



**53<sup>rd</sup> AUSTRALIAN CANOEING ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING  
9.30AM SUNDAY 20<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER 2002**

**Carlton Crest Hotel  
Thomas Street  
Haymarket, NSW**

**PRESENT:**

<b>BOARD OF DIRECTORS</b>	Greg Kaeding Peter Vandeppeer	<i>President Education &amp; Recreation Director / Deputy Chairman</i>
	Graham Halford Gai Ness Jon Bisset	<i>Communications and Marketing Director Special Projects Director General Manager (Non Voting)</i>
<b>STANDING COMMITTEES</b>	Jason Dicker Jim Murphy Ian Hume Graeme Cartwright	<i>Board of Canoe Education Sprint Racing Committee Member Marathon Racing Committee Member Canoe Polo Committee</i>
<b>STATE ASSOCIATIONS</b>	Mike Holland Eric Ward Dianne Bensley Brevis Choate Derek Stevens Trevor Williamson	<i>Canoe Tasmania Member Canoeing Victoria Member Queensland Canoeing Member Canoeing WA Member Canoe SA Member NSW Canoeing Member</i>
<b>IN ATTENDANCE</b>	Amanda Whittaker Tom Hirschhoff Jackie Solakovski Helen Brownlee Carolyn Richards George Zorbass Paul O'Keeffe John McNeil Tony Coventry Peter Carter	<i>Australian Canoeing Canoeing Victoria Lander and Rogers Lawyers Australian Canoeing Life Member Canoeing WA Australian Canoeing Queensland Canoeing Queensland Canoeing Canoeing Victoria Canoe South Australia</i>

**ITEM 1. OPENING AND WELCOME BY PRESIDENT**

The President opened the meeting and thanked all members of Council for their attendance.

The unfortunate passing of Os Brownlee, Julian Carter and Judy Boocock was noted.

It was noted that as this day is a national day of mourning for the recent tragedy that occurred in Bali, if the meeting should continue through until 12noon a moments silence will be observed as a sign of respect.

## ITEM 2. ROLL CALL OF MEMBERS AND APOLOGIES

Apologies were received by the following people:

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| • Robin Belcher     | <i>Competition Director</i>     | Proxy Graham Halford        |
| • Michael Ashton    | <i>Canoe Northern Territory</i> | Proxy Canoe South Australia |
| • John Felton       | <i>Slalom Committee Chair</i>   | Proxy Canoeing WA           |
| • Noelene Stevenson | <i>Director</i>                 |                             |
| • Richard Fox       | <i>Head Coach Slalom</i>        |                             |
| • John Sumegi       | <i>Head Coach Sprint</i>        |                             |

## ITEM 3. MINUTES OF THE 2001 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

*It was moved that the minutes of the 2001 Annual General Meeting be confirmed as a true record.*

**Motion Carried**

## ITEM 4. ITEM 4 MINUTES OF THE 2002 MID-YEAR GENERAL MEETING

*It was moved that minutes of the 2002 Mid Year General Meeting be confirmed as a true record.*

**Motion Carried**

## ITEM 5. PRESENTATION OF THE ANNUAL REPORT

The President presented the Annual Report, including audited financial accounts on behalf of the Board of Directors.

*It was moved that the Council receive and note the Annual Report and financial Statements as presented to the meeting.*

**Motion Carried**

Two questions were asked by members of Council:

1. Please clarify the agreement between ICF and Australian Canoeing in regard to Penrith Whitewater Stadium repayments.

The President advised that at this years ICF congress a sustainable reimbursement process was put in place for the payment \$150,000 over ten years, being 50% of the original pledged amount.

2. Please outline how much money has been spent on the Award Scheme in total.

The General Manager advised that AC received an ASC grant of \$60,000 in 2000/01. That funding was used to employ Paul Sheppard. The project funding was promised over 4 years. In 2001/02 it was cut to \$40,000. The grant funding outlined included that used to employ staff. The income raised through the Award Scheme has been in excess of \$100,000.

