



**Minutes of the Annual General Meeting of Lane Cove River Kayakers held at the North Ryde RSL, North Ryde, on Fri July 21, 2017 at 6:45pm.**

Members attending: Oscar Cahill, Tracey Hansford, Ian Wrenford, John Greathead, David Veivers, Wade Rowston, Roger Deane, Phil Geddes, Martin Dearnley, Tom Holloway, Duncan Johnstone, Ruby Ardren, Anjie Lees, Tony Hystek, Alanna Ewin, Paul van Koesveld, John Duffy, Richard Barnes, Jeffrey Tonazzi, Richard Yates, Jeff Hosnell, Don Johnstone, Lachlan Wrenford, Derek Simmonds, Rob Llewellyn Jones, Tim Hookins, Jana Osvald, Phil Newman, Matt Swann, Tim McNamarra.

Meeting commenced at 6.50pm.

Life Member Roger Deane and other members were welcomed to the meeting by meeting Chairman, President, Phil Geddes.

**Apologies**

Apologies were received from Nigel Colless, Jeremy Spear, Tony Carr, David Young, Naomi Johnson, Rodney Walker, Don Rowston, Tom Simmat, James Farrell, Warwick Sherwood and Greg Morris.

**Minutes of last year's meeting**

The minutes from the 2016 AGM were distributed to members via email to attendees prior to the meeting and copies were provided to those in attendance, tabled by Secretary Wade Rowston. It was resolved by the meeting to accept last year's minutes. Mover John Greathead, seconder by Tom Holloway.

**Business arising from the 2016 Minutes –**

No Business arose.

**President's report**

Phil Geddes presented the President's report covering 2016-2017 membership year which follows:

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# **Presidents Report for LCRK AGM 2017**

## **Introduction**

2017 has been a very eventful and successful year for LCRK. We have seen a continued growth in our numbers , rising to 152 members but more importantly a growth in Time Trial attendances, Marathons and Ultra Marathons, together with a continued involvement of members as non paddling volunteers in day to day operation, LCRK marathon, HCC support as well as contributions to PNSW.

The contribution and support of members to the club in all aspects of its operations has been one of the highlights for me this year as President.

## **Committee and Contributors**

One of the pleasures this year has been working with the current committee and I would like to take this opportunity to thank them for their enthusiasm, involvement and support. The ability of members to recognise jobs needing to be done and attend efficiently and professionally as they arose made life easier for all members and myself and contributed greatly to the smooth running of the Club.

My sincere thanks go to all members of the Committee. Who are:-

Office Holders:-

Secretary Wade Rowston

Treasurer John Duffy

Vice President Duncan Johnstone (HCC Famils)

Committee Members:-

Jeff Tonazzi (Time Keeping roster), Ian Wrenford (LCRK TT Report and Web master, Post TT Cafe Maitre D'), Oscar Cahill (Safety Officer and lighting man), Paul van Koesveld (LCRK Marathon, HCC paddler and volunteer organiser), Alanna Ewin (LCRK Marathon Food meister), Richard Yates (Head Pontoon Committee), Ruby Ardren (General and Boat Sheets), Don Johnstone (General ).

I would like to give special thanks to outgoing Committee members, Ruby Ardren, Don Johnstone (who is freeing up to focus on his PNSW Marathon responsibilities) and Jeff Tonazzi, who despite leaving the committee has graciously offered to continue with his duty with the Timekeeper roster – many thanks for that Jeff.

## **Contribution of Members to Paddling in NSW**

In addition to the support members give the club we also have a number of members contributing to the functioning of paddling in NSW by their work on various committees with PNSW and other bodies and deserve recognition for their efforts. These include:-

Tony Hystek – Chair PNSW and organiser of the Myall Classic

Angie Lees – PNSW Committee member

Don Johnstone – Marathon Committee

Tim Hookins - Ocean and Harbour Series

Jeremy Spear – Ocean and Harbour Series

Roger Deane – HCC organiser  
 Richard Barnes – HCC Committee  
 Meg Thornton – HCC Committee

Within our own club I would like to thank the special contributions to the clubs activities from Roger Deane and Mark Sier for our Doubles night BBQ and, Nigel Colless for his unstinting and ongoing efforts in the perfecting of our timing system and regular assistance to the timekeepers on Wednesday nights.

In addition I would also like to thank our varied report writers Naomi Johnson, Ian Wrenford and photographic contributors Ian Wrenford, Jana Osvald, Tom Holloway, Nigel Collis for allowing these events to become memorable occasions.

## Club

### Timetrials

Of course the most important activity for the club is our Wednesday Night Time Trial. This has continued to go from strength to strength this year with strong support from members with Crudslime nights experiencing strong support together with increasing support from Double Cup night, which is benefiting from the clubs acquisitions of a number of new doubles. We are now experiencing many Doubles nights when nearly all of the Clubs Doubles are in usage.

