

Windsurfing NSW Annual General Meeting Minutes

7:30pm 15/08/22

By video conference

Present

Lissa McMillan, Richie Reynolds, Tom Plodr, Berowne Hlavaty, Glenn Morrell, Keith Single, Neil McKinlay, Murray Towndrow, Martin French.

Apologies

John Riggs, Greg MacInnes

WNSW President's report

Thanks all for attending tonight, and for your support and work across the year to support and promote the sport of windsurfing.

Special thanks to the Committee of Treasurer Keith Single, Secretary Tom Plodr, Vice President and Public Officer Greg MacInnes and AWA Rep Richie Reynolds. Thanks also to the Club and Class delegates who have given their time and energy.

This season saw a gradual return to sailing after the impact of Covid-19. Some of the events that usually take place earlier in the season were delayed or cancelled due to the pandemic, then later in the season some events were lost due to the weather. But it feels like we are on the way to something like "normal".

The membership of AWA via Windsurfing NSW remained relatively steady despite the impact of Covid and the climate – with 479 members, just eight down on the previous season. NSW continues to be the largest windsurfing state, with WA having the next largest contingent, with 265 members. There are 988 windsurfers in Australia affiliated with the AWA, and NSW has nearly half of those. This figure is a bit misleading however, as Windsurfer One Design membership Australia-wide is partially channelled through WNSW for historical reasons, so the NSW figure is inflated by 181.

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

We are continuing to lobby on behalf of windsurfers in the State. The ongoing issue of seeking greater access to Sydney Harbour is one of the issues we are actively pursuing.

On a personal note, I was asked by Australian Sailing to become a Senior Windsurf Instructor, to train and accredit windsurf instructors, and I gained those qualifications in February. I'm looking forward to continuing to support windsurfing in a very practical way in the year ahead!

And thanks once again to all of you, whose contribution makes windsurfing happen in NSW.

Treasurer's report

See WNSW financials pdf at bottom of these minutes. WNSW is in a sound financial position. There was a discussion regarding WNSW funds available for windsurfing development or lowering fees for events. This will be a topic for discussion at the next WNSW committee meeting.

Keith noted that there was a Stormriders receivable at balance date which has subsequently been paid.

Approve election of the following Office Bearers for the 2022/2023 season

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| a. President | Lissa McMillan |
| b. Vice President | Greg MacInnes |
| c. Treasurer | Keith Single |
| d. Secretary | Tom Plodr |
| e. AWA Representative | Richie Reynolds |

Appoint/Accept Windsurfing Class Reps for the 2022/2023 season

Wave and Windsurfer both have their own affiliated associations who will put forward a rep. The other classes operate as divisions of Windsurfing NSW.

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| a. Wave | NSWWA appointed Richard Fink |
| b. Windsurfer LT/OD | WCAA appointed Marty Stone |
| c. Raceboards | Lissa McMillan |
| d. Slalom/GPS | Byron and Murray |
| e. Youth/Bic Techno 293 | no representative |
| f. Foiling | Berowne Hlavaty |

Class & Club reports

Raceboard report 2021-2022

The Raceboard Nationals were held in January in Lake Cootharaba in Qld. There were 25 competitors, with 17 coming from NSW.

Placegetters were:

Men 1st Nathan Clift, 2nd Richie Reynold, 3rd Jimmy Levy.

Women 1st Lissa McMillan, 2nd Ariadna Matta.

We had a total of 33 competitors in the NSW Series, up by six competitors from the previous season, and we are grateful once again to Starboard, Severne and WSS Boards for sponsoring the series. John Doolan took out this series, followed by Richie Reynolds and Nathan Clift. The NSW States at Jervis Bay were incredibly windy, with only 10 competitors managing to finish at least one race. Jimmy Levy was once again the state champion, followed by Nathan Clift and John Doolan.

The Worlds were held in Lake Balaton in Hungary, a covid-reduced event attracting 59 competitors, with none from Australia. The Aussies hope to be back in action next season, having missed the past two seasons.

Lissa was also voted onto the Executive Committee of the International Raceboard Class Association at the AGM in December.

Slalom/GPS run by Murray & Byron. We had 4 events scheduled & had 3, offering 28 races with 26 entrants including a small number of wingfoilers. There are lots of wingfoilers sailing on Lake Macquarie and there are plans to attract them to more events. This season has 5 events locked in, including states at Myall Lakes. Murray asked if the National slalom venue had been decided by the AWA. Green Island, FNQ is a great venue for fin but the venue needs to be foil friendly.

Youth No representative nominated, no report presented

Foiling Berowne thanked Glen M for his efforts over the years and how they were very much appreciated. Last season, six events were programmed, 2 cancelled due to covid with 1 event blown out. There were 18 sailors with Doug McLean from Canberra winning the series, 2nd was David Howe then Berowne third. To sum up, the 21/22 season was a shocker and this year should be much better. Importantly, the foiling group is very inclusive so all IQ and open formula foil are welcome.

Draft calendar for the 2022/2023 Season see- <https://www.windsurfingsw.com/calendar/>

Affiliation fee

It was decided to keep the club & member affiliation fee at last year's pricing of \$100 / club and \$20 / member.

Nominations for Life Member and Chas Powell Award

No nominations were received for either award.

General Business

There was a discussion on the 22/23 AWA insurance policy and the member rollover date. Importantly, there has been no price increase for 22/23. WNSW will roll over current members until August 31. On September 1, the list will only show members that affiliated clubs have submitted as members for the 22/23 season.

Richie was asked if there have been any claims against the AWA policy and he will endeavour to find out.

The next WNSW committee meeting will be in early September.

The meeting closed at 8.20pm.



Financial Statement
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