



AIDA New Zealand Annual General Meeting Minutes

Date: 21 March 2015
Location: 15 Puataata Road, Turangi, New Zealand
Time: 7.20pm to 10.30pm

Present: Phil Clayton, Guy Brew, Chris Marshall, Tania Rounthwaite, Joy Keene, John Wright, Paul Smillie (via Skype), Kathryn Nevatt, Dave Wiessing, Shelley Gurney, Timon Walkey.

Apologies: Lance Buckthought

Agenda:

1. Previous minutes
2. Matters arising from previous minutes
3. Annual report
4. Financial report
5. Media report
6. Rebranding and AIDA role in NZ freediving
7. Judging
8. AIDA Training
9. AIDA NZ Initiatives
10. AIDA International / Rule and Guideline changes
11. Nationals 2015 - Pool
12. Nationals 2016 - Depth
13. International Events
14. Election of officials
15. Any other business

1. **Previous Minutes:** Noted and accepted.

2. Matters arising from previous minutes:

- One minor correction to be made (Item #4 Treasurers report – amend date to 31 March 2013).
- Approval of 2014 minutes: Phil Clayton moved, Guy Brew seconds, unanimously approved.
- Was noted that the previous minutes should have the reports attached.

3. Annual report

- There has been a huge increase in freediving's profile – this is partly attributed to the spinoff from William Trubridges world record attempt).
- Grassroots growth mainly in Auckland (approximately 80 members in the Auckland Freediving Club).
- AIDA NZ has been working on a number of initiatives
- AIDA NZ has had input into a number of rule and guideline changes with AIDA International.
- NZ Competitive divers are doing well:
 - William Trubridge – 1st & 2nd (CNF & CWT)
 - Kate Middleton – 4th (FIM), 10th (CNF), 18th (CWT)
 - Kathryn Nevatt – 1st – (DNF), 2nd (STA), 17th (DYN)
 - Guy Brew – 3rd (STA), 22nd (DNF)
 - Dave Mullins – 23rd (DNF)
 - Gemma Cookson – 15th (DNF)
- What does AIDA NZ do? Phil handed out information and noted that the information is also up on the website.
- Noted that the following member's terms were up this year: Phil Clayton, Joy Keene, Tania Rounthwaite.
- President's report was circulated.

Paul Smillie joined via Skype at 7.35.

4. Treasurers report

Financial report for Year ended 31 March 21014 presented by Treasurer and discussed.

Vote to accept Treasurers report: Paul Smillie proposes, Phil Clayton seconds, vote was unanimous.

5. Media report

William Trubridges dive created good awareness of freediving. Shelley has set up the website and is also posting all media on Facebook and Twitter. (Phil formally recognized all the work Shelley has done on this and the work that Joy did around Will's dive (Interviews with Dave Mullins, Jono Sunnex, Kate Middleton, Kathryn Nevatt).

6. Rebranding

AIDA NZ is being rebranded as Freediving NZ although it will also still remain as AIDA NZ.

- The logo will essentially be the same, just Freediving NZ not AIDA NZ
- AIDA NZ logo needs to be checked for copyright against All Blacks logo usage of fern
(ACTION)
- www.freedivingnz.co.nz domain name has been secured and www.freediving.co.nz and www.freediving.org have been registered
- www.freediving.nz will be registered by 31 March 2015 **(ACTION - Chris Marshall)**
- Facebook rename will happen in the very near future. Formal communication to members to advise of name change to come. **(ACTION – Joy Keene)**
- Brief discussion on pull up banners for competitions
- AIDA NZ page has gone from 204 members to 437 in the last 3½ months
- It was noted the AFA (Australian Freediving Association) has recently experienced a number of the issues we are currently facing

7. Judging

Guy gave a progress report:

- Previously there has been almost a monopoly of international judging however recent steps have been taken by AIDA International to broaden the base of International Judges
- The first significant update of rules in many years happened in late 2014
- Last 2 National competitions have been big enough not to split into Male / Female categories without having competitors judging
- Letter from Ben Jeffares:
 - The Board asked Guy Brew and Joy Keene to discuss with Ben offline and to provide feedback. **(ACTION – Guy Brew, Joy Keene)**
- It was noted that due to our geographical location there were not a lot of competitions close by for our Judges to judge and increase their status
- John Wright noted that some email addresses on the Judges list are bouncing back. John will provide the details of these names to Joy to amend the list.
- It was felt that the AIDA NZ requirement of 3 judges per competition was making organizing smaller competitions hard

Motion put forward:

AIDA NZ allows that NZ competitions (with the exception of the National Pool and National Depth competitions) only require a minimum of 2 judges who will be signed off by the AIDA NZ board.

Motion put forward:

Motion put forward: competition organisers will recommend judges and head judge preference to the AIDA NZ board. AIDA NZ will respond within 3 working days approval of judges.

**Phil Clayton proposed motions, Shelley Gurney seconded, unanimous agreement.
MOTION CARRIED**

Motion put forward:

Non National competition organisers will use the Judges mailing list to invite all active Judges to express interest in judging their competition. The organiser will select their preferred Judge and Head Judge and email this to the Board. The organisers must however show the Board the names of all the Judges who responded to the request.

