



2017 Surfing New Zealand Inc Annual General Meeting

Minutes:

For the 2017 Annual General Meeting (AGM) of Surfing New Zealand held at the conference centre of the Sunset Motel, Bankart Street, Raglan – Saturday 18th November at 9:00am.

Present:

SNZ Board and Management

Chris Fougere – SNZ President
Matt Sale – Vice President
Russell Ritchie – SNZ South Island Representative
Greg Townsend – SNZ CEO
Ben Kennings – SNZ Events and Communications
Lee Ryan – SNZ Sport Development

Boardrider Clubs (Affiliated with voting rights)

Phill Wallis – Lion Rock Boardriders Club Inc
Chris Malone – Point Boardriders Inc
Russell Ritchie – North Wai Boardriders Inc
Duan Reardon – South Coast Boardriders Association Inc
Gavin Houghton – NZ Stand UP Paddleboard Inc
Vanessa Vette – Gisborne Boardriders Inc
Dean Potier – Opunake Boardriders Club
Lance Pitcher – Whangamata Boardriders Club
Craig Williamson – Surfing Taranaki
Simon Martin – New Plymouth Surfriders
Alexis Poulter – Waihi Beach Boardriders Club
Kim Robinson – Northland Surfing Association

Boardrider Clubs (affiliated with voting rights) via video conferencing

Simon Gerrie – Bay Boardriders Club
Simon Allard – Sumner Longboarders Club
Cory Ward – Southland Boardriders Club
Mark Pevats – Ocean Beach Boardriders Club

Boardrider Clubs and Individuals (without voting rights)

Daniel Kereopa (SNZ Life Member)
Trevor McKewen
Tony Kemp
Jason Matthews
David Farr
Nikki Horsman
Ruchele Jungwirth
Michi Jungwirth
Michelle Tarrant
Peter Fitzsimmons (SNZ Life Member)
Renata Blair
John Wilson



Apologies:

Thomas Kibblewhite (Orewa Longboard Club Inc), Wayne Brown (SNZ Life Member), Steve Poulter, Wayne Spence, Bruce Scott (SNZ Life Member), Andy Higgs (Co-opted Board member), Kristin Percy (Co-opted Board member), Mark Shanks (SNZ Life Member), Gary Quinn (SNZ Life Member), Murray Weir (SNZ Life Member), Harry James, James Hall (SNZ Life Member), Aaron Lock – Canterbury Scholastics Inc

The Chairperson noted that the meeting had a quorum being 25% of affiliated boardrider clubs under clause 12.2 of the Surfing New Zealand constitution.

AGM Minutes:

Motion that the minutes of the AGM of Surfing New Zealand held at the conference centre of the Sunset Motel, Bankart Street, Raglan – Saturday 26th November 2016 are confirmed as a true and accurate record.

Moved: Russell Ritchie

Seconded: Chris Malone

Matters arising from the minutes: No matters arising from the previous minutes.

REPORTS

- President

Chris Fougere

Report tabled and is included in the annual report.

Chris Fougere **moved** that his President's Report be accepted. **Seconded** Chris Malone.

Matters arising from the Presidents Report

The board received questions in regard to the unspecified resignation dates of CEO Greg Townsend. The board explained the current situation and the need for resignation dates to be flexible due to circumstances. The board hope that the process would be completed by the end of May.

The board received questions in regards to the process and appointment of board members and co-opted board members. The question of board appointments was set aside for General Business. The board explained that under clause 10.2.10, they have the ability to co-opt any person to the board with the appropriate skills for a specific purpose.

The board were questioned about the measure of success for The Ultimate Waterman and the return to Surfing New Zealand in relation to the 1.5 million invested and the opportunity cost for other initiatives. The board noted that a ten year IP licence agreement has been signed and is in place. The event will return \$30,000 annually and 5% of profit (for every year the event is held offshore). This will give Surfing New Zealand an additional long term revenue stream.

- Executive Officer

Greg Townsend

Report tabled and is included in the annual report.

Chris Malone **moved** that his CEO Report be accepted. **Seconded** Phill Wallis.

FINANCE



- Annual Financial Reports
- Audited Financial Statements for the year ended 30 June 2017

Audited Financial Statements for the year ended 30 June 2017 were tabled and discussed.

Clarification was sort in regards to the SUP / Waka Ama expense in Statement 3 (Page 52) of the Annual Report. A breakdown of that expense is outlined below.

2016	2017
\$25,000 - Event Management Contract Fee	\$14,700 - Event Management
\$270 – Parking resolution for Traffic Management	\$15,000 - Canoe Hire and Transport
\$11,000 - Canoe Hire and Towage	\$1,850 - Surf School
\$1,852 - Takapuna Boating Club Hire	\$4,915 - Water Safety – Jet Sport West
\$1,650 - Sound System	\$770 - St John
\$2,500 - Race Timing / Results	\$1,861 - Port a loos and Marque
\$400 - Security for Waka	\$500 - Security
\$900 - Waste Management	\$1,695.65 - Oreti Surf Life Saving Club
\$500 - Medical (St John)	\$41,291.65 plus GST
\$1,150 - Port o loos	
\$4,000 - Safety / Support Boats	
\$1,853.45 - Dot Vision GPS Tracking	
\$51, 075.45 plus GST	

Discussion took place in regards to the timing of the financial reports being delivered to stakeholders. It was agreed that the board would work with the accountant to ensure that future financials would be distributed 14 days prior to the Annual General Meeting.

