



MINUTES

Board of Management

Special Meeting

Location: Maroubra Surf Life Saving Club Bill Kember Room.
Date: Thursday 3rd September 2009
Time: 1740
Future Meetings: 1830 Wednesday 16th September, Maroubra Seals Club

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

Absent: Stephen Delorenzo

Visitors: Nil

Silence was observed in honour of past members.

Apologies: Nil

The meeting was called in order to deal with two matters which were deemed urgent and that could not be left in abeyance until the next scheduled meeting.

Item one – Hall Hire proposal to change conditions and process;

Matters of concern in relation to the existing conditions;

- License restrictions
- Staff matters related to OHS, payment and sourcing
- Stock control
- Cash management

After discussion the following proposal gained consensus agreement;

- A new fee structure based on a modular approach to be developed
- All non club events to be without bar service
- New contract / agreement to be established
- Existing hire agreements to be honored
- New guidelines to be published
- A club representative to be on-site during the hire in order to protect our brand – this is to be paid for at \$25 / hour (included in the standard pricing).
- Hirer to be responsible to the service of alcohol
- Waste management clause to be included i.e. collect and bag recyclable waste and dispose of in receptacles in the courtyard.

Moved: JT Seconded: PS ***That the new proposal for club hire (as discussed and agreed in the terms above) be adopted.*** Carried

Item 2 – Regarding correspondence to Surf Life Saving Sydney from member Reg Round related to the election of officers at the AGM.

Summary;

Surf Life Saving Sydney has referred correspondence received by them on xxxx to the club for clarification. The email (attached) uses junior club logo and was sent by member Reg Round. No authority was given to Reg to use the club logo and Reg does not hold any committee position in the club.

The email demands that Surf Life Saving Sydney investigate and act upon the acceptance of a nomination and the election of a Board position. The basis for the allegation is that the member who was elected to the Board was not eligible for election.

This allegation was also made at the AGM and was put aside by that meeting as invalid.

Discussion;

The Board discussed that issues relating to the email. There are three separate matters that the email has raised i.e.

1. The constitutional basis for the election of members to the members to the Board.
2. The unauthorised use of club logo
3. The attempt to discredit several club officers by suggesting improper motive and dishonest conduct

Item 1:

The Honorary Secretary made the following points in relation to the acceptance of the nomination in question and the election of members of the Board who are honorary members –

- The contention that honorary members are ineligible to stand for office is incorrect. There is nothing in the constitution which precludes honorary members from taking office, in fact there is very clear and long standing precedence supporting the constitution in this regard.
- The contention that honorary members are not current until after the AGM is also incorrect. Clause 7.13.1 states **“The Board of Management may in its discretion, confer the privileges of Honorary Membership on any person for a period of twelve months.”**. This being the case, the honorary members elected to office at the AGM were conferred with honorary membership by the Board in August 2008 and are therefore current until August 2009 (well after the AGM).

The Honorary Secretary indicated that he would seek a meeting with the member with the purpose of clarifying the rules and relevant constitutional clauses related to the matter. An independent person would also be present.

Item 2:

In relation to the unauthorised use of club logo and the misrepresentation of the member as a club official – discussion of this matter resulted in the following consensus;

- This was seen as a serious matter. Clause 4.2 of the constitution states that the club logo is the property of the club. The use of club identifiers is restricted to the Honorary Secretary or other authorized officers of the club. Reg did not have permission to use club identifiers or logos.
- In the email, Reg inferred that he represented the club in some capacity. Reg is not an office holder in the club.

Item 3:

The attempt to discredit several club officers by suggesting improper motive and dishonest conduct – discussion of this matter resulted in the following consensus;

- The email suggested improper conduct by the President, Honorary Secretary and “President of SLSC Nippers” (no such position exists – it is assumed this refers to the Director of Junior Development).
- The email has diverted valuable club time and Surf Life Saving Sydney resources.
- The direct approach to SLSS was designed to bring the current Board and therefore the club into disrepute with SLSS.

Moved: IM Seconded: JT ***That Reg Round be cited to appear before the Disciplinary Committee on the charge that he used club logo without the express permission and the Board and that (in accordance with clause 26.1 - Any member may be expelled or suspended from the Club or ordered to pay for any damage they may have caused to the Club premises or property or to replace any articles they may have destroyed or otherwise dealt with by resolution of a two-thirds majority of The Board of Management, if they shall wilfully infringe any of the rules, by-laws or regulations of the Club, or if, in the opinion of such majority, such member has been guilty of conduct unbecoming a member or in anyway detrimental or likely to be detrimental to the interests of the Club.) his actions were likely to be detrimental to the interests of the club.*** Carried

Note: Director of Junior Development (John McLoughlin) and the Honorary Secretary (Keith Grima) abstained from voting on the above motion.

It was further indicated that individual members of the Board may have some rights in relation to law of defamation and that these matters may be pursued personally.

General Business:

Discussion in relation to the accommodation of Junior Development ensued.

Moved: IM Seconded: JT ***That a temporary mezzanine level (with meets current building standards) be constructed in the Junior Development storage and that it be funded from the building fund.*** Carried

There being no further business the meeting was closed at 18.40

Signed Chairman: _____ Tim Murray (President)

Honorary Secretary: _____ Keith Grima