**Phil Clayton proposed motion, Kathryn Nevatt seconded, unanimous agreement.
MOTION CARRIED**

8. AIDA Training

Not yet officially announced but there are now 4 new Aida Instructors (Phil Clayton, Braden Lynch, Rob Harrison and Regan Hall). There are also a significant number of people on AIDA levels 1, 2 & 3 thanks to recent courses held by Jono Sunnex.

9. AIDA NZ Initiatives

a) Report on clarification of Adventure Activities Audit requirements – Paul Smillie (by proxy)

Review and booklet handed out at meeting.

- Paul Smillie has been in talks with Worksafe NZ and noted that we have a 'verbal agreement' with them that our current draft agreement is ok.
- Discussion around the cost of an audit – Paul Smillie will look into this. **(ACTION – Paul Smillie)**
- Paul will contact each of the clubs and will look at getting some examples to discuss with Worksafe NZ to get a clear understanding about requirements in specific cases..

b) Report on clarification of contraindications on AIDA NZ and Club medical disclaimers – Joy Keene

- Helen Field has previously agreed to work on this with Joy but to date this is still to be actioned. Kasia Hunt is interested and qualified and Joy will work with her on this.

c) Motion on proposed changes to income stream – Paul Smillie

- Original motion included \$ amounts. Paul will take this out and amend to read 'a nominal amount'.
- Same sum to be used for all members of all clubs.
- Responses from Lazy Seals, Auckland Freediving Club and Breathtakers Freediving club were given.

Motion put forward:

That an alternative funding stream for AIDA NZ be approved allowing clubs affiliated with AIDA NZ to elect to pay a nominal amount per member for all full club members. Full members of that club will be considered AIDA NZ registered for the purposes of AIDA NZ competitions.

Paul Smillie proposed motion, Phil Clayton seconded, Yes = 7 votes and 2 abstains (Chris Marshall and Timon Walkey), Shelley absent from room. MOTION CARRIED

Motion put forward:

AIDA NZ registration fees be set at \$20 per full affiliated club members and \$100 per nonaffiliated club members for 2015-2016.

Paul Smillie proposed motion, Phil Clayton seconded, Yes = 8 votes and 1 abstain (Chris Marshall), Shelley absent from room. MOTION CARRIED

10. AIDA International / Rule and Guideline changes

There has been a mixture recent of changes (good, average and bad). Chris is on a Committee with Jody Fisher, Antero Paulina to go through these changes.

Chris and AIDA NZ Board have pushed ahead with these changes and see it as a positive step forward.

11. Nationals 2015 – Pool

- Proposed date for NZ Pool Nationals is 2-4 October 2015.
- Competition to be held over 3 days.
- Statics session to be held on Friday night at a different pool and will be held 3 competitors at a time.
- OceanHunter are happy to sponsor the costs for the pool and provide a cash prize for 1st male and female competitors.
- Paul Smillie will clarify sponsorship details with John Wright first as we need to be sensitive to OceanHunter vs our current Dive Wellington / Beauchat obligations.
- The AIDA NZ Board is happy with the concept.

12. Nationals 2016 – Depth

- Format: 3 days, 3 disciplines.
- Location; Taupo.
- 3rd weekend in March.

Motion put forward:

To keep the current above format for the 2016 National Depth competition.

Phil Clayton proposed motion, Guy Brew seconded, unanimous agreement.

MOTIONS CARRIED

13. International Events

a) Pool World Championships – Belgrade (June 2015)

Chris Marshall is attending.

b) Depth World Championships – Limisol, Cyprus

Unsure if William Trubridge, Jono Sunnex or Kate Middleton are attending.

Chris will remind / encourage athletes to consider and sign up.

Chris will work with Joy and Shelley to arrange communications to athletes.

ACTION – Chris Marshall

Noted that there are changes going forward:

- Team and Pool Championships both being held in 2016
- Depth Championships to be held in 2017

c) Pan Pacific Competition – Australia, 25-28 November 2015

- Michael and Aiya are organizing this.
- At this stage they are looking at around 50 athletes participating
- There will also be a judge's refresher and reactivation course held at the same event.
- Judges have been named as: Fran Rose, John Wright and Paul(?)

Chris Marshall will send out details with World Championship email.

ACTION – Chris Marshall

14. Election of officials

- **Phil Clayton – term on board expires this AGM. Standing for re-election.**
 - Guy Brew nominated Phil Clayton as President, Tania Rounthwaite seconds. Vote unanimous.
- **Chris Marshall - term on board expires this AGM. Prefer to stand down but if needed will continue.**
 - Phil Clayton nominated Chris Marshall as Technical Officer, Guy Brew seconds. Vote unanimous.
- **Joy Keene - term on board expires this AGM.**
 - Joy decided to continue in this position. Vote unanimous agreeing to this.
- **Tania Rounthwaite - term on board expires this AGM. Not standing.**
 - Tania confirmed her decision to stand down from the board.

Motion put forward:

That a position on the AIDA NZ Board be established for an external unpaid board member with specific governance experience in the field of sport and recreation and skills to match our specific needs.

**Paul Smillie proposed motion, Joy Keene seconded, unanimous agreement.
MOTION CARRIED**

15. Other Business

Motion put forward:

All motions for AGM are to be announced no less than 1 month prior to the AGM.

**Joy Keene proposed motion, unanimous agreement.
MOTION CARRIED**

Motion put forward:

AGM to be held earlier in the day for the benefit of athletes and judges.

**Tania Rounthwaite proposed motion, unanimous agreement.
MOTION CARRIED**

Meeting closed 10.30pm