



S A Dragons Abreast Annual General Meeting

Minutes of the meeting held on Saturday 22 August 2020

At 12.00 The Bartley Hotel, Bartley Terrace, West Lakes

Present: Julieanne Kuhlmann (President), Helen Macleod (Minutes) Sandra Allen, Alison Crammond, Mary Newland, Judi Sweatman, Jan Bice, Denise Edge, Margaret Davidson, Rhonda Wright, Anne Storen, Lyn Cannon, Steve Cannon, Max Smart, Michael Rubini, Sue Horstmann, Roger Horstmann, Liz Morallee, Lesley Roberts, Anne Peters, Heather Wingard, Julie Fisher, David Dunkley, Pat Doogue, Eva Quinn, Christopher Rowe

Apologies: Tracy Rowe, Meredith Smith, Sue St Clair, Gaye Millar, Sue Smith, Julie French, Karen Couch, Judy Tozer, Michael Storen

Julianne welcomed those present and thanked them for their attendance and also thanked the Bartley Hotel for accommodating us during the current restrictions.

Confirmation of Minutes from previous AGM 24 August 2019:

Minutes of the meeting were sent electronically to all members.

Moved that the minutes be accepted: Alison Crammond, Seconded: Rhonda Wright

All in ageeance.

Business arising from the minutes:

1. The amendments of the Constitution made at last AGM have been actioned and a revised copy of the Constitution is available to all on the website.
2. Pat Doogue identified that the auditors report was unfortunately not submitted at last AGM due to ill health, but that it had been done, and was submitted later to committee and a copy was on record

Correspondence: Nil

Presidents report:

This had been sent electronically to all members.

Julianne spoke briefly in addition to her report, noting that her first year had been busy, challenging and interesting during the recent pandemic due to CORONA virus. She thanked the committee for their support, and invited them to speak later about their roles and experiences on the committee. Members were invited to approach her with suggestions and ideas which would improve the club and support members.

Moved to be accepted by Julianne and seconded Helen Macleod. Accepted

Coaches Report:

Chris Rowe presented on behalf of himself and Jan Bice

Chris acknowledged the support received from all; the President, committee, sweeps and drummers, supporters and volunteers.

While there had been a complicated end of season due to Covid 19, members had returned to paddling training with enthusiasm.

Membership has increased recently.

Paddlers focus is to work on building strength and fitness with the aim of going to the Nationals in Perth in 2021.

He reminded paddlers to be aware of the Boat Selection Policy used by the coaches and boat captains .

Jan Bice reported on the progress, and the 'wait and see' re negotiations on Nationals.

Accommodation has been booked in anticipation.

Marketing Group:

Alison Crammond spoke about the aim of encouraging new members.

Postcards have been prepared and printed by Sue Horstmann and business cards have been developed by Julianne Kuhlmann. All to be distributed.

There has been some progress in the negotiations with AESS regarding replacement of our faulty new uniforms.

The club banner has been put up on Port road again.

Come and Try events are difficult to organise with restrictions at the moment, but new members have joined the club despite this.

The electronic survey conducted by the group through the club email was successful and information will be used to help the marketing group move ahead. As a precis the overwhelming responses were: social, friendship networks, water sport enjoyment, exercise, fun, age is no barrier.

Thanks were extended to David Dunkley for his dedication to the club photographic recording and additions to the photo gallery used for the club advertising.

Committee members reports:

Anne Storen spoke about her tasks and Revolutionise. Members are doing well using the registration format.

Anne has enjoyed her time on the committee but will be resigning. She is handing over the Revolutionise and Data base tasks to Pam Bastable

Sandra Allen coordinated the Fundraising activities for the club.

She spoke about the successful small events fundraising, like books, earrings and plants at race days. The money raised by selling the miniature paddles made by Mr Gregg/ Anne Peters' father. And the Drakes shopping credits.

Chocolate sales have been difficult with Covid 19 retirements, and healthy workplace initiatives. There are some out of date chocolates available for quick sale.

Major events or earners included a Movie Day and Wine Sales.

Bunnings BBQs were cancelled but are still a possibility.

Questions are occasionally raised about why are we fundraising? Sandra's response is that we have donated to Prostate Cancer (annually) and also the Kangaroo Island bushfires. She also identified that at a team event like Canberra fundraising is used to subsidise members eg Canberra costs were \$9000.

