



Burley Griffin Canoe Club Inc.

Annual General Meeting

30 September 2018

Draft Minutes

1. Welcome

The AGM commenced at 10.30am. President Russell Murphy welcomed the attendees and thanked them for their attendance.

Attendees:

Helen Tongway	David Gordon	Scott MacWilliam
Kai Swoboda	John Harmer	Mike Iliff
Anne Cronin	John Lockie	Russell Murphy
Christine O'Brien	Patricia Ashton	Jacque Gutterson
Nick Hocking	Jeremy Cook	Bob Collins
Jane Lake	Dave Gordon	

Apologies

Scott Hunter	Joanna Nelson	Michael Thomas
Russell Lutton	Laura Kleinrahm	Trudy Witbreuk
Carolyn Williams	John Preston	
Trent Burkett	James Harmer	

2. Minutes from previous AGM meeting (7th September 2017)

Minutes from the previous AGM held on 7 September 2017 were accepted.

Motion: That the Minutes of the 2017 AGM be accepted

Proposer: Russell Murphy; **Seconder:** Patricia Ashton **Motion passed**

3. Reports

a. President's Report:

Russell Murphy:

- Big achievements were the shed and toilet block
- Thanks to the shed sub-committee for their efforts
- Delivered four big, well run events
- Steady membership
- Reduction in competitiveness on the racing side

b. Treasurer's Report

Jane Lake

- Expenditure of \$188k on shed
- Need to spend some additional club money to match the grant before final acquittal
- Change in rental arrangements has increased our operating costs
- Increase in membership income through additional racks will stabilise revenue and allow resources to be put into the boat fleet
- Income for the year \$66k, expenses \$220k, expenses excluding shed \$32k
- Cash in bank declined from \$222k at beginning of financial year to \$48k at the end
- Accounts are with the accountant for sign off
- Financial situation remains healthy
- Explained rationale for increasing debit card limit to \$4k (bigger regular bills, building work), retaining existing internal controls

c. Boat Captain's Report

Patricia Ashton (on Scott Hunter's behalf)

- 10 SUP spaces, 73 kayak spaces, 2 racks canoe polo/whitewater boats, 40 private boats = 123 spaces. 11 spaces empty at the moment
- Thanks to Scotty and Shane for all the work they did on the racks.

d. Safety and Training Report

Nil.

4. Convener Reports:

a) Membership	g) Triathlon
b) Beginners	
c) Social Convener	
d) Canoe polo	
e) Whitewater	
f) Stand Up Paddle Board	

MEMBERSHIP

Total membership tally for 2017-2018: 299

Made up of:		(2016-17	307)
Junior Females:	19	(“	26)
Junior Males:	18	(“	25)
Adult Females:	95	(“	93)
Adult Males:	162	(“	163)

Once again BGCC membership was available in the combined fee system: when members paid their PNSW fees, the BGCC were added to give the one, combined payment. This was all that was needed for those with “simple”, Standard Level BGCC membership.

And thanks to Margi Bohm’s words to Phil Jones, the new Paddle Australia CEO, the receipt for the BGCC part of a club member’s transaction which comes up on their bank statement has been changed to: “EZIDEBIT SPORTING PAYMENTS”. This is much more appropriate than the previous year’s statement’s words of: “AU HEALTHFIT FORTITUDE VALLEY”

All members still have use of club boats appropriate to their level of paddling skill, the hot shower and the kitchen facilities at no further cost.

For club members who were eligible for a Club shed key and/or a rack to keep their own private boat in the Club Shed, we are still using the *Register Now* organisation to collect these fees.

Membership was slightly lower than for the previous year, but well within the natural variation in numbers - as people come to Canberra for various work or education occupations - and then leave again.

BEGINNERS REPORT

Patricia Ashton

- Thanks to all who helped run the beginners’ sessions including taste of paddling.

SOCIAL CONVENOR

Patricia Ashton

- Nil activities but hope to emphasize events next year.

CANOE POLO

Kai Swoboda on behalf of Laura Kleinrahm

- Successful year with BGCC members being selected in national teams
- Great results for Women's team and juniors at National and Oceania championships
- Canberra Invitational event held successfully, well attended and well regarded by competing teams

WHITEWATER

Kai Swoboda (in writing)

The highlights of the year were a few trips in conjunction with the River Canoe Club on the Murrumbidgee at Childowla over the summer, with several BGCC members attending. BGCC members also attended an introduction to whitewater weekend run by River Canoe Club in Canberra in December 2017. Low water levels and cold days meant that the winter was pretty quiet.

