

Minutes - Merewether SLSC

Annual General Meeting - 2012



Due notice is hereby given that the Annual General Meeting of Merewether Surf Life Saving Club, Inc. will be held at the Clubhouse, Corner Watkins and John Parade, Merewether Beach on Sunday 5 August 2011 from 10.00 a.m.

Agenda

1. Opening – 10:09am by Ross Taggart
 - Thank the outgoing committee for their support over the year, and especially Emma for her support through administration;
 - Welcome to the Lord Mayor of Newcastle, Councillor John Tate;
 - Welcome to Grahame Lott from Hunter Branch Surf Life Saving, and his wife Kaye, acknowledging their contribution to SLS;
 - Welcome to Michael Spillane from the Merewether Mackerels; and
 - Acknowledgement of life members.
2. One minute silence for Deceased Members
3. Apologies – Michael Rees, Hannah Walton, Brad March, Bruce Rummins, Nathan Wright, Mark Owen,
4. President's Address - Mr Ross Taggart
 - Looking back over the year, I would like to acknowledge the following:
 - Presentation night went well;
 - Kieran Gordon who attained a medal at State and Australian titles, fantastic to see;
 - Juniors, led by Rachel Soars, have gone from strength to strength. Huge effort from everyone involved;
 - Masters competitors have had successes in the boats, on the beach and in the water;
 - Training has been led by a good group of trainers of 10-12 people, under Charlie's guidance. Committed group already getting ready for next season;
 - Patrols, under Nick and Richard went well, of course with the clubs primary role being lifesaving;
 - Thank committee members, especially Todd Cathcart (highlight being sorting out the finances and directing them now through Westpac), Kevin Buckley (as registrar doing a lot of work getting all members enrolled), Susan O'Loughlin (as function room manager which is a time intensive role, ensuring the club has income throughout year), Mark Woodcock and his volunteers helping to keep the club and building running. Lots of feedback from customers – friendly atmosphere.
5. Lord Mayor of Newcastle's Address - Councillor John Tate

- Annual report – good to see the club is financially sound.
 - Good to see many different sections within the report including OH&S report as well as Junior’s component, which in the past may not have been documented.
 - Acknowledge that the Surfclub is now a business, not just a club, and is keeping up with the times.
 - Happy to see positive people volunteering to help with the club and patrols.
 - Good to see young kids, through the Junior’s section of the club, being informed on how to handle the surf and beach environment.
 - Local elections coming up and John will announce soon if he will re-nominate. Regardless Councillor Tate acknowledges that the Lord Mayor needs to understand the role of lifesaving, which contributes to making a stronger community as well as giving back to the community.
 - Keep going as well as the club has been, but keep values, when moving forward.
 - Surf club building does need addressing/rebuilding, and this should happen soon.
6. Hunter Branch Surf Life Saving Address - Grahame Lott, Director of Surf Sports
- Welcome to Councillor John Tate and all other members and guests.
 - Congratulations to outgoing committee, the club appears to have gone well in all areas of activity. Congratulations to the incoming committee also.
 - From a Branch perspective there will be some changes occurring in the upcoming season and some will be identified at the club conference next weekend, including new specifications on equipment etc. In due course the club will be notified of all changes.
 - Presentation to Greg Nelmes – 50 patrolling years (pin)
7. Confirmation of Minutes of the AGM from the 2010-2011 Season
- Motion by Ross Taggart to adopt the AGM minutes from 2010-2011 Season
 - Moved: Tony Robinson, Seconded: Charlie Bugbird, CARRIED
 - No matters arising from the minutes
8. Adoption of the Annual Report from the 2011-2012 Season
- Motion by Emma Gale to adopt the 2011-2012 Annual Report
 - Moved: Toni Lee, Seconded: Sue Paul, CARRIED
9. Adoption of Financial Statements for the 1st July 2011 to 30th June 2012
- Todd Catchart (Treasurer) summarises the statements acknowledging the club as being profitable for another year, a testament to committee’s work, fundraising and sponsorship.
 - Motion by Ross Taggart to adopt the financial statements for the 2011-2012 season
 - Moved: Charlie Bugbird, Seconded: Toni Lee, CARRIED
 - No matters arising
10. Confirmation of Club Patrons, Vice Patrons and Honorary Positions

| Title | Representative |
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| Patrons | Mr. Tim Owen MP Member for Newcastle, Lord Mayor of Newcastle, Councilor John Tate, John Adamson, Sue Paul |
| Vice-Patrons | Mr. John Manning, Mr. John Twohill, Mr. Evan Walton, Mrs. Susan Walton, Mr. Tony McGrath, 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 J. Dan, Dr C Finlay-Jones |
| Ambulance Officers | St John Ambulance, Laurie Graham |

