

MINUTES OF THE 110TH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF NORTH STEYNE SURF LIFE SAVING CLUB INC. HELD ON SUNDAY 23TH JULY 2017 AT NORTH STEYNE SLSC

Meeting commenced at 11.00am

Chairperson, President Frank Traugott welcomed those in attendance including life members, members and sponsors.

PRESENT

David Hay (North Steyne Patron), Michael Regan (Chair of the Economic Committee – Northern Beaches Council and former mayor of Warringah)

Life Members and Distinguished Service Members:

Neil Purcell, Arthur McCarroll, Keith Crampton, Ronald Morton, Jack Sutherland, Paul Day, Shan Grose, Peter St John, Col Stanford, Keith Abraham, Paul Mathew, Bernard Burrows, Jon Colwell, Mark Neighbour, Tim Platt, Ross Birch, Richard Donaldson, Deb Foote, Lee Cooper, Trevor Lane, Richard Donaldson, Frank Traugott.

Other Members and Guests as per attendance book.

APOLOGIES

Jean Hay AM, Hon Stuart Ayres MP (Minister for Sport), Amanda Choularton (Parliamentary Liaison Officer), James Griffin (Member for Manly), Doug Menzies (President SNB), Steve McInnes (CEO SNB), Tracey Hare-Boyd, Shannon Job, Bob Paterson (President Balgowlah RSL), Des McAteer (Balgowlah RSL), Sonja Mole (Channel 9), K McDowell (JN Kirby Foundation), Lauren Corban (Fairfax Events), Candice Cattell (Principal, Stone Real Estate), Joe Mastrangelo, David Vinson, David Sawyer, Adam Traugott, Clem O'Grady, Peter Frater, Gordon Lang, Geoff Cooper.

That apologies be accepted.

Moved: Tony Falzarano

Seconded: David Cowell

Carried

VALE

On behalf of North Steyne, the Chair gave his condolences to those who had lost family members and friends during the year. A special mention was made of Dick Higgins (member of the junior R&R team and coach of the rugby team), Don Ford (long time member), and Dale Kaye (treasurer in the late 1980s and early 1990s). It was also raised from the floor that Graeme Malony (member of the junior R&R team) had passed away.

A minutes silence was held in tribute to the recent loss of life within the surf life saving community.

CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

It was resolved that the Minutes of the 109th Annual General Meeting of Sunday 24th July 2016 are correct as read.

Moved: Arthur McCarroll

Seconded: Jodie Frazer

Carried

BUSINESS ARISING FROM THESE MINUTES

Nil

110TH ANNUAL REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

The Chair presented the Annual Report to the members and reflected on a very successful season.

He noted that if success is measured by improvement then North Steyne has had an outstanding year. We started the year with a full Board which has worked harmoniously together throughout the season. Once again there were no lives lost for 110th year in a row.

Membership was up 10% and this was the first time that membership had increased in 4 years. We welcomed St Ignatius, Riverview who brought 66 boys to North Steyne for their school surf sports program. Financially, we achieved a great result, and we have gained significantly compared to last year. We launched a new website, and we have a great new licensee in Paul Mathew. The Education Team had a fantastic year and trained 71 people to obtain their bronze. Our competitors were successful and special congratulations to Joe Jenkins for his bronze medal at the Australian Championships.

At the SNB branch awards, we received the 3rd most outstanding club, just behind North Palm Beach and Freshwater. David Cowell was named the branch Volunteer of the Year and Tony Falzarano was awarded the Administrator of the Year. Wet 'n' Wild Nippers received the Community Education Program award for the second year in the row. Tracey Hare-Boyd received a branch outstanding service award which is very well deserved. It was noted that no one from branch was available to attend the AGM as they had a strategic planning day, but they sent along their congratulations for a great season and extended their best wishes to everyone through the Chair. Tracey Hare-Boyd and Shannon Job continue to do an outstanding job representing North Steyne at branch.

North Steyne was very successful on the grant front and was awarded \$130,000 from the NSW Government. An additional 45,500 will be added to this by North Steyne and in-kind through suppliers. This funding will primarily be used to replace our balconies. The Chair announced that we received another \$200,000 a few days ago for building works. This makes us well positioned to undertake significant works at the Club. The Chair thanked the NSW Government and Sydney Northern Beaches Council for their support.

