



# ORIENTEERING NSW

## Minutes of Annual General Meeting (Revised)

30 March 2019

Hill End Lodge, Hill End

### 1.0 OPENING

The President, Greg Barbour, opened the meeting at 5:00 pm and thanked those who had made the effort to attend. The Secretary confirmed that a quorum was present.

### 2.0 ATTENDANCE AND APOLOGIES

#### 2.1 Delegates

Rebecca George (BF), Hamish Mackie (BF), Terry Bluett (BN), Darren Slattery (BN), Robyn Pallas (CC), Alice Martin (CC), Barbara Junghans (GO), Jamie Kennedy (GO), Tania Kennedy (GO), Ken Jacobson (GO), Anna Fitzgerald (GS), Ian Froude (IK), Kevin Curby (IK), Rob Vincent (NC), Maurice Anker (NT), Peter Meyer (SH), Robert Spry (SH and Board), Ant Nolan (UR), Terry Murphy (UR), Linda Sesta (UR), Maureen Fitzpatrick (WH), Alex Davey (WR).  
Total 22 delegates

#### 2.2 Proxies

Simon George to Hamish Mackie (BF), Peter Orr, Shane Jenkins, Carolyn Rigby, Russell Rugby (all NC) to Rob Vincent

#### 2.3 Others Present

Greg Barbour (President), Mark Shingler (Finance Director), Michael Ridley-Smith (Director), Ian Jessup (Marketing Officer), and at least 7 other members – Colin Price, Alec Watt, Stephan Wagner, Don Barker, Sue Froude, Vicki Wilmott, Helen Murphy

#### 2.4 Apologies

Ian Miller (WH), Basil Baldwin (GS), Jean Baldwin (GS)

### 3.0 PREVIOUS MINUTES

Secretary R Spry advised that the Minutes of the 2018 AGM had been reviewed by the Board, and circulated.

Moved Robert Spry, seconded Michael Ridley-Smith, that the Minutes of the Annual General Meeting, held on 21 April 2018, be adopted. Carried.

A Special General Meeting had been held on 1 September 2018, and Minutes have been circulated. Moved Robert Spry, seconded Jamie Kennedy, that the Minutes of the Special General Meeting, held on 1 September 2018, be adopted. Carried.

#### **4.0 CORRESPONDENCE**

Nil.

#### **5.0 ANNUAL REPORT**

The Annual Report 2018, including the Annual Financial Statement has only just been completed, and because this meeting is being held earlier in the year than normal there has not been time to circulate it. President Greg Barbour gave a verbal report. ONSW has a two-pronged overall strategy of increasing participation and encouraging community. A highlight of the year was increased participation on a per-event basis. Other achievements included consistent high-quality events; a comprehensive member survey, the first in 10 years; and hosting two young 'coaches in residence' from Europe.

#### **6.0 FINANCIAL STATEMENT AND AUDITOR'S REPORT**

Finance Director Mark Shingler tabled the 2018 Annual Financial Statement and Auditor's Report. He referred to the following:

- 2018 deficit of \$48,340 (note that a loss of \$42,100 was budgeted for in 2018) compared to a surplus of \$200 in 2017
- Net revenue change in 2018: -\$198,816 (3 major carnivals held in 2017)
- Net expenditure change in 2018: -\$155,601

Moved Mark Shingler, seconded Greg Barbour that the 2018 Annual Financial Statement and Auditor's Report of Orienteering NSW Inc. be adopted. Carried.

#### **7.0 ELECTION OF OFFICE BEARERS**

A delegate advised that he and other delegates to whom he had spoken had not been notified of any nominations for any of the Board positions, as required by the Constitution. Accordingly he moved: "That the election of Office Bearers be postponed to an Adjourned AGM to be held prior to 31 May 2019 in Sydney with 28 days' notice of the meeting to be given to members".

The Secretary revealed that he had, in fact, received signed nomination forms from the current office-holders for their current positions, in accordance with the Constitution. He accepted he had not notified delegates of those nominations as required. He stated it was an oversight, and apologised.

