

Merewether SLSC

Annual General Meeting 2016-2017

Minutes - 16 July 2017



Meeting commenced: 10:05am

1. Annual General Meeting of the MSLSC declared opened by Nick Newton, President.

Members Present: Nick Newton, Jamie Paras, Mark Owen, Simon Lovell, Kevin Buckley, Ross Taggart, Norm Rodgers, Susan O'Loughlin, Dave Hoar, Emma Gale, Warren Sterling, Anthony Tietze, Nathan Wright, Evan Jobling, Harrison Gresham, Bernie Sabine, Anthony Robinson, John Adamson, Wayne Hogg, Graham Lott, Kaye Lott, Glenis Powell, John Matthews, Garry Miller, Steve Stallard, Trish Stallard, Adrian Harte, Sue Paul, Laurie Graham, Greg Nelmes, Jeff Agland, Phil Mosgrove, Craig Doyle, Evan Walton.

2. One-minute silence for Deceased Members.

3. *President's Address by Nick Newton:*

Another great and successful season, once again our core task of keeping our beach and public safe was completed breach free and with us meeting all our required contractual obligations and for that I can only thank the input, the time and the expertise of all members in making that happen. Another great effort and well done all!

Our Club Captain, Simon Lovell and Vice-Captain, Richard Taylor have done a great job in managing our patrols through the season along with implementing a number of improvements not only to the way we operate the patrols but also with improvements with the rescue and medical equipment.

The guys have also kept a continuous feed of information to the patrol captains and have focused on upskilling our patrol members including the running of an aquatic rescue scenario which was filmed and has become a great training aid.

Some highlights for this year have been;

- A successful "Ducks for Dollars" campaign – thanks to all the helpers and all the patrols that sold tickets, we had sellers along the promenade and at the Beach Hotel that saw us receive approximately \$4000 in sales – although this is only around half the amount for the previous year.

- It is still a great result understanding there were no corporate ticket sales available this season following the Westpac rescue helicopter team withdrawing from the campaign. The loss of the corporate sales affected us, and other clubs, heavily so taking all into account we still did well.
- Our Beach Hotel raffles have been going well, also achieving around \$4000 for the year, Karen, Penny, Dave, Laurelle, Harrison, Alex and Waz have all pitched in and taken over the running of the raffles and ticket selling, so we are back on track with our club now being reliably represented every week at the “Beaches” – so we are making money and importantly keeping a good sponsor happy.
- In conjunction with St Vincent De Paul we ran a beach experience day for some special needs attendees, it was a lot of fun and is something we are wanting to promote further and we are working to making it a regular event. For those of us that were there – Glen, Kate, Karen, Nicola, Dave, Dilan, Tom and myself it was indeed a special day and thanks goes to Nicola for being the ‘in between’ our two organisations and helping putting it all together.
- Our ongoing kitchen renovations continued, over the season we have had new vinyl flooring laid, a full retiling of the walls and the remainder of our kitchen appliances delivered and installed that now gives the club a fully compliant and certified commercial kitchen – which has the obvious benefits for our function room hire.
- The floor and wall upgrades have also continued into the bar area, along with some new appliances to give it a much needed freshen up and cleaner look, again thanks to Norm and everyone who helped, it was a lot of work, sometimes requiring some frantic moving of all the gear in and out of the kitchen to suit function demands but it was worth it as the results are fantastic.
- With us looking more towards the future of the club as well as future sustainability we have been actively pursuing building plans for the refurbishment and extension of our current premises.
- There are many reasons for going down this possible path of construction, cost, environmental concerns, a conscience decision to utilise the existing structure, ability to stage construction and the possibility to increase our existing foot print as some examples.
- Assisting us with this project we have been fortunate to have EJE Architects come on board with helping us in putting our plans and drawings together giving us what is now a working proposal and for that we thank them greatly.

