



# **NORTH STEYNE SURF LIFE SAVING CLUB INCORPORATED**

AFFILIATED WITH SURF LIFE SAVING SYDNEY NORTHERN BEACHES - ABN 99 734 830 191

## **MINUTES OF THE 115<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF NORTH STEYNE SURF LIFE SAVING CLUB INC. HELD ON SUNDAY 17<sup>TH</sup> JULY 2022 AT NORTH STEYNE SLSC**

Meeting commenced at 11.00am

### **1. WELCOME BY THE PRESIDENT**

Chris Gibbs Stewart, President welcomed members, family, friends and guests to the 115<sup>th</sup> Annual General Meeting of North Steyne SLSC. She especially recognised the life members, distinguished and outstanding service members present.

Special welcome to Michael Regan (Mayor, Northern Beaches Council (NBC)), Candy Bingham (Deputy Mayor, NBC), Sarah Gratton (Councillor, NBC), Jean Hay AM (Patron), David Hay (Patron), Graham Stone (Balgowlah RSL, President), Des McAteer (Balgowlah RSL, Vice President), John Garland (Balgowlah RSL, Director), David O'Brien (Balgowlah RSL, Director), Ernesto Calderon (Sydney Northern Beaches SLS, Surf Sports Director), Garry Fox (President, Queenscliff SLSC).

She also acknowledged the traditional custodians of the land where we meet today and paid her respects to their elders past and present.

The 115<sup>th</sup> AGM was a hybrid meeting with people also in attendance on Zoom.

Damian O'Shannassy, Jonathon Colwell, Lachlan Van der Pluijm, Arthur McCarroll, Lou Lou Stanley, Mich Kirchner, Stuart Crofton, Isabella Havryk.

Attendance included:

#### *Life Members:*

Jack Sutherland, Arthur McCarroll (on Zoom), Keith Crampton, Simon Fry, Shan Grose, Jonathon Colwell (on Zoom), Ronald Morton, Paul Day, Keith Abraham, Damian O'Shannassy (on Zoom), Colin Stanford, Trevor Lane, Paul Mathew, Richard Donaldson.

#### *Distinguished and Outstanding Service Members:*

Christine Gibbs Stewart, David O'Brien, Adam Traugott, Deb Foote, Frank Traugott, Shannon Job, David Cowell, Alex Salier, Peter Landsey, Joanne Cooper, Dan Hillier, Tony Falzarano, Rebecca Chapman, Jodie Frazer, Kyra Jenkins, Mark Neighbour, Mark Stewart.

#### *Members:*

Cath Hillier, Sarah Lally, Ally Stirling, Jack Watt, Michael Altenburger, David Guthrie, Claire Oxlade, Tim Laurence, Robert Szewczak, Erin Colwell, Danny Gompes, Chris Haughton, Simon Herfort, Ned Hillier, Emma Hillier, Jonathon Holman, Lew Jenkins, Mike Jenkins, Evelyn Killick, Rory Macintyre, Douglas McEwen, Kate Munro, Nicholas Perry, Tim Platt, Frazer Richardson, David Maguire, Craig Shadbolt, Niels Thelosen, Scott Turner, Harley Van Der Pluijm, Bastian Wallace.

#### *Guests:*

Natasha Traugott, Bruce Foote, Pat Foote, Philip Du, Ron Van Der Pluijm, Judy Jenkins.

## **2. APOLOGIES**

Apologies were received from Zali Steggall MP, Simon Fry, Bernie Burrows, Gary O'Sullivan, Joe Mastrangelo, Mark Maddox, Gordon Lang, Hillary Burrows and Peter Frater.

That apologies be accepted.

**Moved:** Jack Sutherland

**Seconded:** Shannon Job

**Carried**

## **3. REFLECTION**

One minutes' silence was held in tribute for the loss of members and friends within the surf lifesaving community during the season including members Joe Jenkins, Sadie Ryan, Doug Webb, Dr John Killick, Geoff Deegan and Barry Bennett.

## **4. APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MINUTES**

It was resolved that the Minutes of:

- a) 114<sup>th</sup> Annual General Meeting held by Zoom on Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> August 2021, be accepted as a true and correct record; and

**Moved:** Ron Morton

**Seconded:** Joanne Copper

**Carried**

- b) Special General Meeting held in the clubhouse on Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> December 2021, be accepted as a true and correct record.

**Moved:** David Cowell

**Seconded:** Shannon Job

**Carried**

## **BUSINESS ARISING FROM THOSE MINUTES**

There was no business arising from either the 114<sup>th</sup> AGM or 11<sup>th</sup> December SGM.

