

2003
AUSTRALIAN WAVESKI ASSOCIATION
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Location – Lake Tabourie, NSW

Present:

Steve Farthing, Albert Gollege, Mark Spencer, Joe Whitely, Paul Norman, Travis Best, Basil Repa, Peter Hurley, John Trebilco, Dale Randahl, Jackie Dillon, Paul O'Donnell, Brett Cronin, Mike Payne, Terry Oehm, Eric Toccock, Rob Borg, Richard Croome, Jason Drescher, Gary Ross, Tracey Drescher, Russel Hudson, Craig Fouracre, Peter Kline, Luke Herman, Daniel Hall, John Hanley.

Meeting commenced: 7.40pm.

- 1) Minutes of last meeting reviewed. Discussed that minutes from AGM's should be posted on website for all to view.
- 2) Nomination of positions for new committee called for.
 - Brett Cronin nominated for President.
 - Peter Hurley nominated for Vice President.
 - Tracey Drescher nominated for Secretary.
 - Travis Best nominated for Treasurer.
 - Nomination for Chief Judge not yet filled. Mark Spencer said he will be Chief Judge if he attends the 2004 Ausie Titles.
- 3) Mark Spencer gave an overview of the events of the past 12 months in Australian Waveskiing. He particularly highlighted the success of Australian waveskiiers at the World Titles on the Gold Coast and the new website australianwaveskiassociation.com up and running thanks to the work of Mike Payne.
- 4) Brett Cronin reviewed recent changes in Queensland waveskiing. Both Queensland clubs merged to reduce the costs of rising insurance prices. Insurance was raised through Surfing QLD. The possibility of a National Insurance policy was discussed.
- 5) Jackie Dillon discussed the difficulties of Western Australia hosting the 2004 National Tiles.
 - The Augusta-Margaret River Shire has capped the number of competitions in the Margaret River area to three per year – The Salomon Masters, the Margaret River Classic and the Billabong Pro Junior.
 - The South coast region (Denmark-Albany) may be suitable but is 5 hours south of Perth, there is no infrastructure and many of the beaches are 4WD access only
 - The surf in Perth is too poor quality and too crowded to run a contest there.

- The last National Titles in WA was poorly attended by waveskiiers outside of Western Australia with only 12 traveling waveskiiers.

In view of these difficulties it was proposed that WA could host the event but another state provide the venue. It was suggested that Col Samways would assess the possibility of holding it at Caves Beach in Newcastle.

Rob Borg as WA delegate said that any formal offer would have to be approved by the WAWSA committee before being approved.

A special State delegates meeting was set for Thursday night to further discuss the issue.

- 6) Basil Repa discussed nationalizing insurance for all State associations under the banner of the Australian Waveski Association to save costs dramatically. Basil proposed a motion (seconded by Gary Ross) that “the National Committee explore the possibility of a National Insurance policy to cover all states – levy to all states and clubs. To be reported on by 31st August 2003.” The motion was carried.
- 7) Mike Payne discussed the incorporated status of the Australian waveski association. Mark Spencer proposed a motion (seconded by Gary Ross) that “the Australian association investigate the current incorporated status of the Australian association and take action on the findings.” The motion was carried.
- 8) The finances of the Australian waveski association were discussed. Jackie Dillon expressed concern at the lack of financial statements for money in and out. Also discussed was the \$10 from each competitor entering the Aussie Titles to be levied from the hosting club and paid to the Australian Waveski association as decided at the 1998 AGM. Jackie Dillon raised the issue of outstanding monies she was owed by the Australian Waveski Association from purchase of the Australian team shirts for 2001 and 2002. In light of the current financial disarray of the Australian association Jackie said she would prefer to waver the outstanding monies and have the shirts as her donation to the association.
- 9) Mark Spencer expressed his concern at the lack of input from the manufacturers and wishes for them to put more money back into the sport.
- 10) Jackie Dillon reminded all that Australia is still highly regarded as a waveskiing nation on the World scene. She wished that everyone would be appreciative of the efforts of those running the titles and that might aid in the spirit and wellbeing of the sport.
- 11) Brett Cronin, new Australian President, thanked the outgoing committee.

Meeting closed: 9.08pm