



Minutes of Annual General Meeting

Monday 4th of September 2023, at 7.30pm via Zoom

1. Attended

Glen Morell
Richie Reynolds
Ian Fox (visitor AWA)
Jason Juretic
Lissa McMillan
Berowne Hlavaty
Hunter Walters
Tom Plodr

2. Apologies

Karen Murden
Keith Single

3. President's report

WNSW President's report 2022-2023

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.

The last 12 months has been exciting for windsurfing in NSW on a number of fronts. Most recently we've witnessed the success of our up-and-coming sailors, but particularly Grae Morris, in the IQ Foils, the new Olympic windsurfing class. Grae's most recent results have seen him place fourth in the Olympic Test event in Marseille, and 9th at the recent World Sailing Championships at The Hague.

With an-Australian-based LT Worlds thankfully not too far away, we are seeing a ramping up of activity around the state as sailors get serious about training for this event. In November the Wavesailing Nationals will be held on the South Coast.

The membership of AWA via Windsurfing NSW remained relatively steady – with 482 members, marginally more than the previous season.

It's likely the number of Clubs and Classes affiliated with WNSW will increase in the coming season, with Georges River Sailing Club keen to provide a home to windfoiling craft, whilst St George Sailing Club continues to support the Raceboards and the LTs on the Georges River. WNSW Foil Rep Berowne Hlavaty has been working exceptionally hard to develop a very active calendar for the foilers this season, and to foster this relationship with the Georges River Sailing Club.

We are continuing to lobby on behalf of windsurfers in the State. WNSW Secretary Tom Plodr has been working hard in the background, pursuing the ongoing issue of seeking greater access to Sydney Harbour. To that end, he attended Maritime's 2022/23 Review of Marine Safety Regulation to make sure windsurfing's voice is heard in these sometimes frustrating discussions. As well as, of course, Tom works efficiently behind the scenes keeping all the formal communication and membership administration up to date, as well as doing a great job taking the minutes at all our meetings. Thanks Tom, your efforts are very much appreciated.

As a result of taking on further B14 duties and organising the B14 worlds in Sydney in 2024, I will be looking to possibly relinquish the WNSW President's role in 24/25.

Another person working hard behind the scenes as well is our Treasurer of very many years, Keith Single. I also want to express my appreciation to Keith for his efforts, and to now ask him to present the financial statement for the season 2022/2023.

4. The financial statements for the season 2022/2023 were presented.

See attached financial statements. After donations to WCAA & Wave, the organisations revenue approximated costs.

Richie moved that the accounts be accepted, seconded by Jason Juretic

5. The following Office Bearers were nominated & accepted for the 2023/2024 season

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

6. The following Windsurfing Class Reps for the 2023/2024 season were nominated and appointed. Wave and Windsurfer both have their own affiliated associations who will put forward a rep. The other classes operate as divisions of Windsurfing NSW.

- a. Wave – Jason Juretic
- b. Windsurfer LT/OD – assume Martin Stone (see [Contact - Windsurfer Class Australia](#) WCAA executive committee for 23/24)
- c. Raceboards – Lissa McMillan

- d. Slalom/GPS - no nominations
- e. Youth/Bic Techno 293 - no nomination
- f. Foiling - Berowne Hlavaty
- g. IQ Foil – Dereck Quinlan

7. Class representative reports

- Jason Juretic from NSWWA reported that they ran 3 competitions, had 60 members with a big drive on beginners, kids and partners of current wave sailors. Sponsorship from WSS allowed purchase of more gear. He reported that WNSW life member, Jessica Crisp won the recent International Wave Tour womens event (see [2023 Pacasmayo Classic - International Windsurfing Tour-Inspiring the Future of Our Sport](#))
- There were no LT reports. Hunter Walters of Canberra made the point that it would be helpful for WNSW to subsidise return transport from east coast to Perth for the upcoming worlds. The present quote is \$500.
- Raceboard report 2022-2023

The Raceboard Nationals were held in January on Lake Macquarie at Toronto Amateur Sailing Club. There were 21 competitors, with 18 coming from NSW.

Placegetters were:

Men 1st Jimmy Levy, 2nd John Doolan, 3rd James Grunfelder.
Women 1st Lissa McMillan, 2nd Valentina Vix.

We had a total of 29 competitors in the NSW Series. We are grateful once again to Starboard, Severne and WSS Boards for sponsoring the series. Richie Reynolds took out this series, followed by John Doolan and Lissa McMillan.

The NSW State championships at Jervis Bay were incredibly windy. Jimmy Levy was once again the state champion, followed by John Doolan and Richie Reynolds.

The Worlds were held at Steinhuder Meer, a lake in northern Germany. It was a massive event by Raceboard standards, with 155 competitors, a huge rebound from the previous year's covid-affected event which had only 59 competitors, with none from Australia. Four Aussies competed, having missed the past Worlds due to covid.

I was re-elected to the Executive Committee of the International Raceboard Class Association at the AGM.

- Foiling Report

Last year we had 16 Windfoils with about half on iQ/FF and 7 Windwings join across the 6 attempted events.

Dave Howe won the Formula Foil Open series convincingly with 6b bullets from 12 rounds, followed by Berowne Hlavaty and Byron McIlveen.

iQ Foil attendance was poor. Andre Chereiski and Amelia Wilson only finished one round due to light winds at KCC (& an uncomfortable amount of jelly fish!). As such no prize awarded.