## **5. PRESENTATION AND APPROVAL OF THE 115<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

### **ANNUAL REPORT**

The President presented the Annual Report to the members and reflected another great season for North Steyne SLSC. She thanked Cath Hillier and Frank Traugott for all their work on the Annual Report.

She noted that the season had been very difficult with a lockdown at the beginning of the season, uncertainty of when the season would start and weather. Despite this, she said North Steyne accomplished a lot and in its 115<sup>th</sup> season there were once again no lives were lost on North Steyne Beach whilst on patrol. She thanked all North Steyne members for their contribution and effort through the season. She said it was a season of determination, courage and resilience.

Highlights of the season included: Gotch4Life 24Hour Row and raising \$8k; Hosting a Nippers, R&R and Boat carnival; and, all the great results from the competitors.

North Steyne worked with Queenscliff to help host the NSW State Championships, which were called off after 3 days of competition due to a gastro outbreak and the weather.

The Emergency Call Out Team got a full workout and helped other communities as far away as Nowra and Penrith.

North Steyne assisted with the Northern Beaches Fun Run, the Cerebral Palsy 20 Twenty Fundraising event, and North Steyne worked with Surfing NSW on the Sydney Surf Pro in May and helped with hospitality during the competition.

She thanked all the Directors who dedicated a lot of time to ensure the smooth running of the Club.

She noted that there were 2 major reports done on the building and discussions with Council continued.

She concluded by thanking Balgowlah RSL, Manly Lions, and NED Australian Whiskey, the Northern Beaches Council, the Council lifeguards, Sydney Northern Beaches Branch, Patrons James Griffin, David Hay and Jean Hay AM, and Des McAteer, all Directors, and all members.

## **FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

Chris invited Shannon Job, Treasurer, to speak to the Financial Statements.

Shannon noted the Club had another strong financial year highlighting a net surplus of \$79,502 increasing our accumulated earnings to \$637K (before the special purpose funds). Additionally, the Club would make our largest year end contribution to the Future Fund in several years increasing the balance to around 250K

Shannon noted the spend discipline of the club and the Board which assisted in delivering the positive result in a difficult financial climate.

Shannon fielded a question from the floor from Adam Traugott which concerned the changed opening balances in fixed assets reported in Note 7. He noted that there was a significant historical clean-up of the asset register in F22. This involved reductions in the asset capitalisation value and depreciation value but these two things offset each other meaning there was no P&L impact from the clean-up.

Chris invited Trevor Lane, Honourary Auditor to speak to the Financial Statements.

Trevor noted the Treasurer's report was very good, and the simplification processes gone through with administration has assisted in delivering clean information that was easier to maintain, report on and audit. Trevor also noted that the Club is in a good financial position as detailed in the results.

Annual Report and Financial Report acceptance.

**Moved:** Tony Falzarano

**Seconded:** Deb Foote

**Carried**

### **6. NOTICE OF MOTION:** *"That Deborah Foote be elected to Life Membership"*

**Moved:** Kyra Jenkins

**Seconded:** Sarah Lally

The President noted this is a very special occasion as we not only have 1 motion for life membership, but 2 motions. Life membership requires a vote by members.

Deb Foote was asked to leave the room during support for the motion that she be elected to Life Membership.

Kyra Jenkins said it was evident that Deb was passionate about North Steyne when she first met her as an under 14 year cadet. That passion has continued. She has given countless hours back to the club and community. She was instrumental in creating the youth portfolio, cadet program and growing the club. She has been on the Board for 13 years in various portfolios. She has been part of the education team for over a decade, training new bronzies, conducting proficiencies. She has actively patrolled the entire time, many years as a Patrol Captain. Whilst these are valuable her most notable contribution has been in surf sports, particularly the lifesaving and masters events as a coach, official, team manager, ambassador and competitor.

Deb is one of those people who will help any way she can. We have seen that countless times over the years in other ways with BBQs, carnivals, ocean swim, social functions and first aid. Deb's long standing contribution has been above and beyond. She is worthy to be made a life member, importantly the first female life member of North Steyne SLSC.

Sarah Lally followed in support of the Motion. She began by saying that she felt honoured to be speaking about Deb. There was no shortage of people to support the nomination, each providing different reasons.

She is an inspiration. Someone to look up to and aspire to become. In competition alone she has won more club points for North Steyne than any other member.

