie Reynolds, 2nd John Doolan, 3rd Adam Hampton.

Women 1st Lissa McMillan, 2nd Linh Tran, 3rd Abby Placido.

We had a total of 27 competitors in the NSW Series and we are grateful once again to Starboard, Severne and WSS Boards for sponsoring the series.

Grae Morris took out this series, followed by Richie Reynolds and Nathan Clift. The NSW States were a combined affair at TSC with the Windsurfer One Design class which worked very well. Jimmy Levy was the victor, followed by Nathan Clift and Vaughn O'Shea.

Whilst the 2020 Worlds at Lake Balaton, Hungary were cancelled due to Covid, the 2021 Worlds are underway (16 August) in Riga, Latvia. Unfortunately, no Australians could participate, but the website shows some 70 entrants. We hope Australians can travel to the next worlds in 2022. The location is not yet confirmed.

10. General business

Brett M raised the idea to put all classes racing at each venue to increase numbers and have LT, Techno, Raceboard & Windfoil sailing together over two-day regattas.

Kurnell in 2021 was a good model. It was decided to try to have one in the second half of the sailing season combining these classes, with the idea of attempting two events per season in the future. **Glen, Murray and Brett to collaborate on this.**

Lissa mentioned BicTechnos were always welcome at Raceboard events as they are a registered production Raceboard.

Dan W raised collaboration with Australian Kitesurfing Association to bring winging into the fold. Kites are offering a national winging event circuit together with third party and personal accident insurance. Slalom GPS will bring winging into slalom GPS events this year. Foiling events were open to Wingfoiling last season, but none attended.

Steve Newman would like WNSW to assist with update of RB & WLT yardstick ratings. Keith Single mentioned St George has been working on yardstick for club racing with various board types. Yardstick is managed by Australian Sailing and is based on mixed fleet results from multiple regattas. To improve the current yardsticks, we would have to sail in mixed events. **Lissa to investigate the necessary process.**

11. Draft calendar for the 2021/2022Season - <https://www.windsurfingnsw.com/calendar/>
Youth & Foiling dates should soon appear on the calendar.
12. Affiliation fee remains at \$100 / club and \$20 / member.
13. Life Members. The Treasurer proposed to the meeting three members for WNSW Life Membership, Glenny Grunfelder, Greg Johns and Bill Joselin. The meeting agreed that these members be awarded Life Membership. The proposal notes from Keith S are shown in Attachment 1. These notes will feature on the WNSW website.
14. The next committee meeting was proposed for a date to be set in September 2021.
15. The meeting closed at 8.13pm.

Attachment 1 Nominations for WNSW Life Membership:

Nominations for Life Membership of WNSW

I wish to nominate **Glenny Grunfelder** to be considered for Life Membership of WNSW. Glenny as a non-sailing member of the NSW Boardsailing Association and later Windsurfing NSW acted as Secretary during the 1990s and 2000s.

Glenny would continually prompt the executive to ensure that meetings were conducted on time regularly organising venues to host meetings whether they be monthly meetings or AGMs.

Glenny's record keeping and minutes of meetings were all ways on time and accurate with reminders to the appropriate person when follow up was required.

Glenny has also been heavily involved in the Dobroyd Aquatic Club as a Club Official for many years and continues to be involved even though she is a non-sailing member.

Please consider Glenny Grunfelder for Life Membership to WNSW.

I wish to nominate **Greg Johns** to be considered for Life Membership of WNSW.

Greg has been involved in our sport basically ever since it arrived in Australia. I am aware of Greg being involved during the 80s as a sailor and through business and I am sure that he was involved prior to that.

Greg through his business and his actions has supported and promoted the sport especially the Windsurfer One Design and the now the LT which has which has seen a huge resurgence in our sport.

Greg continues to encourage sailors to compete at special events by supplying charter gear and transporting boards and gear to events to make it possible for anyone to compete no matter whether they be from the other side of the country or from overseas.

Without the support of Greg our sport would not have been able to continue and grow and definitely would not be in the position we are in today.

Please consider Greg Johns for Life Membership to WNSW.

I wish to nominate **Bill Joselin** to be considered for Life Membership of WNSW.

Bill was the driving force behind the NSW Boardsailing Association in the 1980s the 1990s and the early 2000s.

Bill was the NSW Representative to the AWA for most of this time.

Bill was responsible for organising all types of Sailboard racing in NSW whether it was for course racing on Windsurfers, Production (Raceboards), Formula 42 or Olympic boards as well as Slalom events. State and National titles were also organised and run by Bill. His professionalism at running events whether it was a NSW series event a State or National Championship or an Olympic selection was appreciated by all involved.

Bill regularly ran workshops to train people in event management whether on how to be a race starter or how to host an event or to teach the Teachers and give them Australian Sailing accreditation.

Bill was the driving force behind the Stormriders Sailboard Club and would produce a monthly magazine called On the Wind which was highly sought after by all Sailboarders. Membership of Stormriders blossomed mainly due to the fact that you got a copy of the magazine in the mail monthly.

Bill was heavily involved in the Sydney 2000 Olympics running the sailboards extremely successfully.

There are many other things that Bill was responsible for such as the present Constitution, that we operate under, although when asked Bill would say that it was the work of others. For the above reasons and there are many more I believe that consideration be given to making Bill Joselin a Life Member of WNSW.