It was noted that there are a number of assets listed in the financials that no longer exist. The board agreed that they would work with the accountant to remove these items from the accounts.

Discussion took place in regards to a review clause being added to the Ultimate Waterman licence agreement so that Surfing New Zealand could assess the value of the event as it evolves. The board agreed to investigate.

It was agreed that the financials of Surfing New Zealand and The Ultimate Waterman should be separated for reporting purposes. Surfing New Zealand management noted that accounting regulations no longer required this, hence consolidated financials were distributed this year. The board agreed to take advice on how The Ultimate Waterman financials are reported in the future.

Discussion took place in regard to the success of the Ultimate Waterman event being heavily reliant on Greg Townsend, his knowledge and contacts. The board agreed to investigate options around a health insurance policy in case Greg is unable to carry out his role with the event.

Resolution: That the audited annual financial statements for the year ended 30 June 2017 be accepted subject to information on the SUP / Waka Ama line item in Statement 3 of the financial accounts being clarified (confirmed above, post AGM).

Moved: Phill Wallis

Seconded: Craig Williamson



ELECTIONS

Surfing New Zealand Board (Only authorised representatives of incorporated clubs shall be entitled to vote)

South Island Rep

Nomination: Russell Ritchie

Moved: North Wai Boardriders Club

Seconded:

Vote:

Nomination: Duan Reardon

Moved: South Coast Boardriders Association

Seconded:

Vote:

Duan Reardon withdrew his nomination for South Island Rep. Russell Ritchie was therefore elected unopposed.

Board Member Rep

Nomination: Alexis Poulter

Moved: Waihi Beach Boardriders Club

Vote: 7

Nomination: Craig Williamson

Moved: New Plymouth Surfriders Club

Vote: 4

Nominations for the position of Board Member Rep were tabled. Nominees spoke to their nominations.

A vote was taken and Alexis Poulter was elected onto the board 7/4 with three abstentions.

Simon Martin tabled a recommendation that Craig Williamson be co-opted onto the board as a board member. Seconded Dean Potier. Majority support for the recommendation. It was noted that the board will discuss the recommendation at the next board meeting.

It was recommended that the board seek governance training opportunities with Sport New Zealand for current and new board members.

REMITTS:

Ocean Beach Boardriders Club

1. We would like Surfing New Zealand to try to extend the validity of the coaching and judging certificates. It is expensive to get members through the courses and the judging certificate is only valid for one year which we do not feel is long enough given the cost.

The meeting agreed Surfing New Zealand management will look into a revised judges course. Course to be delivered to boardrider clubs at a reduced cost to upskill their club judges that do not intend to take their judging beyond club level. Any such course would be separate to ISA certified judging courses.



2. Could we propose that the one national longboard competition that we have will be held somewhere other than Papamoa for a change.

Surfing New Zealand management discussed the sponsorship agreement with Barrett Homes which is a Papamoa based company and their desire to stage events in their local community. It was noted that Barrett Homes does have a development in Northland and discussions have taken place in regards to extending the sponsorship agreement to include other events.

Lion Rock Boardriders Club

1. Surfing New Zealand sanctioned events for junior surfing be brought in line with international age group divisions, that being Under 18, 16 and 14 with the ages taken as at 1st January for each competition year.

Discussion took place in regards to a change in age group categories. It was noted that the development of surfers continues beyond the age of 18 and that it would be good to incorporate the Under 20 Division in some capacity.

Surfing New Zealand management pointed out that the addition of two divisions (eight total) if the Under 20s remained, would cost Billabong \$20,000 in product given they currently supply prizes for five events.

It was noted that the Rip Curl GromSearch is a qualification event for the international final and hence may need to remain as an Under 17 Boys Division. Surfing New Zealand, Surfing Taranaki and Rip Curl to determine best option.

The vote was 5/4 in favour of changing the age group divisions to Under 14, 16 and 18.

GENERAL BUSINESS:

1. Annual Report

Surfing New Zealand management will send out the Surfing New Zealand Report Card for the Strategic Plan to all boardrider clubs.

It was suggested that Surfing New Zealand could report in greater depth in regard to what was achieved and not achieved in the plan and why certain KPIs were not met.

2. 2018 – 2020 strategic plan consultation

The board explained the proposed consultation process for the 2018 - 2020 strategic plan and timing. It was noted that a timeline would be sent out to all boardrider clubs with the intention of completing the new three-year plan by June 2018.

3. Bids for hosting the 2019 National Surfing Championships

Surfing Taranaki expressed an interest in hosting the event. Lion Rock Boardriders also expressed an interest in hosting the event should Surfing Taranaki not pursue further.

4. Other Business

Tony Kemp moved that the IP rights of the Ultimate Waterman be reviewed by an independent person with the results fed back to the boardrider clubs. Seconded Gavin Houghton. Vote 5/5. Pursuant to 12.4.1 of the Surfing New Zealand Rules, the President has the casting vote when votes are equal. The President voted against the review. Motion declined.



Tony Kemp moved that an independent panel be put in place to appoint board member nominations. Seconded Craig Williamson. Vote 0/10. Motion declined.

Tony Kemp moved that board nominations be sent to the Surfing New Zealand Board and not the CEO to create more independence with board nominations. Seconded Russell Ritchie. Vote 10/0. Motion carried.

5. Next AGM – dates to be confirmed

Meeting closed: 2:15pm