



Freediving NZ (AIDA New Zealand Incorporated)

Minutes for Annual General Meeting

5:00-7:00PM, Saturday 19th March 2016
17 Puataata Road, Turangi, New Zealand

1. Present /Apologies

Present: Phil Clayton, Chris Marshall, Guy Brew, Joy Cottle, Paul Smillie, Ali Alkhalifah, Braden Lynch, Rob Harrison, Antony Hafoka, Dave Reid, Mark Jory, Esther Stuck, Mal Bird, John Wright, Hayden Salmons, Nicky Toothill, Ben Jeffares, Dave Mullins, Gemma Cookson, Tania Rounthwaite, Timon Walkley

Present Online (via Skype): Nick Rhodes, Marine Pomerade, Kathryn Nevatt

Apologies: none

2. Approval of Previous AGM minutes:

Phil Clayton motioned that the 2015 AGM minutes are a true and accurate record.

Seconded: Joy Cottle.

Votes for: 24

Votes against: 0

Abstained: 0

3. Matters arising from previous minutes:

- AIDA NZ logo needs to be checked for copyright against All Blacks logo usage of fern (Action not put on anyone) - **Not complete**
- Freediving.nz to be registered by 31 March 2015 (ACTION - Chris Marshall) - **Complete**
- Facebook rename will happen in the very near future. Formal communication to members to advise of name change to come. (ACTION – Joy Keene) - **Complete**
- The Board asked Guy Brew and Joy Keene to discuss the letter of concerns with Ben offline and to provide feedback. (ACTION – Guy Brew, Joy Keene) - **Complete**
- Discussion around the cost of an audit – Paul Smillie will look into this. (ACTION – Paul Smillie) - **Not complete**
- Depth WC's Chris will work with Joy and Shelley to arrange communications to athletes. (Action Chris Marshall) - **Complete**
- Information on PanPacs to be sent out with WC's info (Action Chris Marshall) - **Complete**

4. 2015 Annual report: By President, Phil Clayton

Presidents report read by Phil
Judging report read by Guy
Technical report read by Chris
Comms report read by Joy

5. 2015 Financial report: By Treasurer, Paul Smillie

Financial report read by Paul Smillie.

Phil Clayton motioned that the 2015 financial statements are a true and accurate record.

Seconded: Ben Jeffares

Votes for: 22
Votes against: 0
Abstained: 0

6. National Competitions

- T3
- Pool Nationals

7. International competitions

8. World Record Attempts

Will Trubridge has announced a CNF record attempt for this year, this was initially planned for March but has since been postponed.

9. Current AIDA NZ constitution

- Review of current situation
- Call for volunteers to form a working group on this subject

Phil read out rules for presenting and discussing motions; motion presented, seconded, discussed, amended, voted on.

Joy Cottle and Ben Jeffares presented the following motion to propose a process for adopting a new constitution:

Motion: That the board initiates a process to adopt a new constitution that reflects the vibrant and positive community of New Zealand Freedivers. That the board appoints individual to coordinate and communicate about this process to ensure a clear point of contact for the board, clubs, and the New Zealand Freediving community. That it starts this process by adopting a suitable "off the shelf" constitution. That this constitution is chosen and modified in consultation with a reference group made up of individuals appointed by, and representing, the New Zealand Freediving clubs. That a SGM be held at a suitable time and place to formally adopt an agreed upon constitution. That this SGM be held no later than July 2016. That this SGM also vote upon all positions required to fulfill the administrative functions of the newly re-constituted board.

Seconded: Rob Harrison

The motion was discussed by those present and there was general agreement. Some questions were raised about time frame and the re-election of the board at SGM.

Joy spoke about experience rewriting constitutions, Paul spoke about experience on working groups. Some of those present indicated that they were willing to be part of the working group.

Based on feedback from those present the following revised motion was presented:

Revised motion: *That we adopt the standard societies act set of rules, and that a working party is put together to adapt it for us, and they will present it at an SGM at T3. And that a new board is elected at the SGM.*

Seconded: John Wright

Votes for: 22

Votes against: 0

Abstained: 2

The following people indicated they were willing to be part of the working party; Rob H, Joy C, Phil C, Dave R, Ben J, Paul S.

10. Member Motions

Appointment of sports development officer to the board - Presented by Ben Jeffares

Motion: That Freediving New Zealand acknowledge Tania Rounthwaite and Breathtakers Freediving Club for their organisation of Depth Camp 2016. And that Freediving New Zealand look to appoint a development officer to support and promote initiatives of this type in the future.

Seconded: Gemma Cookson

The motion was discussed by those present. Current board members discussed the current workloads, and issues fulfilling the current roles on the board. Otherwise general support for the position and sentiment for the role. Ben clarified that this does not have to be a board position.

Votes for: 24

Votes against: 0

Abstained: 0

Recognition of NZ's freediving history - Presented by Ben Jeffares

Motion: That Freediving New Zealand recognise that it is over 10 Years since the first New Zealand freedivers attended an international freediving competition - Canada 2004. That Freediving New Zealand acknowledge the members of that team: John Wright, Suzy Kensington, Fran Rose, Tracey Russell, Marcus Thompson and Patrick Preisig as the "Originals" of New Zealand Freediving. That it also acknowledges in particular John Wright, Fran Rose and Tracey Russell's continued involvement in the sport as coaches, administrators and judges. That Freediving New Zealand celebrates with them their achievements.

Seconded: Phil Clayton

Round of applause from those present.

Votes for: 24
Votes against: 0
Abstained: 0

Appointment of a womens development officer - Presented by Ben Jeffares

Motion: That the board appoint and support a women's development officer, That a women's development officer work with a reference group of women from all levels of the sport to develop a program with the purpose of ensuring that there are no barriers to women competing, administering, or officiating in the sport at all levels.

Seconded: John Wright

General support for the position

Votes for: 19
Votes against: 5
Abstained: 0

Changes to club member levys - Presented by Paul Smillie

Motion: That the club member levy currently standing at \$20.00 per FTE club member be reduced to \$10.00. That the club member levy be used only to cover the costs associated with the governance of the sport, and its commitments to the sport's international governing body. That any unused levy be rebated to the clubs at the end of the financial year.

Seconded: Rob Harrison

The motion was discussed by those present. General lack of support for the motion.

Motion withdrawn by Paul Smillie

11. Election of board members

- Out going board members

The following board members are outgoing; Guy Brew, Paul Smillie, Timon Walkley

- Details of nominations and election

The following nominations were received by the board prior to the meeting:

Ben Jeffares - nomination accepted by Ben
John Wright - nomination declined by John

Floor opened to receive further nominations to fulfill the remaining vacant board positions. The following nominations were received:

Timon Walkley - nominated by Guy Brew, seconded by Ben Jeffares, accepted by Timon
Gemma Cookson - nominated by Guy Brew, seconded by Chris Marshall, accepted by Gemma
Paul Smillie - nominated by Guy Brew, declined by Paul
Nick Rhodes - nominated by Hayden Salmon, seconded by Rob Harrison, accepted by Nick

All accepted nominations appointed to board.

12. General Business:

Dave Reid advised he happy to assist the board.

Paul Smillie proposed that club member levys remain at \$20 per person. This was unanimously supported.

Braden Lynch spoke about the AFC in response to statements made about the clubs focus. He clarified that they remain committed to freediving.

Mal Bird spoke about the upcoming T3 competition and his network of sponsors. Some T3 hosting issues raised by AFC. Discussion taken offline for follow-up outside of the AGM.

Meeting closed 7:55pm