Free Ride class was a close fight, all 3 participants scored 21 points! A count back was needed to reveal that the series was won by Tibor Ferenczy with 4 early wins enough to secure the series. James Farley came in 2nd with 3 wins and Barry Fawkes with just one. The Wingfoil class only contested 3 rounds with David Sorensen winning all 3, Ian Lamb coming in 2nd and Matthew Jushenko a close 3rd.

Attendance varied from 3 at JBSC with 2nd days racing cancelled due to extreme winds, to 10 at KCC (with very light winds). MPSC hosted 8 races over 2 events.

Round	Races	Location	Club	Date
1	0	Pitt Water	PBSC	Sat 8 th October 2022
2	5	Lake Macquarie	MPSC	29 th or 30 th October 2022*
3	3	Jervis Bay - Callala Bay	JBSC	19 th & 20 th November 2022
4	1	Botany Bay - Kurnell	KCC	Sun 19 th February 2023
5	0	Botany Bay – Georges River	SGSC	Sat 4 th March 2023
6	3	Lake Macquarie	MPSC	18 th or 19 th March 2023

Dave Howe was very helpful organising scoring for all rounds.

Foiling plans for the 2023/2024 season

We are planning an exciting season of sailing for 2023/24 with greater collaboration of Formula Foil, iQ Foil and WindWings promised.

Racing is being supported out of 4 clubs around Sydney and Lake Macquarie this season with a full calendar of events catering for social riders all the way up to Olympic qualification events! We expect that BYRA and GRSC will affiliate with WNSW!

This year we have a number of 1, 2, and 3 day events across greater Sydney and Lake Macquarie and a 5 day iQ Foil Olympic oceanics qualifying event on Botany Bay. We have the following events, some for Fin or Foil Slalom/GPS, some for Formula Foil (including iQ), and at almost all these events we welcome Wind Wings!

There is also an exciting confirmation from Georges River Sailing Club (GRSC) for a new Sydney base for all forms of foil racing in South Sydney, on Botany Bay ahead of the Nationals!

We are also running two "Foil Expo's" to highlight all forms of wind/wing foiling to curious people across Sydney.

5x NSW Formula Foil, Free Foil, iQ and WindWing state regattas/events:

📅 7 & 8/Oct @ GRSC (2 day regatta!) + Foil Expo on Botany Bay

- 📅 14 or 15/Oct @ WSC (Sun, Option Sat) on Rose Bay
 - 📅 28 or 29/Oct @ BYRC (Sun, Option Sat) + Foil Expo on Pitt Water
 - 📅 4 or 5/Nov @ MPSC (Sun, Option Sat) on Lake Macquarie
 - 📅 26-28/Jan Aus Day 3 day long weekend Fri-Sun Season Finale – NSW State Formula Foil championship round at GRSC
- Note: Round 5 *could* be elevated to Nationals status for Formula Foil and/or iQ Youth. TBC.

National Championships, Oceanic Championships, Olympic Qualifier Regattas for FF/iQ/Wing/Kite at Sail Sydney:

This year we have the amazing opportunity of running the FF Downunder Pro and the Olympic iQ and Kite Qualifying events on Botany Bay

- 📅 13-15/Dec 3 days Formula Foil with Free Foil, Formula Foil, Youth iQ and Wind Wings

Nationals ‘Downunder pro’ intended for Formula Foil class however, the EXACT EVENT TITLE TO BE DETERMINED>>> May NOT be Nationals **for iQ youth**. Option to hold this at the NSW State 3 Day Regatta, round 5 above.

- 📅 11-15/Dec 5 days Sail Sydney Olympic Qualifying Oceanics for iQ and Kites (prior weekend for equipment registration)

Youth WindFoil iQ and WindWing Camp

- 📅 30/Sept – 2/Oct Australian Sailing is running an event on Lake Macquarie for the Youth Sail NSW. This event includes a 3 day clinic and the NSW Youth Champs. All U23 Wind and Wing foils are welcome. <https://www.sailingyouth.org.au/nsw-championship/>

○ Secretary Report

Membership increased by 14 members from 21/22 to 22/23. As of 1 September 2023, half of last years members have renewed for the current season. September 1 is an important date as only renewing or new members are now insured by the AWA policy.

We currently have member details for DAC, WSC, WCAA & Marmong but no other clubs.

In the past two weeks, we’ve sent new affiliation agreements to Bayview Yacht Racing Association & Georges River Sailing Club. Both are Australian Sailing affiliated clubs.

Over the past year, WNSW has taken part in discussions with Maritime regarding the legislation that stops windsurfers using large portions of Sydney Harbour. I thought we had a better than 50% chance of negotiating improved access.

In May 23, Mr Myron Fernandes, Sydney & Botany Harbour Master of the Port Authority of NSW made a presentation to invited users of Sydney Harbour

organised by Maritime. In summary, Port Authority have advised Maritime to ban windsurfing & wingers from the shipping channels of Port Botany & Kembla and maintain the status quo in Sydney harbour.

Maritime were supposed to have made public their draft recommendations by August but nothing has been published.

In 2023, NSW Foil Club sought to affiliate with WNSW. Under the 23/24 insurance policy, members windsurfing, windfoiling, wingfoiling & windfoiling are covered but nothing else. A letter will be written to the Foil Club of our insurance arrangements.

8. Draft calendar for the 2023/2024 Season - <https://www.windsurfingsw.com/calendar/>
9. It was determined to leave the affiliation fee at \$100/club and \$20/member for 23/24. It is likely to increase next season.
10. There were no nominations of Life Members. Lissa was nominated for the Chas Powell award for her ongoing and past efforts to lead & promote windsurfing in NSW. It was decided by the members to approve the nomination.
11. There was no general business to discuss.
12. The meeting closed at 8.19pm.