After discussion, the Motion was lost 13 – 11.

The Secretary stated to the meeting that the Constitution indicates that he is the Returning Officer for any elections. The Secretary then asserted that, as each of the President, Secretary, Finance Director and 2 Board members had nominated as per the Constitution, they are each elected to the positions for which they had nominated. Accordingly, those appointments were:

**President:** Greg Barbour

**Secretary:** Robert Spry

**Finance Director:** Mark Shingler

**Directors:** Andrew Power, Anna Fitzgerald.

Michael Ridley-Smith was nominated by Barbara Junghans (GO) to stand again for the ONSW Board. Michael accepted the nomination. The Returning Officer called for further nominations for Director from the floor. There being no further nominations, Michael Ridley-Smith was declared elected.

Robert Spry was re-appointed to the position of Public Officer of Orienteering NSW Inc.

## **8.0 MOTIONS ON NOTICE**

There were two related Motions on Notice, seeking to amend the Constitutional provisions on ONSW membership.

*Motion 1: "That the Constitution of Orienteering NSW Inc. be amended as below:*

*(a) In Clause 3(a), replace the words 'The membership types are Senior Member, Junior Member, Family Member or Associate Member.' with the words 'The membership types are Senior Member, Junior Member or Family Member.'*

*(b) In Clause 20(d), delete the words '(not including Associate memberships).'*

*Motion 2: In Clause 21, replace the words 'annual registration fee' with 'annual registration fees'."*

A delegate drew to attention that the proposed Motion had not met the requirements of the Constitution in that the Notice which had been circulated omitted the names of the proposer and seconder and the second part of the proposed Motion 1 contained a factual error.

This point was accepted and a general discussion was held about the impact of such a proposed change, if it was to occur, on regional Clubs.

Delegates from GS and NC noted that Associate membership is mainly relevant to Regional clubs, i.e. those outside of Sydney whose members cannot easily participate in the full range of metropolitan events. It was noted that some other State Associations offer a form of regional or discounted membership to remote-area clubs.

The ONSW Board will further consider the matter of Associate membership or alternatives in light of the discussion at the meeting.

## **9.0 BOARD RECOMMENDATIONS**

(a) 2019-21 Budget. Finance Director Mark Shingler presented the draft 2019-21 budget, for information and discussion. Significant points included:

- ONSW strategy is to spend money to grow, this has led to some diminution of reserves. Measures are being put in place to reduce expenditure, however due to the timing of these, the budget forecasts a deficit of \$33,000 in 2019 when there are no major national carnivals, with the aim of a break-even position over a 3-year cycle.
- Increases to ONSW levies with effect from 1<sup>st</sup> April 2019 and membership fees from 2020 (effective October 2019 for those renewing or joining early). After discussion it was

agreed to leave the senior membership fee unchanged and increase the family membership to \$100.

- ONSW will continue to pass on any future increases in OA levies.

There was some discussion, the Finance Director and the Board will review the Budget in the light of these comments.

## **10.0 GENERAL BUSINESS**

### **10.1 Open Discussion**

President Greg Barbour gave a general presentation on some Board proposals. The items discussed were.:

- 1 Member Survey. Due to the late hour, it is not practicable to present the results of the member survey to this meeting. The results are interesting and ONSW will arrange for them to be available to clubs and members. It is possible to break out the results by club or other criteria, e.g. age ranges. Retiring Board member Alice Martin was thanked for undertaking the Member Survey.
- 2 Event Rotation concept. This concept is to develop a rotation system for major NSW events, to allow better forward planning. Members were generally in favour as long as the plan remains flexible.

### **10.2 Other Business**

- Greg Barbour moved a vote of thanks to Executive Officer Paul Prudhoe who has resigned from ONSW. During his time Paul has undertaken a wide range of tasks to improve the ONSW office's ability to service members.

## **11.0 CLOSURE**

The meeting closed at 6:45 pm approximately.

Minutes prepared by ONSW Secretary, Robert Spry