



MINUTES

Board of Management

Special Meeting

Location: Maroubra Surf Life Saving Club Bill Kember Room.
Date: Sunday 6th December 2009
Time: 11.00 am
Future Meetings: 1830 Tuesday 15th December, Maroubra Seals Club

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Present: Tim Murray (Pres/Chairman)
Craig Thorn (Dir Finance)
John McLoughlin (Dir Junior Activities)
Jacquie Twitchings (Dir Membership)
Keith Grima (Hon Secretary)
Ian McLoughlin (Dir Property & Amenities)

Absent: Stephen Delorenzo (Dir Surf Sports)

Visitors: Nil

Silence was observed in honour of past members.

Apologies: Trent Thomas (Captain)
Paul Scullion (Vice Pres)

Moved: KG Seconded: IM ***That apologies be accepted.*** Carried

The meeting was called in order to deal with two matters, which were deemed urgent.

Item one – The removal from office of the Director of Surf Sports in accordance with clauses 26.2 and 22.2

Item two – Consider the resignation of Director of Junior Development and the replacement strategy.

Item One:

It was noted that the Director of Surf Sports was advised of the meeting and did not submit an apology for non attendance.

This is the third occasion of absence without apology and in accordance with clause 22.2 the Director of Surf Sports ceases to be a member of the Board ie

“Any member of the Board of Management or other constituted Committee absenting themselves without leave from three meetings of that Committee/Board, shall cease to be a member thereof, unless their explanation for such absence is accepted by such Committee/Board”.

The Director was made aware of this clause in correspondence to the Board in November.

In relation to clause 26.2 of the constitution,

“Any member may be removed or suspended from office on a resolution passed by two thirds of the members present and entitled to vote at the Board of Management Meeting specially summoned for the purpose of considering such removal or suspension.”,

the meeting discussed various aspects of the actions of the Director of Surf Sports, primarily in relation to the existing Westpac sponsorship arrangement.

Summary of wide ranging discussion;

- It was stated that the Director acted without approval from, or advice to, The Board of Management
- That the Director made unauthorised representations to an existing major sponsor designed to alter an existing sponsorship agreement, without the knowledge or agreement of the Board of management.
- That the Director withheld vital information from the Board, in relation to the presentation of monies and equipment to members of the competition coaching team.
- That following the discovery of a number of secret meetings between the Director of Surf Sports and Westpac, the Director of Surf Sports was directed in correspondence, by the Hon Secretary, not to make any further representations to the sponsor. This direction was ignored on at least one occasion.
- That in discussion with the Director of Surf Sports, the President was advised by the Director that he was not concerned with his wider responsibilities in relation to his role as a Director of the club. This position was of concern to the Board, since Directors of the club have wider responsibilities to the members of the club and in their legal accountability as Director of an incorporated body.
- The Director has been undermining the Board of Management through his comments generally around the club. This was seen to be inappropriate behavior for a Director of the Board.

Moved: KG Seconded: IM ***That in accordance with clause 26.2 of the constitution, the Director of Surf Sports be removed form office as the Director of Surf Sports effective immediately.*** Carried

Note that the Director of Membership abstained from voting.

Item Two:

Correspondence from the Director of Junior Development was received. The correspondence was in the nature of a resignation from office.

The President asked the Director to reconsider his decision and the reply was in the negative. A Junior Development Committee meeting was scheduled at that time and the President adjourned the Board meeting in order to attend the Junior Development Committee meeting at which he intended to discuss a replacement strategy.

The Junior Development meeting was disrupted by the aggressive comments of one person and no proper consideration of the replacement of the Director was possible. The Junior Development Secretary appealed to the group to continue to support the activity for another week, after which a long break is due.

Due to the length of time absorbed by the Junior Development Committee Meeting, the Special Board Meeting closed, with resolution of the matter under consideration to be continued at the meeting in December.

Meeting closed at 12.15 pm

Signed Chairman: _____ Tim Murray (President)

Honorary Secretary: _____ Keith Grima