The Chair noted that we will be celebrating our 110th anniversary with a dinner on 4 November at St Patrick's College. All present are invited to attend this event.

The Treasurer, Tony Falzarano noted that the financial results have greatly improved this year due to the hard work of everyone in the Club. We have not received any monies from the major building grants announced this year, which makes the financial results even better.

Total revenue increased from \$247,816 to \$291,679 this financial year. The increase in revenue came through many sources including fundraising activities, donations/sponsorship & grants and membership. In addition the BBQ and the bar also generated more income this year, with the latter result a credit to Paul Mathew. Total expenditure reduced from \$263,400 to \$258,815 with most of the decrease due to a large reduction in coaching costs.

The strong financial result enabled the Board to approve a total allocation to the Special Purpose Funds of \$23,715, no allocation was made last season. The net profit after the allocation to the Special Purpose Funds was \$32,864.

There will be 2 focus areas for next season including the management of clothing stock and the asset register.

Tony thanked Audrey Bruen, Administration Manager, for all her great work, and he also thanked Trevor Lane, Honorary Auditor, for his help with the audit and overall Board assistance.

Trevor Lane, Honorary Auditor commented that the Annual Report looked great. He noted that the audit reports have been expanded for compliance and accountability purposes. He congratulated the Club on a great year. In his 20 years of involvement with the Club, this is the 2nd best result in the history of the Club.

The Chair thanked Tony for his fantastic work throughout the year, Trevor Lane for his assistance with the audit, David for securing the grants, all the Directors for their contribution and Audrey for great work with her administrative duties, including improvements with our accounting system. He also thanked all those who contributed to putting together an excellent Annual Report and in particular Jo Cooper, Richard Donaldson, Directors for their reports, David Sawyer for some of the photos, and Chris Gibbs Stewart for managing the project.

Arthur McCarroll commented on what a wonderful job everyone has done, noting particularly Frank, Tony and Chris. He noted a 10% increase in membership was fantastic and he congratulated the Board on a great year and our strong financial position.

David Hay noted that if his wife, Jean, had been able to attend she would have congratulated everyone on a great season, and would have thanked everyone for the support she has received, including all the friendships. Jean will very much miss being a part of Manly as it has been an important part of their lives, and this includes North Steyne. He commented that running a surf club these days is an enormous task with all the rules and regulations that must be compiled with. He recognized Alan Fitzgerald who was president of North Steyne many years ago. Alan had taken David under his wing when he was a young man at council. Alan was a pioneer in surf life saving and established the northern beaches branch, and he has not been given enough credit for his contribution. Both David and Jean have had a tremendous time at North Steyne and he wished the Club all the best for the future.

The Chair acknowledged the tremendous support and important role of Jean and David Hay at North Steyne.

That the Report be adopted:

Moved: Arthur McCarroll

Seconded: Jack Sutherland

Carried

PRESENTATION OF AWARDS AND PLAQUES

Distinguished Service Awards

Presented to David O'Brien by Jack Sutherland. Joined in 1957, rugby player and on the march past team. Currently a Director of the Balgowlah RSL, a major sponsor of North Steyne, and a member of the A-Team.

Presented to Peter Landsey by Richard Donaldson. Long-time member, boat rower and all around contributor.

Presented to Alex Salier by Christine Gibbs Stewart. Joined in 2008, boat rower, patrol captain, vice-captain, senior patrol woman of the year twice, along with other awards. Role model for younger members of the Club.

Outstanding Service Awards

Presented to Tony Falzarano by Christine Gibbs Stewart. Joined in 2006, age manager, Nipper's treasurer, assistant treasurer for many years. Currently doing an outstanding job as treasurer, and recent recipient of the senior patrolman award and Branch Administrator of the Year.

Presented to Rebecca Chapman by Paul Mathew. Nipper, active cadet, trainer, instructor, club captain, competitor, champion lifesaver, march past team, service to North Steyne has been exemplary.

Presented to James Purvis by Paul Mathew. Age manager, patrol captain, IRB driver, bronze trainer, ART trainer, club captain, assistant chief instructor, always contributing around the Club.