With a number of whitewater boats and gear and a set of lightweight slalom gates, BGCC will be hosting a slalom locally in November 2018. Hopefully this will form part of the step towards more regular involvement in whitewater paddling by BGCC members over the next year or so.

Several BGCC juniors made great strides on the river this year, with Jess and Angus in particular joining most of the trips and extending their skills on the water.

SUP

Joanna Nelson (in writing)

BGCC SUP member numbers have reduced this FY. To encourage new members and ensure existing SUP club members are adequately covered by insurance, a proposal was submitted to the club for consideration to allow SUP members to use Surfing Australia insurance instead of existing Canoeing Australia.

The reduction in SUP renewals is predominantly due to a lack of value for SUP paddlers from BGCC club membership and insurance:

- Competitive SUP paddlers are not covered by BGCC insurance (Paddle NSW/ Canoeing Australia) for any SUP events at a local, state or national level. Most competitive SUP paddlers that are BGCC members have to purchase additional insurance through other clubs or Surfing Australia to participate in events.
- There is a large recreational SUP community 'weekend warriors' in Canberra who have no interest in racing, club shed use, boat use, organised training, or time trails. The current BGCC membership structure does not provide any incentive for these paddlers to be BGCC members, and there is no scope to increase social activities to attract these members as SUP events would not be covered by current BGCC insurance arrangements.

Comparative SUP clubs in NSW (SPSC or Husky) have membership including insurance for less than \$70 per year.

During the FY year BGCC SUP club members have participated in the following events local and interstate (results posted through monthly BGCC Blazing Paddles);

- **The Middle Harbour SUP Festival, Sydney (Aug)**
- **The Chucky, Fishermans Beach, Sydney (Sep)**
- **Lion Island Challenge, Sydney (Oct)**
- **SPSC 10ft SUP Surf event, Palm Beach, Sydney (Oct)**
- **NISCO Event - Kingston Foreshore, Canberra (Oct)**
- **Merimbula Classic, Merimbula (Nov)**
- **Palm to Pines, Fishermans Beach, Sydney (Dec)**
- **Harbour Bridge to Manly Beach paddle, Sydney (Feb)**
- **Sydney SUP festival, Sydney (Feb)**
- **12 Towers distance marathon event - 17km event, Gold Coast (Mar)**
- **SUPs Downunder event, Gold Coast (Mar)**
- **Canberra Balloon Festival (Mar)**
- **Batemans Bay Paddle Challenge - 13km Mens / 8km Womens - (Apr)**
- **Dolls Point Classic, Race 4 Harbour Series (May)**
- **Husky SUP invite to NISCO day (May)**
- **SUP-X, Balmoral (6km), Sydney (May)**
- **ECS Boards NSW SUP State Titles 2018, Port Stephens (June)**

Notable mention of event outcomes;

1. **ECS Boards NSW SUP State Titles 2018** selection Qualifying for Nationals;
 - a. Rohan Evans
 - b. Matthew Scott
 - c. Trent Shaw
2. **Batemans Bay Paddle Challenge**
 - a. Joanna Nelson 1st - **8km Paddle Dash** - SUP Open Female
 - b. Lana Read 2nd - **8km Paddle Dash** - SUP Open Female
 - c. Matthew Scott 4th - **13km Half Marathon Race** - SUP Open Male
 - d. Trent Shaw 5th - **13km Half Marathon Race** - SUP Open Male
 - e. Kiaran Lomas 3rd - **26km Marathon Race** - Male Over 50 All craft category (Only SUP)
3. SUP attendance at **BGCC Summer Time Trials** series was minimal this FY contributed by team commitments to morning training sessions i.e. 3x/week. Other factors include; club members live/work in Bungendore and difficult to meet start times on a Wednesday afternoon, home/family - children and sport commitments, weather conditions not ideal for SUP racing, use of new handicap concept (in order for it to work needs consistent attendance of previous week) to determine handicap timing / difficult - confusing.

