



Merewether SLSC

110th Annual General Meeting 2017-2018

Minutes – Sunday 15 July 2018

Meeting commenced: 10:00am

1. **The 110th 2017-2018 Annual General Meeting of the MSLSC declared opened by Nick Newton, Club President.**

Members Present: Nick Newton, Jamie Paras, Mark Owen, Kevin Buckley, Ross Taggart, Norm Rodgers, Susan O'Loughlin, Dave Hoar, Emma Gale, Anthony Tietze, Charlie Bugbird, Sarah Bugbird, Kate Flint, Kathryn Spong, Anthony Robinson, John Adamson, Wayne Hogg, Graham Lott, Kaye Lott, Mark Woodcock, P.Kendall, Karen Wallace, John Matthews, Garry Miller, Steve Stallard, Trish Stallard, Adrian Harte, Sue Paul, Laurie Graham, Greg Nelmes, Jeff Agland, Phil Mosgrove, Craig Doyle, Evan Walton, Luigi Milan, Garth Russell, Greg Wendt.

Apologies: Mr. Tim Crakanthorp MP Member for Newcastle, Lord Mayor of Newcastle, Councillor Nuatali Nelmes, CEO of Hunter SLSC Rhonda Scruton, Sue Walton.

Members: Richard Taylor, Greg Struck, Nathan Wright, Simon Lovell, Dilan Houston
*Glenis Powell, Warren and Jackie Sterling, Sarah Gray, Sue Paul, Bruce Rummins, Meredith Veale, Luke Menzies.

**Best wishes to Glenis who is recovering from recent surgery.*

***Club also passes on it's sincere condolences to member Kate Flint on the passing of her father.*

2. **One-minute silence in remembrance of our deceased Members.**

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

Congratulations to everyone on another successful patrolling season. Again we, along with the whole of Branch, managed to complete the year Breach free. This is something not to be taken lightly as it takes the dedication and commitment of our patrol teams in performing their duties and many thanks go to our active members for the great effort in making this happen for what is now the fourth year in a row.

Our Club Captain's report provides the patrolling details for the season along with all the statistics of what we achieved with some impressive numbers and it also provides an interesting insight as to what we can and do accomplish over the patrolling season.

Importantly we achieved our goal of keeping our beach and the public safe by supplying patrol teams with the correct manning and skills levels and enabling us to operate as per our contractual agreement.

Being a volunteer organisation, it is important for us to satisfy all the requirements placed upon us as it directly reflects on our operational funding ability, and to again reach this goal is a great effort and on behalf of the committee thank you all for helping our club achieve such a good standing.

Our education team now with Anthony Tietze at the helm has again done a fantastic job with the training of new candidates. We rely heavily on the Education Team to supply us with a reliable source of new and keen patrolling SRC and Bronze Medallion members to maintain our patrol numbers and strengths from one season to the next.

Also, Anthony coordinating all areas of the Club with their reports for the Quality Club Program to gain Platinum status with Hunter Branch for 2018-2019. Job well done. Likewise, Nathan Wright and Mark Owen have continued to run their IRB crew and driver's courses to ensure our patrol ratio numbers are where they need to be.

Achieving all this along with the needs for the continual updating of our current member skills levels is a demanding job and a never-ending task by this specialised group of trainers, adding to this is the requirement for the assessing needs of competency and sign off trainees and all active members alike, a huge task for this team.

During the season we again ran our special needs pool experience events on two separate occasions with the help of our own Nicola Nicolau from St Vinnies and the people from Disability Links assisting us and being the "go between" for our organisations.

These events are growing in popularity as the service providers are realising what a great time we can offer our guests both in the water and socially (we also discovered that some of these guests are quite handy on the B-B-Q!).

In line with these activities we had our building audited by an accessibility expert to ascertain what could realistically be done to our club in the short term to make our club more user friendly for disabled persons and in going forward, to understand the needs for our future building refurbishment.

Our raffles teams have been hard at it over the year with the selling of tickets at the Beach Hotel every Friday evening. This is an important task as it keeps our club profile active as well as satisfying the requests of one of our long-term sponsors, this along with the additional benefit of our hard-working teams managing to raise funding of over \$7,800! Well done guys!

As every year we had our annual Santa visit for our Junior members with Santa successfully delivering his goodies and then managing to escape the onslaught of some very keen young (and other) members, we also had our Easter Bunny arrive on the Easter Sunday for our annual beach chocolate egg hunt, another event which is growing rapidly in popularity! Over ninety eggs disappearing within minutes!!!

As with everything we do and more so with the additional events and the fund-raising efforts we run, it relies on the extra volunteering of our members putting in the hours and effort in to making it happen. We are extremely grateful and thank you all who put in this additional time.

We need to congratulate Charlie Bugbird for receiving the Branch Presidents Award, also congratulations for their efforts of our Masters and Junior competitors and teams for the season.