Long Service Awards presented to -

75 year Neil Purcell
60 year Ron Morton, Paul Day, Will Slatyer (not present, accepted by Jack Sutherland),
50 year Arthur McCarroll, Nicholas Roelvink (not present)
40 year Tim Fry (not present), Clem O'Grady (not present)
30 year Paul Hull (not present)
25 year Timothy Huisjen (not present)

National Patrol Service Awards presented to -

15 years Paul Mathew, Frank Traugott, Maxine Peacock-Smith (not present), Shannon Job (not present)
10 years John Kelly (not present), Tracey Hare-Boyd (not present), Mark Maddox
5 years Caroline Yarnell, Kyle Wong, Matthew Chapman, Alexandra Patrick-Dunn (not present), George Van Dyck (not present), Danielle Edwards, Kyra Jenkins, Brett Patrick (not present), Rory McIntyre (not Present)

Future Fund Scholarships were presented by Paul Day to Harry Hickey (not present), Ella Falzarano (not present, accepted by Tony Falzarano), and Mathew Chapman.

ELECTION OF PATRONS, DIRECTORS, JUDICIARY PANEL AND TRUSTEES FOR SEASON 2017/2018

The Chair thanked all Board members for their contribution during the season. He particularly acknowledged and thanked those Board members who were not standing again for the upcoming season. A special thanks was given to Rebecca Chapman for her contribution to North Steyne as Club Captain.

Paul Mathew took the Chair and declared all positions vacant. Paul noted that only one nomination had been received for nearly all positions. Hence an election was unnecessary as those that nominated were automatically appointed to those positions.

The following Board members were appointed at the AGM:

President	Frank Traugott		
Deputy President	Jack Sutherland		
Treasurer	Tony Falzarano	Assistant	Tim Platt, Mark Neighbour
Secretary	Christine Gibbs Stewart	Assistant	Shannon Job
Club Captain	Dan Hillier	Assistant	James Purvis
Chief Instructor	Kyra Jenkins	Assistant	David Vinson
Competition Director	Jodie Frazer	Assistant	Deb Foote
Junior Activity Director	Brian Mariotti	Assistant	Hillary Burrows, David Guthrie
Marketing Director	David Cowell	Assistant	vacant
General Activity Director	Peter Frater	Assistant	Michelle Sas
Youth Director	Jo Cooper	Assistant	Alex Salier

No nomination had been received for Assistant Marketing Directors and there were no nominations from the floor. This will be filled at a later time.

The following Panel members and Patrons were also confirmed:

Patrons	As no nominations were received, and these positions were left unfilled. The Chair, however, noted that the Board would appoint Patrons later and said he was sure that Jean and David Hay would be appointed as Patrons again.
Trustees	Keith Crompton, Paul Day, Arthur McCarroll
Judiciary Panel	Arthur McCarroll, Tracey Hare Boyd, Lee Cooper, Keith Abraham, Bernard Burrows
Life Members & Distinguished Panel	Shannon Job, Tracey Hare-Boyd, Lee Cooper, Paul Day
Rules Panel	Lee Cooper, Tracey Hare Boyd, Keith Abraham, + 1 vacancy remains

Paul Mathew returned the Chair to the new President Frank Traugott. Frank wished the new Board and panels, trustees and patrons all the best for the coming season.

SPECIAL APPRECIATION

To thank them for their support, David Cowell made special presentations to Guy Frangi from Dorma Kaba who had donated 2 rescue boards, David Hays, Nigel Jeny from the Lions Club of Manly, and Simon Westaway. He also acknowledged and thanked David O’Brien for the tremendous support of the Balgowlah RSL.

Audrey Bruen was acknowledged and thanked for all her hard work.

GENERAL BUSINESS

As nothing was received in writing there was no general business. However, the repair of the balconies was raised from the floor. The Chair acknowledged that this issue was important, and we are working with Council on this issue. We want to make sure, however, that the grants we have received are used wisely and the balconies are just a part of a bigger plan.

President declared the meeting closed and thanked everyone for their contribution and attendance.

There being no further business, the Meeting closed at 12.31pm

President and Chairman **Frank Traugott**