



## **Annual General Meeting 2007 Waveski Surfing Australia Inc**

**Date:** Wednesday 1st August 2007, 7pm till 8.50pm

**Location:** Bulli Holiday Park, Wollongong NSW

### **1. WELCOME AND APOLOGIES**

Meeting opened with the president Melissa Hardy welcoming all 24 present and noting any absences. Apologies noted from Tracey and Jason Drescher.

### **2. REVIEW AND ACCEPTANCE OF 2006 MINUTES**

Minutes from Annual General Meeting 2006 were accepted and seconded as a true recording by Russell Hudson.

### **3. PRESIDENTS REPORT:**

#### **2006/07 Key Areas:**

- Maintain on going activities
  - Routine communication, i.e. News letter every 4 months, WSA website and E Mail updates;
  - National Insurance Policy
  - Membership structure
- Preparation for the 2007 World Titles
- Development survey, action plan and club assistance
- Policy Development
- Fundraising – i.e. selling of books, DVD's, etc.
- Media and promotion.

#### **WSA History 2005 - 2007**

Melisa shared key milestones through out the last 2 years:

- WSA Incorporated
- Public Liability Insurance
- Bank Account ABN & TFN
- New Logo
- Website created
- WSA News
- Vision ASIC Registration 54 Members 2006
- National Insurance Policy & Membership Structure
- Development survey
- World Titles Assistance
- 87 Members 2007
- Membership structure updated Club assistance
- Policies drafted

#### **Fundraising Activities**

- Books & DVD's, Twenty Seven, Box of Gold, BWI
- WSA Calendar

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- Classifieds
- Shirts
- Other fundraising activities – Trivia night, raffles etc.

#### **MEDIA & PROMOTIONS.**

- Media Releases
- Calendars
- Stickers
- Posters
- Fuel TV

#### **4. TREASURERS REPORT**

##### **2006 Financial Report**

Larry Adams reviewed the 2006 audited financial report covering income, expenditure, current assets, liabilities and accumulated funds. He reported that the association is in the black. A final copy of the financial report will be posted on the WSA website.

#### **5. SECRETARIES REPORT**

Darren Kearns received correspondence from NZWSA regarding a complaint about Alcohol related behavior. A request for further details was sent on our behalf. No response has been received to date.

The Northern Beaches Waveski Club is no longer functioning and has been removed from the insurance policy.

Correspondence was received from the World Waveski Association requesting opinion on the introduction of a no alcohol policy at any World Titles events. This topic was discussed rigorously then a vote took place to accept this amendment. It was noted that the Secretary would respond to the WWSA with the decision from WSA.

##### **Membership Database**

Darren also reported that WSA has 87 members to date and the membership database has been updated.

#### **6. OTHER BUSINESS**

1. Policies – Robert Tap has drafted membership protection policies based on the ASC templates for the sport. These now reside with the association and need a committee member to review and finalise. This responsibility will now reside with the Policy and Development Officer.
2. Australian Sports Commission Recognition – The ASC recognition was once again reviewed and requires a dedicated person to liaise with the ASC. Certain aspects of the minimum criteria for ASC recognition have limited the sport from attempting to regain recognition, such as active branches or affiliated state and territory associations in at least 4 states and a minimum of 5000 members.
3. Development Plans – A survey was conducted with all clubs in Australia late 2006 to gain a baseline understanding where clubs are at and what they need to develop and how the national body can assist these areas develop. Whilst interest is there to develop, activity is limited and difficult due to lack of volunteers and regular attendance. An action plan is being compiled to develop a library of resources and tools to make available to new volunteers in addition to a development plan for juniors. WSA also sent out invitations for club assistance and one request was received and presented at the AGM – 8 rash vests for the Bateman's Bay Club. Mark Buckley was congratulated on the 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Lakesea Classic. A tent was also purchased for use at club and national events.
4. World Waveski Association Update – Jackie Dillon provided an update on the WWSA including discussion on a no alcohol policy, new world titles format and inviting proposals to hold the 2009 world titles.

#### **7. ELECTION OF 2007 MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE**

All current members vacated their respective position.

The returning officer Jackie Dillon assumed responsibility for the Association in the interim and asked for nominations.

Results as follows:

**President**

Rees Duncan was nominated by Jackie Dillon and seconded by Russell Hudson

**Secretary**

Darren Kearns was nominated by Garry Ross and seconded by Robert Creeley

**Treasurer**

Larry Adams was nominated by Kevin Marshall and seconded by Col Samways

**Vice President**

Melissa Hardy was nominated by Rees Duncan and seconded by Jackie Dillon

**Contest Directors**

Blair Moore was nominated by Col Samways and seconded by Travis Best

**Newsletter Editor**

Basil Repa was nominated by Melisa Hardy and seconded by Lance Milnes

**Development Officer**

Robert Creeley was nominated by Russell Hudson seconded by Darren Kearns

The President acknowledged the former Contest directors and welcomed the new team.

**8. AUSTRALIAN TITLES 2008**

The venue 2008 Australian Titles was not decided. Any clubs interested in hosting the event should send a proposal in writing to Rees Duncan.

**9. Affiliation with Queensland Canoeing**

It was discussed that Queensland Canoeing was interested in amalgamating the sports together to help drive our sports. It was decided after a lengthy discussion that involved discussion that the committee would meet with Mark Priestly from QLD Canoeing to determine benefits and defer a decision at this point in time.

**10. Other Business**

No other Business

Meeting closed at 8.50 pm.

Signed

Darren Kearns  
WSA Secretary.

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