Our junior members, committee and their supporters continue to go grow in strength with another strong season followed by some high-end results in competition. Some limitations forced the “capping” of numbers for some of the age groups but Julie and her team are working hard to put processes in place, also plans are in place for the purchase of new equipment for the start of their next season.

Our annual presentation was a great night with some deserving winners receiving awards throughout. Again, our Captain’s report has a full rundown of all the recipients, but the evening ended with Kate Flint receiving the top honours and congratulations to you all who not only received prizes, but also to those nominated! Everyone looked to be having fun and it put our function room to good use.

Some changes in the management of our function room have seen Susan standing down after a lengthy ten years of service and handing over the reins with the events running now going to Emma who has taken up the challenge to promote and manage our function room. Liam Benson is also coming on board to assist Emma with some of the processes and also staff training for the bar area.

We are fortunate to have some great sponsors who continue with their much important ongoing support. We encourage a close relationship with our sponsors and in turn encourage our members to actively support our sponsors with their businesses. Nova Air and Electrical, Juice Plus, EJE, JezWeb, Funda are just some of our longer-term supporters with much to offer and we have many more advertised on our web site and sponsors boards for reference to valuable services.

During the season our local branch of the Commonwealth Bank Australia (CBA) at the Junction generously selected our club for a \$10,000 donation as part of the CBA Centenary Celebrations, the Branch manager Nathan Curby, has strong ties to the area and selected our club as the recipient with the donation recently being made at our club in a formal cheque handover ceremony. These funds will be directed to the purchase of surf lifesaving equipment and will recognise the CBA at the Junction donation.

Dave Hoar has been leading the way liaising with our current sponsors and running regular newsletter articles of their business profiles, also he is actively engaging with other potential supporters and generating interest in our club.

Along with this the Beach Breakfast Club have joined ties with Branch in promoting the offering of potential employment opportunities with the BBC businesses to younger surf club members throughout the Branch.

We had our usual post season club clean-up day where we managed to get rid most of the accumulated rubbish and unserviceable equipment from in and around our premises. It was also an opportunity taken to do some serious cleaning tasks and tidying up inside the clubhouse, so thanks to all those who came along and pitched in, it was a great result.

Looking forward we will continue with locking in the final design for our building refurbishment as we continue our negotiations with NCC for our club leases, to date the lease discussions have been a very difficult and convoluted process with little result and as a group the Inner-city clubs have now engaged Branch to seek professional and legal advice along with the representing of us in this matter, so we can get some resolve and move on.

And as we head towards a new season we have a lot to do, purchasing of replacement rescue and training equipment, new and current member training, member registration, patrol groups to organise and the list goes on.

However, none of this could or would have been possible without the mentioned education teams, your committee and executive members, patrolling members, our Juniors and everyone who gives their time and effort to make our club what it is – thank you all!

4. Hunter Branch Surf Life Saving Address: Henry Scruton President Hunter Surf Life Saving.

Congratulations to MSLSC for a breach free season and its ongoing commitment to surf lifesaving in the Hunter region.

Education: MSLSC has provided a true commitment with trainers assisting in the Bronze Medallion with Hunter Branch. We have had another successful year in providing training and those members receiving Cert IV in Leadership and management.

Thanks to Charlie Bugbird also receiving the President's Award for his ongoing support with Hunter surf lifesaving education. Feedback from trainers and students is always positive with Charlie being on the team.

Platinum Program congratulations to MSLSC again putting it all together.

Reminder that all members should be financial by 31/10/2018.

Leasing arrangements for all the Clubs in the NCC is ongoing with council and of course MSLSC moving forward with its renovations. Six Clubs in the same situation.

New digital radio system being implemented and rolled out through Surf com.

Once again, congratulations on another successful year and best wishes for the upcoming patrolling season.

5. Confirmation of Minutes of the AGM from the 2016-2017 Season

I. Moved: Charlie Bugbird Seconded: Dave Hoar

II. Matters arising – NIL

6. Presentation of Annual Report for the 2017-2018 Season

I. Motion to adopt

II. Moved: Tony Robinson Seconded: Kevin Buckley

7. Presentation of provisional Financial Statements for 1st July 2017 to 30th June 2018:

Treasurer Mark Owen delivered a net profit of \$76000 for the financial year.

\$499 000.00 in term deposits. Full financials to be independently audited in the next few weeks.

