



## MINUTES

### 104<sup>th</sup> Annual General Meeting

Location: Maroubra SLSC.  
Date: Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> June 2009  
Time: 1400

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**Present** (signed onto the attendance sheet):

**Voting members** - Keith Grima, John Restuccia, Trent Thomas, Tamara Murray, Paul Scullion, Greg Battle, Gary Cheer, Len Sinclair, Bruce Thistlethwaite, George Shales, Richard Small, Matthew Evans, Ken Paterson, Arthur Cotsios, Tracy Cotsios, Tracy Cotsios, Reg Round, John Huessner, Graham Johnson, Harrie Baker, Les Mulcahy, George Benhayen, Marc Glekis, Peter Macintosh, Pat Manning OAM, Brent Armitage, Natalie Bishop, Tim Murray, Colin Condon, Brian Purdon, Michael Falzon, Alan Langford OAM, Alex Spies, Bruce Bevan, Bruce McCann, Gary Ambrose, Robert Magro, Ian Foote, Rex Chaffey, Dennis Heussner OAM, Mick Dorrell, Matt Thistlethwaite, Simon Keena, Brad Parkes, Andrew Tuite, Michael Denny-Smith, Kip Laverack, Peter Kirkwood, Tony Grivell, Geoff Hart, Stacey Patterson, Tim Grima, Danny Donohue, Mark Heiss, Simone Stanwell, Luke Northey, Norm Cowdrey, Jim Banks, Scott Clemesha, Anthony El Chah, Marjan Vuletic, Demi Pandol, Jesse Subrata, Ji-Sub Kim, Peter Donohue, David Popplewell, Karl Solomonson, Scott Fraser, Grant Bruce, Richard Wiseman, Scott Barron, Wayne Clare, Cliff Gerathy, Barry Stewart, Evan Bouris, Anders Huxtable, Brian Williamson, Mitch Hogan, Peter Bouris, Tom Symonds, Kane Heussner, Gary Pracy, (sign-on sheet will form part of these minutes). Note the number of voting members varied between 75 and 79 members. At the time of voting on the first notice of motion there were 75 voting members present.

**Non voting members** – Marie Diakanastasis, Barry Mathers, Matthew Ryan

In attendance also, was John DeCean (President of Surf Life Saving Sydney) and Mike Vitnell (Director of Surf Sports Surf Life Saving Sydney).

## **A quorum was declared at 1420**

The chairman (President Tim Murray) declared the meeting open and called for apologies.

**Apologies:** Ron Trouville, Joel Pemberton, George Clift, Craig Thorn, Frank Thorn, Phillip C Evans, Ian McLoughlin, Paul Heussner, Steven Hayes, Jim Solomonson, Blake Butcher.

Moved: Tom Symonds Seconded: Rex Chaffey ***“That apologies be accepted.”***  
Carried

## **Silence for Departed Members**

The President asked the meeting to stand and face the ocean in remembrance of those members, who passed away during the year. In particular, Life Member and Chief Patrol at the time of his passing, Adrian Charles Molloy.

Members who passed away during the year were; Adrian Charles Molloy, Steve Gilsean, Bruce Beer, Bruce Freeland, Ron Perkins, Rhys Battle, Cecil Driver, Jack Lannan and Jim Smith

One minute of silence was observed.

## **Welcome**

The President welcomed members and guests to the meeting, noting that Alan Langford had just been awarded an OAM in recognition to his service to swimming and also noting that it was his birthday.

## **Minutes of the 103<sup>rd</sup> Annual General Meeting were presented.**

Moved: Rex Chaffey Seconded: Simon Keena: ***“That the minutes of the 103<sup>rd</sup> AGM be taken as read”***  
Carried

There was no business arising from the minutes.

Moved: Rex Chaffey Seconded: Simon Keena: ***“That the minutes of the 103<sup>rd</sup> AGM be adopted”***  
Carried

## **Presentation of the 104<sup>th</sup> Annual Report**

The President moved to the presentation of the annual report and spoke briefly to the report; he then called for speakers from the floor.