## ITEM 6. MOTIONS SUBMITTED BY MEMBERS OF COUNCIL, STATE ASSOCIATIONS, STANDING COMMITTEES AND THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

The President advised that two motions, specifying the intention to propose the resolution as a special resolution, had been notified to the General Manager by the Board as special resolutions under rule 37 of the Statement of Purposes and Rules and sections 30 and 33 of the *Associations Incorporation Act 1991* (ACT) and notice of these motions had been distributed as required by the Constitution.

### ITEM 6.1 Motion to adopt New Constitution

The General Manager advised the Council that all comments forwarded during the draft process of the constitution were considered and discussed with Lander and Rodgers.

Eric Ward on behalf of the Canoeing Victoria expressed concern that no recreation committee was specified in the proposed Constitution.

Eric Ward was asked to clarify what role CV thought a recreation committee could play at a national level. Eric advised that the recent canoeing survey in Queensland signifies the extent of recreational members. Roles of the Committee could potentially be dealing with environmental and access issues. Concern was raised as to whether it would be best performed by a constitutional committee or best for the Board to appoint a committee outside of the constitution.

Peter Vandeppeer noted that the current Board of Canoe Education has a great deal to do with this. A possibility would be for the ABCE to increase their load and also take on Recreation and Tourism.

Eric Ward noted that the ABCE already perform a great deal of roles however don't currently work with sit ons and sea kayaks etc. The current Victorian Touring (Recreational) Committee publish maps, organise canoe games and are currently working on a coastal trail.

Brevis Choate (Canoeing WA) noted that the Education and Recreation Committees if one is to be formed needed to be separate. In WA 80% of members are recreational. This would address the needs of members to feel included in the Association's activities.

Jason Dicker (ABCE) expressed concern that committees were actually specified in the Constitution. Jackie Solakovski noted that their legal advice was not to list them. Normally in an association this would be the way however as a result of the mid year meeting they were included in the constitution. However Rule 33.3 allows the Board to create other committees outside of the constitution.

Eric Ward noted that as per Western Australia's comments volunteers needed to be recognised and formation of official committees assists in recognition of these people.

Mike Holland (Tasmania) noted that the distinction between sport and recreation is strong and in some way recreational paddlers need to be recognised by the State Association.

Peter Vandeppeer (Board) expressed concern in filling a recreational committee, as it had been tried unsuccessfully in the past with difficulty in retaining office bearers or active State representatives.

Jason Dicker (ABCE) noted that if a specific recreation committee were set up he would like to see a specific purpose outlined.

As there was no further comment a vote on the amendment was conducted.

*It was moved that rule 33.3 be amended to add a recreation committee to 33.3(viii)."*

### **Motion Lost.**

Eric Ward advised that CV also felt that State Associations should be used as a filter for national committee members. Eric explained that this would allow State Associations to ensure nominees on national committees would be working within the States views.

Greg Kaeding noted that the intention of an open process ensured an opportunity for nominations for positions on the Technical Committees were based on personal experience within the sport. It was a conscious decision of the Board to encourage a maximum number of nominees for the positions.

Jackie Solakovski (Lander and Rogers) asked to speak. This topic was discussed at the mid year meeting and it was decided then that the Board should review applicants.

Brevis Choate (Canoeing WA) expressed his concern that the term members in the constitution was very broad and limiting to State nominations would only limit those that can nominate and not the number of nominees.

Peter Vandeppeer (Board) noted that if a standing committee had three members the three best suited may all live in the one State, yet a state may consider it inappropriate to put forward three nominees from their own State.

Graeme Cartwright (Canoe Polo) noted that Canoe Polo were against nominations coming in only from the state associations as it would provide State Associations with the power over potential committee composition.

Eric Ward (Canoeing Victoria) clarified that Canoeing Victoria were a strong advocate of the national agenda but wanted to ensure that there was a measure to ensure individuals working in conflict with State Associations would not be appointed into national positions.