I. Motion to adopt

II. Moved: Charlie Bugbird Seconded: Karen Wallace

8. Presentation of Club Patrons, Vice Patrons and Honorary Positions

| Title | Representative |
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| 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, Ross Taggart |
| Honorary Auditor | Robert Jones |
| Honorary Solicitor | Craig Doyle (McDonald Johnson), |
| Medical Officers | Dr Geoff Fowler |
| Ambulance Officers | St John Ambulance, Laurie Graham- Richard Taylor |

I. Motion to adopt list of Patrons, Vice Patrons, Honorary Auditor and Solicitor

II. **Moved: K. Buckley Seconded: C. Bugbird**

8. Nomination for Life Membership to MSLSC. MEMBER Charles BUGBIRD

Member David Hoar proposed to the AGM that Senior Patrolling Member (Patrol Captain) Charles Bugbird be nominated for Life Membership. It was detailed that Charles has gone above and beyond in meeting the criteria to being appointed to Life Member.

Charles Bugbird accepted the nomination and asked to leave the meeting whilst a vote was put to the meeting.

It was voted unanimous by the members that the nomination be accepted for life membership for C.Bugbird.

Mr Bugbird was invited to join the meeting again and presented with MSLSC Life Membership Badge by Club President Nick Newton.

Election of President: Nick Newton unopposed for 2018-2019

. Election of Officers

All nominations listed below:

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| Secretary | Jamie Paras |
| Treasurer | Mark Owen |
| Club Captain | Kevin Buckley* (NEW) |
| Chief Instructor | Anthony Tietze |
| Registrar | Greg Struck *(NEW) |
| Director of Surf Sports | Vacant |
| Board & Ski Captain | Kris Wall *(NEW) |
| Vice Club Captain | Dilan Houston *(NEW) |
| Youth Co-Ordinator | Luke Menzies *(NEW) |

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| Rookie Co-Ordinator | Karen Wallace-Bates *(NEW) |
| IRB Captain | Nathan Wright |
| Boat Captain | Emma Gale |
| WH&S Officer | Kathryn Spong *(NEW) |
| Member Protection Information Officer | Kate Flint |
| IT Co-Ordinator | Evan Jobling |
| Publicity Officer | Vacant |
| Radio Officer | David Hoar |
| Gear and Equipment Officer | Bernie Sabine |
| Merchandise Officer | Warren Sterling |
| Historical Officer | Tony Robinson |

9. Honorariums for the 2017-2018 Season (unchanged from last season)

- President, Secretary, Treasurer - \$500
 - Chief Instructor, Registrar - \$250
- I. Motion to adopt
- II. **Moved: N. Rodgers Seconded: C. Bugbird**

10. Determination of Club Fees for the 2018-2019 Season (unchanged from last season):

| Membership Type | Fee |
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| 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 |

- III. Motion to adopt the membership fees for the **2018-2019** season
- IV. **Moved: K.Flint Seconded: John Adamson**
- V. **Resolution for Affiliation with Hunter Branch**
- VI. **Moved: Charlie Bugbird Seconded: K. Wallace-Bates**

11. General Business:

*Norm Rodgers (Bar Captain) Norm expressed his gratitude to all the members that have assisted over the past financial year with coldies and working functions. If it wasn't for the members providing this level of commitment on weekends, then it would be hard to provide the ongoing revenues raising for the Club.

The Beach Breakfast is growing at a fast rate and very successful especially amongst the sponsors and ongoing business supporters. Dave Hoar has been instrumental in coordinating all this.

*Anthony Tietze spoke about membership fees and whether the Club has adjusted the amounts considering ongoing costs. The Executive explained that the fees are in line with the other Clubs along the strip and Hunter branch but will be reviewed in the next financial year.

12. Amendment to the Club's Constitution:

President N. Newton: Due to the Club's constitution not having the provision in its constitution to receive cash donations as per taxation legislative requirements the following clause is needed to be adopted.

Current Club's Constitution Wording

8.7 WINDING-UP PROVISIO

- (a) The action of winding up and distribution of surplus property shall be subject to decision by Special Resolution.
- (b) If on winding up or dissolution of MSLSC there remains after the satisfaction of all its debts and liabilities any property whatsoever, the same shall not be paid or distributed amongst the members of MSLSC but shall be given or transferred to some other body that is a registered or exempt charity having objects similar to the objects of MSLSC and which shall prohibit the distribution of its or their income and property amongst its or their members.
- (c) Notwithstanding anything contained in these rules the "finance" and "winding up or dissolution" Rule 23 and Rule 8.7 will not be amended or removed from these rules.

*** To be adopted to 8.7 Winding up: (D)**

If the organisation is wound up or its endorsement as a deductible gift recipient is revoked (whichever occurs first), any surplus of the following assets shall be transferred to another organisation with similar objects, which is charitable at law, to which income tax deductible gifts can be made:

1. Gifts of money or property for the principal purpose of the organisation.
2. Contributions made in relation to an eligible fundraising event held for the principal purpose of the organisation.
3. Money received by the organisation because of such gifts and contributions.

Motion to adopt: K. Buckley Seconded: D. Hoar

For the motion: Unanimous

against the motion: Nil

Meeting Closed: 10.45am