- Sponsors: Earlier this season PWCS committed to a further three years of ongoing sponsorship for the inner-city clubs, this is a fantastic offer of support by this company and just goes to strengthen the ties and commitment they have with our surf clubs. This seasons funding from PWCS is what allowed us to finish off our kitchen and bar upgrades.
- The PRD Real Estate team have now been with our club for three years and their ongoing support has allowed us the purchase of an IRB and other rescue equipment, they have also formed networking ties with our Beach Business Breakfast Club which helps with their continued support.
- Jeremy from JezWeb is a new supported for this season, Jeremy and his team are responsible for our fabulous new web site, as good as the old one was we now have something fresh and new that is much easier to navigate, along with having more information available within it, additionally to keeping the site up to date JezWeb have committed to their ongoing support of our club.
- For those not aware the FUNDA team have been long term supporters of our club, Nathan and Mark have been supplying the IRB and ATV fuel and spares for years, this has been and is a critical ongoing contribution allowing us to keep our equipment operational all year round.
- At this time of the year, I have to once again thank our committee members for all their time, work and effort over the year, I say year because these guys do work tirelessly all year long to get the things done that are needed to make our club work.

When I look at what they all achieve they really do make my job easy, with Waz and his education team, the IRB guys Nathan and Mark all doing what they do with giving us new patrolling members and keeping the rest of us compliant, plus several new positions this year – our new secretary Jamie, stepping into some big shoes with Emma now doing our Surf Sports.

Simon coming on board as club captain with Dave and Henk taking over radios, and Dave also doing everything else he can get in to, Glen taking over board and skis, Mark as treasurer, Angela taking over the dreaded position of registrar plus with the rest of our committee there is certainly always a lot happening and I must thank them and all our members for the fabulous job you continually do – **thank you.**

3: **Apologies:** Mr. Tim Crakanthorp MP Member for Newcastle, Lord Mayor of Newcastle, Councillor Nuatali Nelmes.

Members: Angela Tiedeman, Glenn Crompton, Kate Flint, Karen Wallace, Sarah Bugbird, Richard Taylor, Greg Stuck, Rob Freedman, Iain Kelso, Liam Benson, Laurie March, Peter Alcock, Sue Walton. President of Hunter SLSC Henry Scruton.

I. Hunter Branch Surf Life Saving Address: Rhonda Scruton Chief Executive Officer

Congratulations on the clubs' efforts surrounding Australian Day in raising and assisting with Duck for Dollars resulting in \$4000.

Congratulation to the Club Captain Mr Simon Lovell recently being appointed to the Director of SLSC Hunter.

Education: Thanks to Charlie Bugbird for his ongoing support with Hunter surf lifesaving education. Feedback from trainers and students is always positive with Charlie being on the team.

Westpac Helicopter: Opening of Belmont Heliport, new home for Westpac Rescue. Congratulations to the Surf Club movement for initiating this service.

Youth group: Further support from Sydney coming with a guest speaker, Doug Hawkins, from Coogee

Finances: Congratulations for a successful financial year. All accounts on time.

Platinum Program congratulations to Anthony Tietze putting it all together.

Club needs to secure \$350 000.00 towards building fund.

Ducks for Dollars: Corporate Tickets will be back in 2018. There will also be more opportunities on Australia Day in 2018 for MSLSC to raise funds on the day. E.g. manning a BBQ.

\$10 000 funding from NCC – recently approved.

Special needs program. Congratulation to the Club's involvement.

Newcastle University to be more involved with HSLSC in the future.

McDonalds new sponsor for HUNTER SLSC, which will include new uniforms.

NEWCASTLE PERM AND STREETS ICE CREAM major and ongoing sponsors. Support them where you can.

Reminder that all members should be financial by 01/10/2017.

For the coming season, theory for proficiency to be targeted during evening classes.

4. Confirmation of Minutes of the AGM from the 2015-2016 Season
 - I. **Moved: Kevin Buckley Seconded: Anthony Tietze**
 - II. Matters arising – NIL
5. Presentation of Annual Report for the 2016-2017 Season
 - I. Motion to adopt
 - II. **Moved: Tony Robinson Seconded: Kevin Buckley**
6. Presentation of provisional Financial Statements for 1st July 2016 to 30th June 2017
 - I. Motion to adopt
 - II. **Moved: Simon Lovell Seconded: Ross Taggart**
7. Presentation of Club Patrons, Vice Patrons and Honorary Positions

