

Minutes of the Windsurfing NZ AGM 12 Feb 2024

Meeting was held online. All documents including agenda are available online
<https://windsurfingnz.org/event/agm2024/>

Meeting opened at 7:35pm

Attendance

Present: Bruce Spedding, John Davies, Chantelle Laurent, Andrey Konstantinov, Bas Veendrick, Marilyn Wood, Joey McGarr, Mike Rogan, Qianrong, Simon Garrod-Bell, Stephen Westwood, Thomas Davies.

Apologies: none

Minutes from AGM 2023

These were read and moved by John D, seconded by Marilyn W and accepted unanimously.

Presidents Report

Read by John D. Discusses actions this year, sorted finances and reporting, club communications improved, insurance sorted for 23/24 year, sail number issues need sorting, events coming.

Moved to accept Marilyn W, 2nd Bruce S - passed.

Treasurers Report / Finances

The Financials 2024 (summary) and Cash Book (transactions) were presented. John D / Marilyn W noted the term deposit maturity is now set to coincide with the insurance payment to avoid issues with accessing funds to pay premium on time (previously required committee members to personally bridge). Moved John D, 2nd Bruce S - passed.

Election of Committee

President: John Davies, nom. Chantell L, 2nd Bruce S - no other nominations, passed.

Secretary: Bruce Spedding, nom. John D, 2nd Chantelle L - no other nominations, passed.

Treasurer: Marilyn W, nom. John D, 2nd Bruce S - no other nominations, passed.

Regional representatives: Auckland - Joey M, nom John D, 2nd Marilyn W, passed.

Christchurch - nominated Simon G, nom John d, 2nd Chantelle L, passed.

Motions to be considered - none

General Business

Membership fees

Discussion followed. Current structure is \$100 p.a. for Basic club membership, insurance weighted cost to be divided between participating clubs (\$550.57 in 2023/24). John emphasised the benefits of the insurance not just for events but also protecting club officials from personal liability.

Chantelle mentioned benefits synchronising reporting and billing across clubs to aid process. Bruce S mentioned that WWA has been deregistered as an incorporated society and may need to be “reinvented” if it continues.

Discussion about clubs which may only have a few active/financial members or those who don't have a local club. John D suggested that expanding scope of clubs to mixed sports (i.e. wind sports in general) may help numbers. Suggested by Marilyn that clubs with small membership numbers pay \$30 per member capped at \$100. This was supported with a \$20 pp fee (i.e. clubs with less than 5 members pay \$20 pp).

Moved Marilyn W, 2nd Bruce S, passed.

Constitution update

John D discussed new constitutional requirements for incorporated societies, has been working through the requirements for TWA - he emphasised the need for members to be clearly informed that they are members of an incorporated society. He offered to provide his learnings to the other clubs who will need to go through the same process, and will be going through the WNZ Constitution which is long overdue for a revamp. This will be circulated for discussion once it has been done before it is presented at the next meeting for acceptance.

Website Update

Chantelle L (background in marketing and design) identified the need for a significant refresh of the web site, plus hosting on a platform independent from Bruce S (currently free), plus transfer of the domain name windsurfingnz.org registration (cost about \$20 p.a.). Her preference is Squarespace (<https://www.squarespace.com/>) with which she is familiar, cost about \$16/month. Also keen to review branding.

Simon G noted that CWA uses Sporty (<https://www.sporty.co.nz/>) which is free in basic plan.

Bruce S noted that the current temporary site built with Wordpress could be hosted independently for about \$100p.a. Current site is a basic site built to replace the earlier site which became unsustainable with technology changes (probably about 20 years old). The sail number database runs on custom built code which includes various editing and reporting functionality.

Andrey K suggested a new database could be done using Google spreadsheet.

Agreed that those interested will work on this and come up with a plan to go forward with.

Chantelle also suggested that the Facebook page could use some design work and asked to included as an admin (agreed).

Sail number database

The sail number database (data, not technology) is in poor state (for a number of reasons) there is a desire to merge the number data with Wind Foil NZ to aid the crossover when members of both clubs race in the same events. To do this a significant obstacle is the number of Lifetime and Honorary members in the database. Lifetime members (some) actually purchased their numbers in the past and may feel they have them for life (as opposed to until they stop racing). Honorary members may not have the same right, they have retained their numbers by virtue of being “perpetual” (non-expiring) members.

Discussion about how to manage freeing up numbers, particularly single digits (for international competitors) and double digits (active competitors) ensued.

Bruce S suggested that Honorary members do not have a right to a number so it should not be an issue (he currently has 6 and is quite happy to relinquish it). He suggested that in the first instance all Life members could be approached and presented with the issue to see if it is really an issue, and if so how big? Honorary members could be informed of the issue and asked if they have any reason to retain their number (ie actively competing).

Bruce S suggested replacing / compensating for loss of perpetual sail numbers by creating a wall/hall of fame on the new website (in conjunction with Bruce Trotter) to acknowledge contributions and achievements.

John D is to draft letter(s) in conjunction with Wind Foil NZ to progress this and explore options on working together.

Insurance

John D will look at other providers to see if a better/cheaper policy is available. John re-emphasised the insurance covers officials statutory liability as well as event issues.

50th Anniversary event 16 March

This event is intended to mark the 50th anniversary of windsurfing in New Zealand, but also will be the launch of a book by Bruce Trotter on the subject. Event appears to feature a display (on water) of windsurfers spanning the 50 years followed by demo races of the latest foiling equipment, with social drinks/buffet to follow at the RNZYS. More details will be released as they become available.

Closure of Watercooled store (Dunedin)

This was noted with regret, it has been an iconic part of the water/windsports scene in Dunedin for many years. John D noted that TWA are seeing a growing interest in purely recreational / family windsurfing, and long boards.

Event formats

There was some discussion about the format for national events which include both foil and fin (separate or combined fleets, wind minimums etc.). John D stated there were no firm decisions on this yet as there had been no national events since the issue was raised, and the numbers of competitors may not justify separation of fleets - John suggested this would best be resolved the next time an event was faced with the question.

Meeting closed 9:10pm

13/2/2024 - Bruce Spedding, Secretary Windsurfing NZ