Life Member Peter Macintosh spoke on the report (summary follows);

- Congratulated Tony Grivell on his excellent work as Chief Instructor
- Was very critical of both the President and the Secretary & expressed an opinion that there was a lack of fund raising leading to dependency upon the Seals Club funding, no social events, complained about the sale of clothing, during the season and stated that, amongst other things, that he believed that the President and Secretary were not fully committed to the positions they held.

The chairman called the meeting to order and ruled Mr Macintosh out of order in relation to his comments. Mr Macintosh did not speak any further to the report.

Life Member John Restuccia spoke and congratulated the Board on the report, noting the strong lifesaving position the club was in.

Mr Ian Foote spoke and noted the enjoyment that he had derived from being back at Maroubra after a long absence. He expressed the opinion that our active members were in-experienced in some cases and needed to be more proactive.

Life Member and Honorary Secretary Keith Grima spoke and commended the report, indicating the strong position that the club was in, in most areas, and expressed the belief that the incoming Board have an opportunity to complete unfinished business in relation to building work and other reforms including some of the issues raised by Mr Macintosh. Whilst replying to issues raised by Mr Macintosh, a point of order was called by Dennis Heussner OAM, suggesting that the comments were too personal. The chair ruled there was "no point of order", Mr Grima moved on to final comments in support of the report.

Mr Grima also refuted an earlier statement that the President does not have a casting vote, referring to clause 32.21 of the constitution and further stating that a casting vote was not used by the chairman during the season.

The President of Surf Life Saving Sydney, Mr John DeCean then spoke and congratulated the club on a successful season. Mr DeCean noted the strong interest in the AGM and went on to highlight the contribution made to the Branch by Maroubra members in operations and administration.

Moved: Karl Solomonson Seconded: Richard Lissenden ***"That the 104<sup>th</sup> Annual Report be adopted"*** Carried

#### **Presentation of the Financial Statement**

Moved: Graham Johnson Seconded: Dennis Heussner ***"That the Financial Statement be accepted"*** Carried

The Director of Finance was on holidays, however, was available on speaker phone to answer questions.

Life Member Graham spoke to the financial statement and noted that many of the reforms recommended by himself two years ago had been adopted. He agreed with comments earlier that the club should strive to be less dependant upon funding from the Seals Club. Mr Johnson posed a question relating to the write-down of clothing stock. The Director of Finance responded to the question.

Moved: Graham Johnson Seconded: Wayne Clare ***"That the Financial Statement be adopted"*** Carried

### Notices of Motion

There were nine notices of motion.

The President vacated the chair in favour of the Vice President, as he intended to speak to the following motions

N of M 1:

Proposed: Graham Johnson          Seconded: Dennis Heussner OAM  
That clause 10.3.2 be amended to include the Vice President and The Director of Junior Activities.

The clause now reads; "The President, **Vice President**, Club Captain/Director of Life Saving, Director of Surf Sports, Director of Membership, **Director of Junior Development** shall be holders of the Bronze Medallion of Surf Life Saving Australia."

The notice of motion was decided by ballot.

**Carried**

N of M 2:

Proposed: Tim Murray          Seconded: Keith Grima  
That clause 10.3.2 be amended to include the Vice President.

The clause now reads; "The President, **Vice President**, Club Captain/Director of Life Saving, Director of Surf Sports, Director of Membership shall be holders of the Bronze Medallion of Surf Life Saving Australia."

Due to the outcome of notice of motion 1, notice of motion 2 was not put.

The President resumed the chair.

N of M 3:

Proposed: Keith Grima          Seconded: Tom Symonds  
That clause 26.7 be deleted.

The notice of motion was decided on a show of hands.

**Carried**

N of M 4:

Proposed: Tom Symonds          Seconded: Brian Purdon  
That clause 7.11.2 be amended to delete a section of the clause which contradicts other clauses in the constitution and long standing practice.  
Clause 7.11.2 now reads:

7.11.2 Such Associate Members shall have the privileges of using the Clubhouse at all reasonable times, but shall not be ~~eligible to hold office in the Club or~~ entitled to vote at any General Meeting of members except where otherwise provided for in these rules.