Triathlon

Bob Collins

- No longer involved
- At most raised \$1500 but fees paid are not worth the significant time and effort involved for club members.

5. Proposed constitutional changes

Russell outlined the proposed constitutional changes that had been circulated to members and included in Blazing Paddles.

Not for profit status

Current:

1. OBJECTIVES

- The promotion and development of all aspects of paddle sports.
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- To provide support and encouragement to members in competition subject to the Club's discretion.
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Proposed

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Burley Griffin Canoe Club is a not for profit organisation whose objectives are:

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Motion: To approve the proposed constitutional amendment:

To insert a new objectives section, which has the words 'Burley Griffin Canoe Club is a not for profit organisation whose objectives are:' prior to outlining the four objectives.

Those in support of the motion: 16 Those opposed to the motion: 0

The Motion was passed by the AGM by a 2/3 majority of those present.

Training and safety officer

Current:

12. OFFICERS OF THE ASSOCIATION.

- i. The officers of the Club shall be:
 - a) President;
 - b) Vice President;
 - c) Secretary;
 - d) Treasurer;
 - e) Boat Captain;
 - f) Training and Safety Officer; and
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 - f) Safety Officer;
- ii The officers shall be elected annually from the Club members.
- iii Any person shall not hold the same office for more than two (2) successive years.

- Role not defined
- Discussion on this proposal questioned whether there was too much responsibility on the committee for safety - but it was recognised that this should be the responsibility for the committee as a whole
- Role to be resolved by new committee in consultation with coaches

Motion: To approve the proposed constitutional amendment:

To change the name of the ‘Safety and Training Officer’ to ‘Safety Officer’.

Those in support of the motion: 16 Those opposed to the motion: 0

The Motion was passed by the AGM by a 2/3 majority of those present.

6. Other business

Members thanked the committee for their work during the past year.

7. Committee Election

a) Nominations and election for the Public Officer

Bob Collins was nominated and elected as the Public Officer for the meeting
Nominator: Scott MacWilliam Seconded: Kai Swoboda Motion accepted

b) The Public Officer, Bob Collins then spoke to the meeting as following

As Acting Public Officer, in accordance with section 9 of the BGCC Constitution relating to annual general meetings, I declare the current committee dissolved and I advise that I will proceed to conduct an election for office bearers and other club positions.

As you aware, nominations have been called for in advance of this meeting. Nominations can also be accepted at this meeting. I remind the meeting that only current members are eligible for nomination and that they can be nominated and seconded and voted on only by current members.

c) PROCEED TO VOTING ON NOMINATED MEMBERS for the Committee

The Public Officer then proceeded with the voting on positions, commencing with the position of President. As there was only one nomination for positions, The Public Officer advised the meeting that the nominated people (as below) were declared elected.

Position	Person	Nominator	Seconded	Status
President	Russell Murphy	Patricia Ashton	Jane Lake	Declared
V President	Patricia Ashton	Russell Murphy	Jacque Gutterson	Declared
Treasurer	Trent Burkett	Kai Swoboda	Patricia Ashton	Declared
Safety Officer				Vacant
Boat Captain	Scott Hunter	Patricia Ashton	Russell Murphy	Declared
Ordinary Member	Christine O'Brien	Anne Cronin	Kai Swoboda	Declared

Ordinary Member	Jeremy Cook	Russell Murphy	Anne Cronin	Declared
Secretary	Kai Swoboda	Patricia Ashton	Russell Murphy	Declared

d) Nominations and voting / agreement for non-committee positions.

Bob Collins advised that nominations had been received for some of the positions, as below, and the nominations were accepted. Further volunteers would be sought for vacant positions.

Position	Person
Membership Secretary	Helen Tongway
Public Officer	Bob Collins
Editor	Michael Thomas
Coaches rep	Margi Bohm
Webmaster	Geoff Collett
Assistant Boat Captain	David Gordon
Canoe Polo	Laura Kleinrahm
SUP	Joanna Nelson
Tri	
Marathon	Russell Lutton (Events)
Sprint	
ORC	
BAK	Allan Newhouse
Slalom - ww	Kai Swoboda
Social Convener	
Publicity and Sponsorship	
Recreational paddling	Jacque Gutterson

The new Committee and Conveners were welcomed.

8. Meeting Closure:

The meeting closed at 11:45 a.m.