Sandra extended thanks to Lesley Roberts and Helen Macleod.

Sue Horstmann: was responsible for the social aspects of the club.

SADA members have enjoyed the Pizza Breakup night at the Bartley. The Christmas event held at Brendan Atkinson and Rhonda Wrights home was a success and Father Christmas made an appearance to distribute gifts.

The Vogalonga Down Under event has been cancelled as a SADA club event. The accommodation booked at Port Elliott has been paid for and can be used until March.

The social event at Clare was a happy weekend away for members and partners. No paddling involved.

The units at Wallaroo have been booked for October event.

Sue would welcome any ideas for future events for the club.

Helen Macleod; has been the minutes secretary recording and circulating and filing the committee meetings and those of the marketing group, preparing agendas and task lists and any follow up responsibilities.

Helen congratulated Julianne on her efforts as president to keep the club together during the forced isolation with initiatives such as the Facebook page Staying Connected, and the weekly Tuesday Zoom meetings.

Helen also gave a brief account of her liaising with AESS re the uniform replacements

Helen is due to stand down from the committee but will accept re nomination because the committee is a happy and proactive group.

Pat Doogue has been the communications person for the club responsible for emails and passing on any dragonboat related and relevant information. Pat was thanked for his efforts.

BCNA Report:

Judi Sweatman tabled her report and spoke about SADAs membership in BCNA since 2001 when the club was incorporated. She identified the reasons breast cancer survivors benefit from rehabilitation through dragon boating and explained the loss to BCNA this year due to the cancellation of the Pink Buns events which usually raises \$1.5 million.

Judi also explained the other organisations National Breast Cancer Foundation- involved in research and symbolised by the pink ribbon. Australian Government Cancer Australia, which is government funded money, and the McGrath Foundation symbolised by the pink cricket stumps and funds breast cancer care nurses.

Judi then provided national statistics on breast cancer and believed that the club currently had 16 breast cancer survivors.

Julianne thanked all committee members for their reports and spoke about how the breast cancer survivors are an important part of our club.

Treasurer's Report:

In Tracy Rowe's absence, this was presented tabled then spoken to by Sue Horstmann (immediate past treasurer).

The club has made a profit of \$9,212.58 due to fundraising and grants and the fact that we did not go to a national's event. The bank balance is \$38,147.89. It was noted that the subscriptions income was lower than previous years largely due to the extension on early bird payments into July. These later payments will appear on the Profit and Loss Statement next year.

Thanks were extended to Pat Doogue for his support of the club.

Pat Doogue also spoke as the auditor. He asked that the committee consider registering for GST. He explained that DBSA is paid GST by clubs, but that SADA could claim GST if registered. He offered to do the BAS statements.

Julianne asked that the Treasurers report be accepted and this was seconded by Denise Edge and carried by the club.

Julianne then asked if Pat was prepared to be the auditor again and Mary Newland proposed that Pat Doogue be appointed the auditor for the club for 2020/2021 financial year. This was seconded by Steve Cannon. Carried unanimously.

A gift of thanks was presented to Pat Doogue for his work as auditor. This he shared with members.

Special Business: Nil

Election of committee members:

Vacancies are Alison Crammond, Helen Macleod, Tracy Rowe and Anne Storen, and Julie French (1 year to serve)

Continuing committee members are Julianne Kuhlmann, Sue Horstmann and Sandra Allen.

Nominations have been received for :

Alison Crammond. Nominated by Sandra Allen and Seconded Julie Fisher.

Helen Macleod nominated by Julianne Kuhlmann and seconded Roger Horstmann

Tracy Rowe nominated by Sandra Allen and seconded Heather Wingard.

Gaye Millar was nominated by Julie French and seconded Mary Newland.

These 4 nominations were accepted.

Anne Storen indicated that Pam Bastable will manage Revolutionise for the club.

Julianne encouraged men to consider joining the committee.

Any other business:

- David Dunkley spoke about the issue of permission for photos to be taken of members and used by the club. Julianne responded that the committee has been discussing this issue recently and would take it to the next committee meeting.
- Steve Cannon thanked the club for its enthusiasm, encouragement and the dedication of the members.
- Heather Wingard acknowledged support from Rick French at Race day planning meetings.

Meeting closed 1.10pm and members stayed and socialised over lunch.

Signed Secretary: Helen Macleod

Signed President: Julianne Kuhlmann