

# Windsurfing Western Australia



## AGM 2018

When Sun, 24 Jun 2018 at 15:00

Location: Leighton Beach Boulevard, Leighton Beach Blvd, North Fremantle WA 6159, Australia

Chairperson Tim Brazier

Minute taker Phil Cutter

Present Jack Brazier , Michelle Brazier , Sophie Brazier , Tim Brazier (President), Maeli ChereI (Nationals Director), Phil Cutter (Secretary), Rebecca Cutter (Treasurer), Chris Goldacre , bjorn hage , Premo Jacniacki , John Koch , Stu McGregor , Rodney Pestell , serge pillonel , Mark Smith , Sin Vila

## Minutes

### 1. Season review

#### 1.1. Waves

PC gave an overview of Green Head and Margaret River wave competitions. Both were able to be rescheduled due to bad weather forecasts. Margaret River had the first youth fleet for as long as anyone can remember.

## 1.2. Race

SMcG: great series of events in Safety Bay. Safety Bay Yacht Club (SBYC) are still keen to run the races and want to do something similar next year. Simmer, the series sponsor are still keen to be involved next year. Looking to add Geraldton events and possibly Leeman and Cervantes into an overall race series. There were over 50 competitors in the series.

JK: Leeman had approx. 60 competitors. The town loved it and are keen to get involved again. The sea rescue guys that organised the safety cover thought safety was fine. TB agreed an overall race series would be good and other option is to add a team element into the mix. JK was in broad agreement and said that we used to have an overall race series.

### Tasks

- ✓ Put together a scoring system to encompass all race events into a season series  
Assignee: Stu McGregor  
Due date: Fri, 31 Aug 2018

## 1.3. Kids

TB: 1st year of trying to do kids windsurfing properly in perth. Royal Perth Yacht Club (RPYC) are keen to get involved.

CG from RPYC: 5 kids going to Bic Techno nationals in Tasmania this year.

TB: Kids making up approximately 25% of total membership. More than 15 kids per session regularly in Perth. Have Starboard 124l boards and 1.5m2 to 3.5m2 rigs.

SP gave an overview from the kids windsurfing in the southwest (SW Junior Windsurf School): Kit now is great and much lighter than it used to be. Lots of support from industry and parents and have great momentum with lots of families involved. Not so much competitive focus at the moment. Kids 11-13 years old now sailing at Main Break, Margaret River. 30 kids registered in Margaret River. High profile support from Patrik Deithelm, Karin Jaggi & Scott McKercher. Now even getting kids without windsurfing parents involved. Having the right equipment as the kids progress is essential for maintaining their interest.

Wojtek gave an overview of what's going on at RPYC.

TB we can add Bic Techno into existing events if desired.

MB: We need to get the different groups sailing with each other so kids get to see different aspects of the sport e.g. Bic Techno for kids who want to race.

## 2. Regulations, access and environment

TB: DoT regulations now mean we have jet skis at all events and we have to get exemptions for not wearing pfds at wave events. But we know what we are now familiar with new regulations and are comfortable with the implications.

PC stated that there was an increase in shark encounters in the south west.

TB stated that WWA will avoid taking a position to support a shark control method, but to try and keep members informed as much as possible.

SP: Jane Seman is taking an active role in highlighting the issues in the SW.

### 3. Membership numbers

PC: Membership is growing in all areas, notably we now have 50 kids members, nearly 25% of total membership.

### 4. Financial summary

RC gave an overview of the financial position of WWA. Currently in a very healthy position with around \$13-14k surplus for the year. Our current challenge is how to maintain the current growth and reinvest the surplus in WWA in a sustainable way. Broadly keeping the following in mind:

1. Sustainability in terms of future cash commitment required and time commitment of individuals.
2. Meets our mission to promote windsurfing and serve the needs of windsurfers in WA.
3. To benefit the membership in a way that broadly represents the split of interests among members i.e. racing, waves, kids, geographical splits etc.

SMcG: Could we pay a photographer to take photos and update our social media at events, Ironbark photos for example.

