

# **New Zealand Water Ski Racing Association Incorporated**

## **Annual General Meeting Minutes**

11<sup>th</sup> July 8, 2016

### **Opening**

The regular meeting of the New Zealand Water Ski Racing Association Incorporated was called to order at 11.30am on 11th June in Hamilton by Mike Jamieson.

### **Present**

Michael Jamieson, Maegen Hammond, Brett Flexman, Brett Seabrook, Paul Hammond, Hayleigh Frost, Kane Frost, Grant Crowther, Jordyn Woodmass, Shaun Woodmass, Chris Carter, Brad Dutton, Mike Dunstall, Mike Jolly, Gareth Jolly, Amelia Ward, Paul Skipper, Jeff Weake

### **Proxies**

Grant Crowther for Mike Slack

Helen Cox for Adelaide Cox, Vaughan Cox, Florence Cox and Columbia Cox

Billijean Taylor for Ben Taylor

### **Apologies**

Dave Hanks, Greg Dutton

### **Approval of Agenda**

The agenda was changed slightly to move the election of officers to be the first item.

### **Approval of Minutes from previous AGM**

Minutes from the previous AGM were presented online and accepted by all present.

### **Election of Officers**

No nominations for these received by the cutoff date, nominations taken from the floor for all positions.

If we cannot get an exec sorted, meeting will be adjourned and current exec will stay until resignations happen and then things will go on hold- Michael Jamieson

### **Executive Committee**

President- Mike Jamieson nominated Brett Flexman, Seconded by Chris Carter, all voted in favour.

Vice-President- Brett Flexman nominated Brett Seabrook, Paul Hammond Seconded, all voted in favour..

Secretary- Brad Dutton nominated Alice Mellow, Seconded by Amelia Ward, all voted in favour

Treasurer- no nominations at this time, will come back to it

General Executive Members- Brad Dutton nominated Jordan Smith, Seconded by Chris Carter. Alice Mellow, Nominated Brad Dutton and Chris Carter, this was seconded by Brett Flexman, Brad declined nomination, would rather put his name forward for another role. Paul Hammond nominated Kane Frost, Seconded by Amelia Ward. All in favour of all of the above nominations.

Junior Executive Member- Three nominations put forward, Jordyn Woodmass, Beatrice Ward and Max Duckworth. Vote was held, Jordyn Woodmass received the majority vote for this position.

Treasurer- Clare Dudding put her hand forward for this on the proviso that she receives extra external help in completing this role. External help would approximately be an extra \$500 per year (Billijeane Taylor), this cost was accepted by the members present and all voted in favour of Clare for treasurer.

#### 2016/2017 Executive Committee NZWSRA

President- Brett Flexman

Vice- President- Brett Seabrook

Treasurer- Clare Dudding

Secretary- Alice Mellow

Executive Members- Jordan Smith, Chris Carter, Kane Frost

Junior Executive Member- Jordyn Woodmass

#### Technical Rules Committee

Three people needed for this committee- Michael Jamieson

Three people had indicated their interest for these positions on Facebook, Jeff Weake also indicated his interest.

Voting was to decide the three out of the four options.

Mike Jolly, Mike Dunstall and Jeff Weake were voted in to these positions.

### Selection Committee

Nominations called from the floor for the five spots on this committee, Brad Dutton, Paul Skipper, Brett Flexman, Shaun Woodmass and Gareth Jolly put their names forward. All voted in favour of these five.

### **Presentation of Reports**

Bridge to Bridge Report- Read by Paul Hammond

- AGM is almost too late to be setting a committee for the Bridge, needs to be formed immediately after the completion of each AGM for the next year.-Paul Hammond

Twin Rivers Report- Read by Paul Hammond

Trans Tasman Report- Read by Michael Jamieson

- Because two Trans Tasman's were run in one financial year we saw large financial losses; \$3000 this year in NZ, and \$7000 last year in AUS- Billie Jean Taylor
- Until we get some sub junior we are not going to see the results that we want to, the borrowing of Australian sub-juniors is great, however they are still Australian and will want their country to win, points gained from the sub-junior races are huge due to the short race length- Brad Dutton

Technical Rules Committee Report- Presented by Mike Dunstall

- Mike asks that anyone who has questions about the issues raised in this report to please submit them to tech rules for them to discuss and answer.
- Discussion around the IWWF rule change for F2 boat lengths that we have received a dispensation for. We had applied for an extension for this and it was accepted however there appears to be no fixed end date on this extension however it is unlikely that boat owners in NZ are going to be taking their boats overseas for worlds to race F2 therefore we should do what's best for us as an association (Brad Dutton).