The notice of motion was decided on a show of hands.

**Carried**

N of M 5:

Proposed: Brian Purdon

Seconded: Keith Grima

That clause 7.1 be amended to include a new category of membership in accordance with SLSA guidelines and that clause 7.15 (including 7.15.1 & 7.15.2) be added to the constitution.

Clause 7.1 now reads; "The Club shall consist of Life, Long Service, Active Reserve, Active (18 years & over), Active (15 – 18 years), Cadet, Associate, Award, Junior Activity, **Past Active** and Honorary Members as defined by these rules."

New clause 7.15 reads;

**7.15 Past Active Membership**

**7.15.1 Past Active Membership may be granted by a club to persons who have held an SLSA Bronze Medallion and been an active patrol member for a minimum of three (3) years.**

**7.15.2 Applications for Past Active Membership may be considered under exceptional circumstances and require a 2/3 majority of the membership committee and a 2/3 majority of the Board of Management to be successful.**

The notice of motion was decided by ballot.

**Lost**

N of M 6:

Proposed: Keith Grima

Seconded: Tom Symonds

That clause 7.10.1 be amended to reflect a change of name by Surf Life Saving Australia.

Clause 7.10.1 now reads;

7.10.1 Award membership may be granted to persons who hold an SLSA award of one or more of the following qualifications:- Surf Rescue Certificate, Radio Award/s, Resuscitation Certificate, Advanced Resuscitation **Techniques** Certificate or First Aid Certificate (or equivalent).

The notice of motion was decided on a show of hands.

**Carried**

N of M 7:

Proposed: Brian Purdon

Seconded: Keith Grima

That a new clause to included which defines "The Executive Officers".

New clause 10.5 reads:

**"10.5 The 'Executive' officers of the club shall be The President, The Director of Finance, The Captain and The Honorary Secretary."**

The notice of motion was decided on a show of hands.

**Carried**

N of M 8:

Proposed: Tom Symonds                      Seconded: Keith Grima  
That clause 18.3 be amended to include the Junior Activities Treasurer  
on the Finance Committee.  
The clause now reads:  
"18.3 Membership of the Finance Committee shall consist of:  
Director of Finance  
Sponsorship Development Officer  
**Junior Development Treasurer**  
Two (2) members of The Board (as determined by The Board)"

The notice of motion was decided on a show of hands.                      **Carried**

N of M 9:

Proposed: Brian Purdon                      Seconded: Tom Symonds  
That clause 20.3 be amended to better define the term *delivery* in  
order to permit the club's annual report to be transmitted to members  
via the web site.  
The clause now reads:  
"20.3 The Board of Management 's Report and Statement of Account should  
be ~~posted~~ **delivered** to each officer and member of the Club at least  
fourteen days prior to the date fixed for holding the Annual General Meeting.  
**Delivery of the Annual Report and Financial Statement shall comply  
with Rule 24.**"

The notice of motion was decided on a show of hands.                      **Carried**

### **Election of Board and Committee members**

Prior to declaring all positions vacant, the President acknowledged retiring directors,  
Craig Thorn, Jacqui Twitchings and Ian McLoughlin, and thanked them for their  
service to the club.

The chairman declared all positions vacant and vacated the chair in favour of the  
President of Surf Life Saving Sydney, Mr John DeCean.

The chair appointed Vicki Grima and Sandra Thornborough as scrutineers.

There was some debate in relation to speakers for candidates. The Honorary  
Secretary offered the opinion that to deny speakers may be a denial of members'  
rights and that in his opinion speakers should be allowed.

The chairman sought the wishes of the meeting and, on the indication, allowed the  
candidates to speak.

There were three positions, which were contested and all were decided by secret ballot.

In the contest for President between Tim Murray and George Benhayen – Tim Murray was re-elected President.

In the contest for Vice President between Paul Scullion and Reg Round – Paul Scullion was re-elected Vice President.