Graham Halford (Board) advised that the concerns of the Council were indeed understood by the board, but assured members that as canoeing is a small community of sports people, the Board is in a position to make an informed decision regarding nominees. This amendment if approved could result in a drastic narrowing of the pool of nominees available for the Board to select from.

As there was no further comment a vote on the amendment was conducted.

*"That rule 33.3(b)(i) be amended by replacing the word 'members' with the words 'State Association'"*

and

*"That rule 33.3(b)(iv) be amended by replacing the word 'members' with the words 'State Association'"*.

**Motion Lost**

As there were no further questions the President asked the Council to vote on the following motion.

*It was moved that the existing Statement of Purposes and Rules of Australian Canoeing Inc be replaced with the Constitution as annexed to the Notice of Special Resolution.*

**Motion Carried Unanimously.**

ITEM 6.2 Motion to set date for commencement of new Constitution

*It was moved that the Constitution come into force on 1 November 2002 or the date on which the General Manager lodges the notice in the approved form setting out the particulars of the alteration with the Registrar General's Office, ACT, whichever is the latter.*

**Motion Carried Unanimously.**

Greg Kaeding (President) thanked the Council for their considered viewpoint on the constitutional motion and their unanimous acceptance of the motion. The decision had come about as a result of the Board applying a very thorough process of consultation and review of the Constitution over a significant period of time. He thanked the Council for their decision and their active engagement in the process.

**ITEM 7. ELECTION OF MEMBERS OF THE BOARD**

**ITEM 7.1 Election of Competition Director**

**Candidate**

Mr Robin Belcher

Robin Belcher was elected unanimously as Competition Director.

**ITEM 7.2 Election of Education & Recreation Director.**

**Candidate**

Mr Peter Vandeppeer

Peter Vandeppeer was elected unanimously as Education and Recreation Director

**ITEM 7.3 Election of Finance Director.**

**Candidate**

Ms Noelene Stevenson

Noelene Stevenson was elected unanimously as Finance Director.

**ITEM 8. APPOINTMENT OF EXTERNAL AUDITOR**

*It was moved that Ken Osborn of Walker Osborn Chartered Accountants be appointed as Auditor for 2002/2003.*

**Motion Carried**

**ITEM 9. REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES AND STATE ASSOCIATION MEMBERS**

Each member of Council as appointed by their respective State Associations and Standing Committees presented a verbal report on their State Association or Standing Committees activities since the last Annual General Meeting.

The President thanked the delegates for the informative nature of their reports and congratulated them on the progress they were making with their respective programs and initiatives.

**ITEM 10. ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP FEES**

It was noted that since Council adopted the new constitution, the setting of membership fees becomes the responsibility of the Board and as such the following two motions as advised in the Notice of Meeting were not required to be considered and were withdrawn.

The motions were:

“That the Council accept the Board recommendation that membership fees for State Association members be \$400 for 2003/2004.”

“That the Council accept the Board recommendation that capitation fees for 2003/04 be determined by the Board as soon as insurance premiums are finalised, but in any case prior to the 31st December 2002.”

**ITEM 11. ANNOUNCEMENT OF 2002 HONOURS AWARDS**

The President announced the Awards of Merit for 2002:

Katrin Borchert	<i>Winner Overall 2002 Flatwater World Cup</i>
Nathan Baggaley	<i>K1 500 Gold Medallist at 2002 World Championships Seville</i>
Women's Canoe Polo Team	<i>3<sup>rd</sup> Place World Championships Essen Carolyn Cochrane (Capt.) Juliette Makin Gail Songberg Kate Abbey Anne Rosser Sarah Alexander Megan Holmes Jo Patrick Alison Hughes Briony Turner</i>

Congratulations were extended to all recipients.

**ITEM 12. 2003 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF THE AUSTRALIAN COUNCIL**

*It was moved that that the 2003 Annual General Meeting be held in Sydney on the 19th October 2003.”*

**Motion Carried**

**ITEM 13. MEETING CLOSE**

The President thanked all Council members and observers for their attendance and their respective contributions to the meeting, and closed the meeting at 12.47 PM.

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Greg Kaeding President and Council Chairman