Deb has led the way in this club, not just for women or parents but also for those of us who have been afraid to get in the surf, wear swimmers on the beach and even fail catching a wave or wrapping a bandage. Deb is generous with her time and experience. She has long passed your 10 year patrol service. She has mentored and trained many lifesaving competitors at NS and across the Branch.

This season saw the introduction of 50 years plus for Lifesaving events which Deb has advocated for years. At Aussies, Deb was the oldest competitor in the Open Patrol Comp. It did not phase her at all to line up against young iron men competitors. – It's now up to members to have you as our first and very deserving female life member of North Steyne.

The Motion was put to the vote and carried.

#### **7. NOTICE OF MOTION:** *"That Frank Traugott be elected to Life Membership"*

**Moved:** David Cowell

**Seconded:** Tony Falzarano

We will now move to the second motion. Frank Traugott was asked to leave the room during support for the motion that he be elected to Life Membership.

David Cowell spoke to the motion noting:

Frank Traugott is the quintessential North Steyne SLSC member. Joining in 2001 as Nipper Parent and reattaining his Bronze Medallion in 2002. Since that time Frank has been a volunteer lifesaver, patrolling member, an educator, an administrator, a carnival official, an event's organiser/ supporter, an administrator, a leader and a competitor at various levels. He has been a member of North Steyne SLSC for more than 20 years and mentor to many who have come through the Club and are still members today.

Frank's connection with North Steyne began early in life. Frank was a "grommet". He grew up surfing in front of the North Steyne clubhouse. At age 9, his migrant parents who could not swim, bought him a 10'9" malibu and his affection for the beach began.

He became a volunteer lifesaver in his 20's when he joined Dixon Park SLSC in Newcastle in 1981. Completing his first Bronze Medallion he was a patrolling member and competitor rowing surfboats for next two seasons.

Frank returned to surf lifesaving at North Steyne SLSC in 2001 - 2002 with his son Adam and daughter Natasha. He completed his Bronze Medallion for the second time in 2002 with Adam. For over 20 years Frank is an active patrolling member of North Steyne SLSC with over 800 hours patrolling to date, and massive contribution to every area of the NSSLSC including lifesaving, education, surf sports, administration, nippers, general activities and supporting community events. There are very few that have done more for North Steyne SLSC in the last two decades.

The Motion was put to the vote and carried.

Frank Traugott congratulated Deb Foote on her election to Life Membership. He said she was a valued team member, a mentor and an inspiration to many in surf sports, young and old, women and men.

He thanked his nominators and the membership for his election to Life Membership. He was humbled to join the exceptional group of 60 members granted life membership. They were coppers, catholics, parliamentarians, councillors, leading business people in the Manly community. They were big in surf life saving. They won Australian surf life saving titles, senior belt swims, open beach sprints, open surf boat titles and R&R.

"They were leaders. 19 were President with a combined 94 years at the helm of this club's 115 year history. Two were branch President for a combined 20 years of the branch's 50 year history. One was secretary of the Royal Lifesaving Society for 25 years. Another was superintendent of SLSA.

They were sportsmen and sports administrators. Some represented their club and their country. Some played rugby for Australia, won Australian boxing and professional golf titles. One was Secretary of the Australian Olympic Committee and manager of the Australian Olympic Team.

Many were soldiers – 7 went to WW1, 13 went to WW2, some to Vietnam and other conflicts. They were all lifesavers – some on the battlefield, others on the beach.

Some have been recognised with national awards – MBE, OAM, NPM, DFC. Six have been made life members of SLSA, more than any other club on Sydney Northern Beaches. Six others are still active in the club after 60 years.

They have all served the community of Manly and played their part in ensuring that there were no lives lost in 115 years whilst North Steyne was on patrol. That is some legacy!

Highlights of the past 21 seasons include doing my bronze with Adam, watching Adam and Natasha win gold at state and Deb win medals at State, Aussies and the World Masters Games.

When it comes to this award - you do not get to stand here without the help of a lot of people. So, thank you all! I especially want to thank Adam Traugott. He has taught me much about service to the community and passion for North Steyne SLSC."

## **8. AFFILIATION WITH SLS SYDNEY NORTHERN BEACHES BRANCH**

The Chair moved the Motion: *"That affiliation be sought for the season with Surf Life Saving Sydney Northern Beaches Inc. (Branch). Further, that the articles, constitution, by-laws, regulations and resolutions, together with the*

*awards and equipment at the Branch, Surf Life Saving NSW and Surf Life Saving Australia Limited be accepted without limitation.”*

**Moved:** Chris Gibbs Stewart

**Seconded:** Frank Traugott

## **9. PRESENTATION OF AWARDS:**

Jack Sutherland was invited to present **Long Service Certificates** to Keith Crampton (70 years), Paul Thomson (40 years) and Anthony Purcell (25 years).