RP asked why are there no events that are more accessible to the average windsurfer not interested in competing. There is a lack of a social centre to WWA and for example there used to be downwinder events run on the river and more events in the Perth metro area in general.

PC said that events were generally run by individuals who were keen to do so and WWA tries to encourage and support anyone who wants to run an event, with funding, regulatory knowhow and contacts. Recent examples are Isaac DeVries running the Cervantes events and Maeli Chernel who is organising the wavesailing nationals. PC said WWA would try and communicate this more effectively to members this season.

CG: RPYC has Matilda Bay booked out to host sailing and would be really happy to assist in running an event on the river.

CG said yacht clubs in general need to come up with a membership level that suits windsurfers and he is working on this with RPYC.

#### Tasks

- Invite (email/post on social media) members to run events.

Assignee: Phil Cutter

Due date: Tue, 31 Jul 2018

## 5. **WWA management structure**

PC gave an overview of how WWA is currently managed. There is a small group of 5 who form the regular committee and meet up to once per month. These individuals run the website, the finance, overall strategy and coordinate and advise the event teams. Outside of this committee there are teams and individuals that run events, most of these people have at one time or another been on the committee but generally are not currently involved in the "day to day" running of WWA. WWA is actively seeking people to have input to the committee, in particular to represent a geographical area or particular interest group, Geraldton or foiling for example.

### **Tasks**

- ✓ Ask around in Geraldton if anyone wants to have input into the committee  
Assignee: Phil Cutter  
Due date: Fri, 27 Jul 2018

## 6. **Committee nominations**

RP: WWA should have a social media manager or contract it out to someone for example \$500 per month to Facebook gets regular content online and encourages more member engagement.

SMcG: SBYC want to incorporate WWA membership into WWA.

TB: All ok but we will just need to work out how to invoice it.

The following committee were unanimously elected:

Chairman: Tim Brazier

Vice Chairman: Premo Jacniacki

Treasurer: Rebecca Cutter

Secretary: Phil Cutter

Race rep: Stu McGregor

South west rep: Serge Pillonel

Committee member: Mike Harwood

## 7. **Membership Fees**

Membership fees were proposed to be the same for the next season and this was unanimously agreed.

TB stated that WWA would adopt rolling memberships that last 1 year starting from the date of renewal, rather than running until the end of June.

### **Tasks**

- ✓ Set up rolling memberships.  
Assignee: Tim Brazier  
Due date: Fri, 29 Jun 2018

## 8. **Future goals**

TB gave an overview of a plan to incorporate coaching into WWA. A number of options are currently being explored with RPYC, overseas coaches and also instructor courses. One of the aims is to provide coaching for kids and in particular intermediate level members who may not be interested in competing.

## **9. 2018-2019 preview**

The presentation showed the provisional event dates for next season.

JK: Screamin' Leeman is proposed for 24th November.

## **10. Geraldton wavesailing nationals**

MC explained the plan for the wave nationals, hosted primarily at Coronation beach. Had meeting with City of Geraldton Council who are keen to help with funding and loaning of some equipment. Pro, ladies, masters, grand masters, youth and amateur fleets are planned. We will be trying to get a mix of judges from the eastern states and WA. Matt Holder and Ben Proffitt are planned to be filming and commentating.

JK asked about our stance on international sailors. MC explained the general philosophy would be to let sailors of any nationality compete and win.

CG said in sailing that the nationals is open to any nationality to compete and win, but the title is for the top Australian.

PC said we would state on the website the exact position on international sailors in advance of the event.

JK asked why only 5 days. MC said cost, logistics and personal commitment.

## **11. Sponsors**

PC thanked all the sponsors who have contributed to WWA this season.

## **12. A.O.B**

PJ asked if there was any update on the Lancelin Ocean Classic (LOC)

TB said that WWA had met with the Lancelin Chamber of Commerce (LCOC) earlier in the year who advised that Project3 would no longer be running the event. WWA gave feedback on how the event was run this year. LCOC were due to meet Tourism WA, who provide the majority of the funding, but WWA has not heard any news for a few months now.

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*End of minutes.*

*Summary of matters arising are tabled on the following page.*

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## Summary of Matters Arising

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