- Should call for submissions for changes to the rule book at nationals to allow for them to be presented for discussion at the management meeting by the membership before the committee has to decide.

## **Setting of Fees**

Looking at ways to attract new members to the sport, was the center of this discussion.

Do we increase race day fees or increase membership fees. We need to have bigger numbers at race days or increase fees to make sure that things break even.

Jeff Weake - Can we offer discounted racing to sub junior as an attempt to get more members.

Mike Dunstall - I as a boat owner would be happy to cover the costs of a new sub-junior member for race weekends to get them involved.

The idea of discounted racing for new and sub-junior members was well received and the majority agreed that it would be a good idea.

Brad Dutton- Do we increase racing fees by \$20 and hope that would cover the costs?

Mike Jamieson- This will only see about another \$1000 to the club over the whole season which still wouldn't be enough.

Mike Dunstall- Do we have less events and or try to get more people there. We are in a tricky situation with having the small numbers and need to view things from the bigger picture of participating helping increase income. There is a lot wrapped up in the strategy of getting people to come.

Jeff Weake- Condensing racing into one day and having a social day the next day that we could save on paramedic costs.

Paul Skipper- The accounts as they stand are not that bad, with the losses sustained this season we could keep running like this for another 10years, is increasing the cost of an already expensive sport with membership declining.

Mike Jamieson- We are running at a loss and we ultimately cannot keep maintaining this, do we increase the membership fees or the race day fees? Something has to go up and if we are making profits halfway through the season we can discount something to compensate.

Clare Dudding- Race day fees of a maximum \$100 and \$50 for a single race. Members seemed happy with this and it was simple. Those who entered extra races did so because they didn't have to pay any more, they wouldn't have entered if they had to pay.

Paul Skipper- Do we do away with Bridge memberships and make those people pay for a full membership, why should the season members have to carry the cost for them?

Alice Mellow- The bridge membership is the only thing that gets them coming. If we did away with it they wouldn't enter. By reducing it we lost whole teams, by changing it the way we did we got approximately 5 teams back. We had 15-18 skiers that paid \$50 each that we could put straight back into the association.

Mike Jamieson- The bridge always make money.

Mike Dunstall- If we showed up to the bridge with the amount of boats that come to series races we would not get the funding we do. In the end we need those numbers to make it an attractive event for others. I am not that worried if we make a small deficit as it is lean times. We have to make good decisions about what is necessary and what is not. Do we have less events or try and get more people to come as the way of attracting members.

Paul Skipper- I do think that running with the GPs etc is a good idea as they already have lake closure and a paramedic organised as well as it being good spectators.

Jeff Weake- As they start so late we can get some races in before they start.

Mike Jamieson- When we ran there last time we got 5 races done between 8am-10am. In a nutshell what we are saying is that there should be some sort of incentive for new members. By discounting for all new members (this excludes returning members, no matter how long they have been away).

Jeff Weake- Maybe make a sub-junior membership \$100 and make it \$25 for them to come and race, \$125 is pretty manageable.

Alice Mellow- Make it age group skiers?

Mike Dunstall- I think that we have to keep in mind, the marginal cost of those extra people is effectively zero. So just getting more numbers is so important. If we are constantly trying to break even, we will have to keep increasing things therefore keep losing members. There is a danger that there is a downward spiral for us.

Brett Seabrook- The unfortunate thing is that we are already on that downward spiral.

Clare Dudding- We need to go back to the clubs and I have heard it every year for the last few years, we need to go back to the regional ski clubs.

Mike Jamieson- Last year Warren Rowlinson emailed all the clubs to get a ski school going and he only heard back from one club. Whether it was just that only one club sent that information out to the members.

Jeff Weake- Why don't we email the bridge list at the start of the season and get them to pay their bridge licence at the start of the season and get their money then?

Alice Mellow- They would still enter the day before.

Mike Jamieson- I don't think that bridge is the problem. So for everyone except for newbies do we go to \$120 for race weekend fees? Or do we keep them the same?

All voted in favour of keeping them the same.