Some of the Wednesday Night Statistics are very interesting (at least for nerds)

#### Events

Total Timetrials	49
Singles Cup	12
Doubles Cup	12
Reverse	12
Standard	13

#### Entries

Total Singles	1733
Total Doubles	246
Total K4	13
Total Starters (boats)	1992
Total Starters (paddlers)	2277 (Includes 114 Non-Members)
Average Starters (boats)	40.65
Average Starters (paddlers)	46.47

#### Members

Most Entries	43	Dave Hammond, John Duffy David Hammond, John Duffy, Tony Hystek, David Young, Naomi Johnson, Oscar Cahill, David Coward, Ian Wrenford, Matt Blundell, Phil Geddes	
40 or more Entries			
Fastest 12km Time	0:48:36	Matt Blundell & Brett Greenwood	0:48:36
Fastest 12km Single	0:49:39	Matt Blundell	0:49:39

Fastest 12km Single (female)	1:00:20	Ella Beere
Fastest 6km	0:31:41	Tim Binns
Fastest 9km	0:47:07	Don Johnstone

In addition, we had 52 Members do  $\geq 20$  Paddles and 34 do  $\geq 30$ . This has seen us with a Maximum on one night of 70 of Paddlers, with many nights above 50 paddlers. Winter has also seen a continuation of support with many nights seeing in excess of 40 paddlers attending.

## **Marathons**

The Club has also provided substantial support to the PNSW Marathon Series, to the extent that for 2016 we won the Club Points championship for the first time in 9 years, a feat accomplished by a combination of good paddling and good club attendance. Many thanks to members for supporting these events. LCRK is currently leading the points score for this year; hopefully continued support will see us retain the trophy for this year.

Support for the Marathons also spilled over to this year's State and National Marathon Championships with good attendance and excellent individual results.

Primary amongst the Marathons was of course our LCRK Marathon. Thanks to Paul van Koesveld and his team ably assisted by the fantastic support given by club members, that despite major works at the Oval, this event continued to be a prime event on the calendar, garnering many positive comments from visiting competitors for the excellence of the Management as well and the uniqueness of the event.

## **Myall Classic**

Our members also gave great support to the rejuvenated Myall Classic, now organised by our own Tony Hystek for PNSW and it hoped that this will become a prime annual event for LCRK paddlers.

## **Hawkesbury Classic**

LCRK continued this year with strong support for the HCC, working hard to give Roger Dean and his team as much support as possible as they celebrated the events 40<sup>th</sup> year. As a result we saw 60 paddlers compete in 54 boats which also saw the Club regain the Commonwealth Cup Trophy. Again the event was marked by excellent support from non paddling members who gave support to Club members as well as assisting the HCC organisers.

Many thanks to Paul v K for marshalling the troops and Duncan J and Tom Simmat for ensuring our paddlers were in the best possible condition with their Families. It is a great to belong to such an active and involved club.

## **Ongoing directions for the Club**

This year saw a consolidation of the Club with its new facilities at Rotary Field. On an ongoing basis, we are planning to further enhance the Clubs fleet by updating existing boats and adding new ones where we perceive a need, to assist our members in paddling development.

As has already been mentioned the increase in Doubles fleet has been met with a corresponding increase in doubles involvement to the betterment of the club experience as more members are introduced to the joys of Doubling.

Expansion of our pontoon facilities is still high on our agenda with initial enquiries as to Kayak steps meeting an environmental response from Council that has prompted us to evaluate other methods of improving member ease of access to the water. It is anticipated that the investigation of options and obtaining approvals and funding will be a major task this year.

## **Conclusion**

It has been a privilege to act as president this year and as such I have put my hand up for a further year as I anticipate that the coming year will be as rewarding as that just past.

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## **Treasurer's Report**

Treasurer John Duffy presented the detail of the FY17 AGM Financial Report (all attendees received a copy of the Financial Report upon entry to the AGM).

John also discussed the details of the expenditure budget for the new membership year ahead. The attendees unanimously supported and accepted the Treasurers Report and the expenditure budget. (Mover: Alanna Ewin Seconder: Ruby Ardren)

Here is the Treasurers Report:-

### **LCRK Financial Reports 2016-2017**

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## **General business**

No general business matters were raised.

## **Presentations**

### **Media Contribution Award, the Frank McDonald Memorial Prize**

This year the media award and Vivid award was presented directly following the meeting with the guests present in the main entertainment area. Congratulations to Naomi Johnson for her Marathon reports and to Ian Wrenford for very interesting local river history articles and for the very diligent updates to our website.

### **Vivid Award**

This was awarded to Oscar Cahill for not only his extraordinary boat lighting but also for the pontoon lighting and underwater lighting.

### **Election of new committee for 2017-18**

The chair was vacated and Martin Dearnley conducted the election of President. Only one nomination was received and Phil Geddes was elected. Phil Geddes then returned as chairman of the meeting. One nomination was received for each of the three remaining named positions on the committee and the nominees were declared elected.

Vice-president – Duncan Johnstone

Secretary – Alanna Ewin

Treasurer – John Duffy

One nomination was received for each of the other ordinary committee member positions and the seven nominees were declared elected.

Paul van Koesveld

Oscar Cahill

Ian Wrenford

Louise White

Tracey Hansford

Richard Yates

Wade Rowston

There being no further business the meeting was declared closed at 7.29pm.