In the contest for Director of Junior Activities between Steven Hayes and George Benhayen – Steven Hayes was re-elected.

The chairman declared the following positions elected unopposed;

**Board of Management**

Captain / Director of Lifesaving	Trent Thomas
Honorary Secretary	Keith Grima
Director of Finance	Brent Armitage
Director of Competition	Peter Donohue
Director of Membership	Tony Grivell
Director of Property & Amenities	Wayne Clare

**Life Saving Committee:**

Vice Captain	Anders Huxtable
Chief Instructor	Gary Cheer
IRB Captain	Robert Magro
Equipment Officer	Nicholas Reilly
Under 18 Representative	Tamara Murray

**Competition Committee:**

Race Secretary	Sue Donohue
Coaching Coordinator	Peter Kirkwood

**Membership Committee:**

Under 18 Representative	Tamara Murray
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**Junior Activities Committee:**

Junior Development Secretary	Anthony El Chah
Junior Development Treasurer	Kylie Heussner
Water Safety Coordinator	Tony Grivell
Membership Registrar	Sarah Goldrick
Branch Representative	Bruce Bevan

**Property and Amenities Committee:**

Function Coordinator	Marie Diakanastasis
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The following positions were nominated from the floor and elected unopposed;

**Life Saving Committee:**

Patrol Coordinator & Registrar Norm Cowdrey

**Competition Committee:**

Board Representative Georgia Fayn  
Beach Representative Pat Manning OAM  
Board Riding Captain Luke Northey

The chairman stood over the following vacant positions for the Board to fill:

**Life Saving Committee:**

Assistant Chief Instructor A Junior Activities Representative

**Competition Committee:**

Swim Representative Boat Representative  
Ski Representative A Junior Activities Representative

**Membership Committee:**

Membership Registrar Membership Promotion Officer  
Public Relations Officer A Junior Activities Representative  
Female Representative

**Property and Amenities Committee:**

OH & S Officer Development Coordinator  
Clubhouse Manager

**Finance Committee:**

Sponsorship Development Officer

The chairman (Mr DeCean) handed the chair back to President Tim Murray.

The President than Mr DeCean for conducting the ballot.

**Honour Blazer**

There was one nomination for Honour Blazer being for Tony Grivell from the Board of Management.

The President asked for further nominations from the floor, none were forthcoming. The Captain, Trent Thomas, spoke to the nomination, stating the very high level and quality of work carried out by Tony during the last twelve months, particularly as Chief Instructor and noted that Tony was the Sydney Branch Trainer of the Year.

Voting was conducted by a show of hands and resulted in the affirmation of Tony Grivell as the 2009 – 10 Honour Blazer recipient.

## **General Business**

The President asked if there was any general business.

Life Member and Maroubra Seals Club President Alan Langford OAM addressed the meeting and presented a cheque for \$100,000 being a donation to the club. The President thanked Alan and the Board of the Maroubra Seals Sports and Community Club for their great support and generous donation. The general meeting responded with acclamation.

Long Service member Scott Fraser noted the absence of government representatives and noted a lack of apologies. The Honorary Secretary clarified the situation, stating that the government representatives were invited to the Presentation Night, one week earlier, and that in consultation, it was decided that representation at that event was most appropriate and that to expect representative to attend a second occasion one week later was not a reasonable request.

Long Service member Gregory Battle reflected on the loss of notice of motion number 5 (Past Membership category) and requested that the constitution committee be asked to re-consider the motion again with an age restriction.

Life Member John Restuccia thanked Club Captain Trent Thomas for his support of the patrols by Maroubra members in the Illawarra Region during the season.

50 Year Long Service member Rex Chaffey noted that the South Sydney Rabbits won last nights game.

The President thanked the members for their attendance and declared the meeting closed at 16.53.

## **Minutes taken by Keith Grima**

**Chairman:** \_\_\_\_\_  
*President Tim Murray*

**Hon Secretary** \_\_\_\_\_  
*Keith Grima*