Mike Jamieson- So what about newbies?

It was decided that newbies would receive everything (memberships, entry fees etc) would be exactly half what other members paid. This is only available to new members not returning members. All was in favour.

### **Setting membership fees**

Mike Jamieson- So we have set the race day fees but how about membership fees? Are we going to increase that?

Discussion around increasing membership fee and how that would affect the income of the club. It was suggested that we don't set the fees until we have the calendar and have a better idea of what we are going to be spending. This discussion came down to increasing membership fees by \$20 across the board.

All agree with increasing membership by \$20 across all membership types.

Mike Jamieson- What happens for those who join after a certain time in the season, I think we should offer a discount after a certain date.

Discussion around this was based on previous discount we have for this. Decided that any memberships after the 1<sup>st</sup> of February would be half price. Same discount would apply to SMOC fees.

Jeff Weake- It would be interesting to see data from the past few years around membership decline and the financial differences.

Mike Jamieson- A few seasons ago we formed a budget for each event at the start of the season and basically met it. However, it is difficult to know what members are going to show up to each event. Look at Rotorua last year, it didn't get off the ground due to lack of numbers.

### **Appointing Accountants**

Mike Jamieson- At the moment we use Young Read Woudberg in Tauranga and have done for a number of years and at this stage I cannot see any reason to change.

Billijean Taylor- I am very happy with them, we have had the same accountant for a number of years and they are really easy to work with.

All happy to stay with the same accountants.

### **Presentation of the Accounts**

Overview given by Mike Jamieson.

Overall loss of \$16,600 to the club, largest losses were in TT and the worlds

Billijean Taylor- Lack of external funding and fundraising by members contributed to this. As the worlds was applying for funding from our usual places, there was not as much funding for the paramedics in the season

Mike Jamieson- As the worlds was not really run as a separate entity as it was meant to therefore the club received their loss.

Kane Frost- What are the bank balances at this stage?

Mike Jamieson read the bank balances as they stood 30 April 2016

Billijean Taylor- Still waiting on SMOC fees which were deposited late and SPARC funding to be included in these accounts. Therefore, the accounts presented are only a draft at this stage. They will be re-released when the changes are made.

### **Account Auditing**

Mike Jamieson- Do we need the accounts audited? This will be at an extra cost to the club.

Majority in favour of not having the accounts audited.

### **Special Business**

## **AO Championships**

Mike Jamieson- Bevan Scott agreed that the association would subsidise two airfares and accommodation for these championships without prior approval from the exec, and that we as a club would take part in these champs, unfortunately we only found out about this in March, when we received an email asking how many medals we want. AO is the Asia-Australasia Region Championships, IWWF is split into three regions. The Australians don't really know about it either. This is scheduled for a week before the southern 80 at Karapiro. So the question is whether we hold a full AO champs or we have a series race at this event and use it as publicity.

Brad Dutton- There are three options, the Aussies will come and bring boats which is highly unlikely, the second option is that the Aussies will come and not bring boats and we do a Trans Tasman type thing. The third option is that we do a series race. Because this is the first time we have done this everything is all very up in the air and we get to decide what races we have in it. We can make it what we want to make it.

Lyneen Shell- I thought it was based on the worlds format.

Brad Dutton- Basically we can't do anything until we get more information from the Aussie members on the AO board.

Mike Jamieson- We need to lock in that we will be at Karapiro on the 3, 4 5<sup>th</sup> of February in some capacity, dependent on the outcome from the Aussies.

Brad Dutton- We have to share the water time of the three days with wake boarding so it is likely to see maybe 4 worlds length races.

Mike Jamieson- If the Aussies overrule us and we don't have an AO championships we will just run it as a series event.

Brad Dutton- We could just run it as TT and make the most of the lake closure and funding etc, however this is just an idea at this stage.

Brett Flexman- Would that be fair on the older members who may want to race?

Brad Dutton- We can make it what we want it to be, maybe TT and Open etc.

Was decided to just keep the date in the calendar and appoint Brad Dutton as the point of contact for this between us, the committee and the Australians.

## **Single Day Events**

Mike Jamieson- this is probably more a calendar planning issue, therefore will be discussed in the management meeting.

**Adjournment**

Meeting was adjourned at 1.54pm by Mike Jamieson.

Minutes submitted by: Amelia Ward

Approved by: Executive Committee 10/07/16