11. Motion by Charlie Bugbird to adopt list of Patrons and Vice Patrons

- Moved: Toni Lee, Seconded: Emma Gale, CARRIED

12. Motion by Ross Taggart to retain Honorary Auditor as Robert Jones

- Moved: Nick Newton, Seconded: Emma Gale, CARRIED

13. Motion by Ross Taggart to Retain Honorary Solicitor as Craig Doyle and Nicholas Dan

- Moved Emma Gale, Seconded: Nick Newton, CARRIED

14. Election of Officers*

- Evan Walton asked to come up and undertake President election
- Nominations called for President – Ross Taggart (renominating)
- Ross Taggart elected as President.
- Positions for which nominations were received:
 - Secretary: Emma Gale
 - Treasurer: Todd Cathcart
 - Club Captain: Nick Newton
 - Vice-Captain: Richard Lloyd
 - Registrar: Kevin Buckley
 - Chief Instructor: Charlie Bugbird
 - Surf Sports / Competition: Toni Lee
 - Board and Ski Captain: Mark Woodcock
 - IRB Captain: Nathan Wright
 - Boat Captain: Michael Rees
 - Gear and Equipment Officer: Mark Woodcock
 - Youth Co-Ordinator: Hannah Walton

- All positions elected.
- Vacant Positions open to nominations from the floor:
 - OH&S Officer – Laurie Graham nominated and elected
 - Radio Officer – Max Convey nominated and elected
 - Publicity Officer – Remains Vacant
 - Member Protection Information Officer – Remains Vacant

15. Honorariums for the 2012-2013 Season (unchanged from last season)

- President, Secretary, Treasurer - \$500
- Chief Instructor, Registrar - \$250
- Motion by Ross Taggart to adopt the Honorariums for the 2012-2013 season
- Moved: John Adamson, Seconded: Phil Mosgrove, CARRIED

16. Determination of Club Fees[#] for the 2012-2013 Season

- Kevin Buckley (registrar) summarised the 2011-2012 season, identifying growth of members since previous season, with a large contribution from the Juniors component of the club.
- One change to the membership fee structure includes a \$5.00 building fee from each member, which will contribute to the fit out of the new club when the building is completed.

| Membership Type | Fee |
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| Senior Active & Cadets (registered on or before 31st October) | \$85.00 |
| Senior Associates (Not patrolling) | \$120.00 |
| Over 65's Associates | \$60.00 |
| Junior Active member (1 st child) | \$85.00 |
| Additional junior active members | \$65.00 |
| Junior Associate (parent) | \$65.00 |
| Family Membership (1 adult, 2 children) | \$190.00 |
| Additional family members | \$65.00 |
| LATE membership fee (after 31 st October 2012) | \$35.00 |

- Motion by Kevin Buckley to adopt membership fees for the 2012-2013 season
- Moved: Emma Gale, Seconded Rachel Soars, CARRIED.

17. Presentations - none

18. General Business

- What is the fees/policy on people, specifically non-members, storing ski's at Horseshoe Beach shed (Steve Stallard)?
 - Response (Nick Newton) – Nick has approached them about re-joining and we'll see if that happens in the next months.

- What are the future plans for the lifeguard tower (Iain Kelso)? Since 2001 the lifeguard hut has been at the south of the club, and this is not the best spot for it. Merewether Beach appears to be the only beach in Newcastle with no permanent structure.
 - Response (Ross Taggart) – identified recent and future stages of the coastal revitalisation plan, which includes the redevelopment of sections of Merewether. Due to delay of previous works, including the car park and the new one way road, the lifeguard tower contract had to be delayed. The contract will now not occur until after Surfest 2013 to limit disruption to activities. The new tower is designated to sit in front and to the north of the club house. A new memorial structure (3 boards) will also be set near the tower.
 - Will the lifeguard hut construction restrict access to club (Jennifer Kaye)?
 - Response (Ross Taggart) - most likely, but information will be distributed to members prior to work starting.
- Season Launch and Life Members Launch (Phil Mosgrove) – 22nd September. Starts at 8am, includes a catered breakfast and finishes just before lunch. Contact Phil Mosgrove, Iain Kelso, Rob Dan. Information sheets have been distributed.
- Fundraiser / donations suggestions (Jennifer Kaye) – Leaving a tin for spare change at Swells café. Also Woolworths has had displays with IRBs etc. and requests donations for surf clubs. Maybe we could pursue this? Coles at The Junction may also be an option to set up a display at shops for spare change / donations
- What is happening to the keypad on the front door to the club, and is it getting fixed soon (Alex)?
 - Response (Nick Newton) – we’re waiting on supplies, which are now in. This will be fixed asap.
- Acknowledgement of Sponsors (Ross Taggart) – All sponsors names were read out and thanked for the support. Please familiarise yourself with our sponsors and utilise their services wherever possible.

19. Resolution for Affiliation with Hunter Branch

- Motion by Ross Taggart to adopt affiliation with Hunter Branch
- Moved: Rachel Soars, Seconded: Toni Lee

Meeting Closed: 11:01am

Additional Notes

*Election of Office Bearers: Please note that any member nominating as a Director and/or Officer of the Club for Season 2012-2013 shall signify their consent in writing to the Director of Administration seven (7) days prior to the Annual General Meeting.