Shannon Job was invited to read out the following certificates.

### **Patrol Service Certificate (>25 hours patrol per season)**

20yrs – Frank Traugott, Shannon Job

15 yrs – Mark Maddox

10 yrs – Kyle Wong, Kyra Jenkins, Rory Macintyre

5 yrs – Thomas Wait, Kirk Henzlik, Lachlan Van der Pluijm, Evelyn Farrell, Mia Kasalo, Jack Herbert, Peter Herbert, Kai Brandson

### **Officiating Service Certificate**

5 yrs - Damian O’Shannassy, David Guthrie

### **Assessing Service Certificate**

5 yrs - Richard Donaldson

### **Training Service Certificate**

5 yrs - Kyra Jenkins

## **Appreciation**

Chris Gibbs Stewart presented flowers and a certificate to Cath Hillier in appreciation for her hard work for the Club of a number of years. She announced that Cath will be leaving the club and wished her well in her new role.

## **10. ELECTION OF PATRONS, DIRECTORS, JUDICIARY PANEL AND TRUSTEES FOR SEASON 2022/2023**

Chris Gibbs Stewart thanked all directors, assistant directors and panel members for their hard work and contribution to the Club over the past season. She then declared all board positions and panels vacant and invited Frank Traugott to temporarily take the chair for the election of the Board of Directors, assistant directors and panels for the upcoming season.

Frank Traugott said there are a number of positions where only 1 nomination has been received and so those people are automatically elected to the role for which they have nominated. One of the roles is President and Chris will be returning as President unopposed. He invited her to take the chair back and she will read out the elected Directors and conduct the rest of the election.

- President – Chris Gibbs Stewart
- Immediate Past President – Frank Traugott
- Deputy President – Jack Sutherland

- Secretary – Dan Hillier
- Assistant Secretary – Sophie Egden
- Treasurer – Shannon Job
- Assistant Treasurer - vacant
- Club Captain – Jack Watt
- Vice-Captain – David Guthrie
- Chief Instructor – Lachlan van der Pluijm
- Assistant Chief Instructor – Kyra Jenkins
- Competition Director – to be voted
- Assistant Competition Director – Deb Foote
- Junior Activities Director – Bernie Burrows
- Assistant Junior Activities Director – Hillary Burrows
- Assistant Junior Activities Director – Simon Herfort
- Marketing Director – David Cowell
- Assistant Marketing Director – Bastian Wallace
- General Activities Director – Claire Oxlade
- Assistant General Activities Director – Eve Killick
- Youth Director – Jodie Frazer
- Assistant Youth Director – Jo Cooper
- Executive Officer – Paul Mathew

**Patrons returning:**

James Griffin MP, Des McAteer, Jean Hay AM, David Hay

**Honorary Trustees:**

Paul Day, Arthur McCarroll, Keith Crampton

**Judiciary Panel:**

Adam Traugott (chair), Keith Abraham, Gordon Lang, Arthur McCarroll

**Life Member & Distinguished Service Panel**

Shannon Job (chair), Paul Day, Ron Morton & Arthur McCarroll

**Rules Panel:**

Adam Traugott (chair), Keith Abraham, Gordon Lang, Damian O’Shannassy

**Future Fund Committee:**

Treasurer automatically elected Shannon Job (chair), Nominees Paul Day, Tim Platt, Bernard Burrows in perpetuity until they decide to stand down.

**Executive Officer:**

Paul Mathew

**Honorary Legal Advisor:**

vacant

**Honorary Auditor:**

Trevor Lane

**Public Officer:**

Frank Traugott

There is one position where we have received 2 nominations and that is for Director of Surf Sports. Both Sarah Lally and Dave McGuire have put in a nomination for this position. Chris GibbsStewart invited both Sarah and Dave to speak on why they should be elected. After each spoke it was put to the vote by the members present at the AGM.

Sarah Lally was elected Director of Surf Sports.

Motion to approved the positions for the upcoming season 2022/2023.

**Moved:** Deb Foote

**Seconded:** Kyra Jenkins

**Carried**

Chris wished the new Board, panels, trustees and patrons all the best for the coming season.

## **11. GENERAL BUSINESS**

There was no other business.

Chris declared the meeting closed and thanked everyone for their contribution and attendance. She invited everyone to adjourn to the bar.

The Meeting closed at 12.45pm.