Title	Representative
Patrons	Mr. Tim Crakanthorp MP Member for Newcastle, Lord Mayor of Newcastle, Councilor Nuatali Nelmes, John Adamson, Sue Paul
Vice-Patrons	Mr. John Twohill, Mr. Evan Walton, Mrs. Susan Walton OAM, Mrs. Anne McGrath, Mr. Alan Taggart
Honorary Auditor	Robert Jones
Honorary Solicitor	Craig Doyle (McDonald Johnson), Nicholas Dan (Bilbie Dan)
Medical Officers	Dr J. Sippe, Dr C Finlay-Jones
Ambulance Officers	St John Ambulance, Laurie Graham- Richard Taylor

- I. Motion to adopt list of Patrons, Vice Patrons, Honorary Auditor and Solicitor
 - II. **Moved: Charlie Bugbird Seconded: Emma Gale**
8. **Election of President: Nick Newton unopposed for 2017-2018**
 9. **Election of Officers**

All nominations listed below:

Secretary	Jamie Paras
Treasurer	Mark Owen
Club Captain	Simon Lovell
Chief Instructor	Anthony Tietze *(NEW)
Registrar	Angela Tiedeman
Director of Surf Sports	Emma Gale
Board & Ski Captain	Glenn Crompton
Vice Club Captain	Kevin Buckley *(NEW)
Youth Co-Ordinator	Vacant

Rookie Co-Ordinator	Vacant
IRB Captain	Nathan Wright
Boat Captain	Emma Gale
WH&S Officer	<u>Dave Hoar *(NEW)</u>
Member Protection Information Officer	Kate Flint
IT Co-Ordinator	Evan Jobling
Publicity Officer	Harrison Gresham *(NEW)
Radio Officer	David Hoar
Gear and Equipment Officer	Bernie Sabine
Merchandise Officer	Warren Sterling
Historical Officer	Tony Robinson

10. Honorariums for the 2016-2017 Season (unchanged from last season)

- President, Secretary, Treasurer - \$500
- Chief Instructor, Registrar - \$250

I. Motion to adopt

II. **Moved: Charlie Bugbird Seconded: Tony Robinson**

11. Determination of Club Fees for the 2016-2017 Season (unchanged from last season):

Membership Type	Fee
Senior Active & Cadets (registered on or before 31st October)	\$90.00
Senior Associates (Not patrolling)	\$125.00
Over 65's Associates	\$65.00
Junior Active member (1 st child)	\$90.00
Additional junior active members	\$70.00
Junior Associate (parent)	\$70.00
Family Membership (1 adult, 2 children)	\$195.00
Additional family members	\$70.00
LATE membership fee (after 31 st October 2016)	\$35.00
Optional club t-shirt.	\$5.00

I. Motion to adopt the membership fees for the 2016-2017 season

II. **Moved: Dave Hoar Seconded: Simon Lovell**

12. Resolution for Affiliation with Hunter Branch

I. Moved: Charlie Bugbird Seconded: Kevin Buckley

13. General Business:

Anthony Tietze: Thanked EJE Architects for the assistance and support to MSLSC with their professional help and guidance with the Development Project. Role with Chief Training Officer – will be away till October 2017.

Member Tony Robinson raised a question for Drone patrolling for surf safety.

R. Scruton: Due to the complexities and CASA Licences/costings and budgeting makes the project very expensive and not cost effective. Further review and sponsorship is required for its longevity and purpose.

Member Sue Paul stated that she would like to receive more requests for assistance to help at the Club when required. i.e: BBQ and fund-raising events.

Response: Ensure all members are receiving regular updates for requests.

Question to the members (Nick Newton) regarding Patrons and Vice Patrons:

What is the criteria to be nominated for the positions? More input from members as to what a Patron can be involved with the Club. It was discussed the appointment needs to be a benefit to the Club.

New development to the Club- Renovations. Long term project to ensure all funding and sponsorship is completed and finalised before lodging the Development Application. Anthony Tietze gave a power point presentation to the AGM.

Member Wayne Hogg: Faulty Gym Equipment – what is the timeline for repair on exercise bike and LED Display on Rowing Machine is also faulty:

Nick Newton stated that the part for the bike is obsolete and the whole unit needs to be replaced. Further follow up with rower required.

Congratulations to Charlie Bugbird on being Awarded Club Assessor of the YEAR by Hunter Branch.

Meeting Closed: 11:05