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PADDLE VICTORIA BOARD MEETING MINUTES

16 th June 2020

Venue: Zoom Meeting

Meeting: The meeting opened at 7.30

Present

Paul Loughran [PL] Chair person , Interested Director

Mark Heggie – Executive Officer (MH)

Lawrie Chenoweth – Independent Director (LC)

Georgina Wakim – Interested Director [GW]

William Sillcox [WS] interested Director

Victoria Langley [VL] Independent Director

Apologies

Kate Leverett Interested Director

Paul Grant Interested Director [PG]

No conflicts declared

No Child protection updates

Life jacket exemption proposal for formal training squads

Justin Quill and Adam Holovics from Mercantile CC presented a proposal to apply to MSV for life jacket exemptions in case by case training squads.



Adam and Justin had prepared a draft risk management doc for submission to MSV , the PV Board has had a chance to review document.

Adam and Justin proposed the reasons to seek exemptions were-

- To train as they race in sprint competition , national events , state events and international events do not require life jackets.
- To train safely and compliant
- To ensure Paddle Victoria training is conducted legally
- The plan is to be formulated and by Paddle Vic and submitted to MSV
- Clubs will be offered the chance to apply for exemptions
- Clubs will have to assume responsibility for complying with exemption conditions

Board members responded to presentation –

GW Thanked Adam and Justin and supported proposal

LC - Commented the requirements are comprehensive, a small amount of clubs will be interested in the exemption. Realizes it provides a way to be compliant where as now paddlers are paddling not compliant by not wearing lifejackets. He felt Mercantile would comply with the permit conditions.

VL Generally supported proposal, would like to check the liability of overseeing compliance. How would PV supply support to clubs to comply ?

WS felt it was a thorough plan, did not think many clubs would be interested in pursuing exemptions.

JQ said he would be happy to assist clubs with compliance.

JQ said he was happy to see plan amended . he also responded to the fairness point that if a club could not achieve the standards required to comply with exemption the fall back is to paddle with lifejackets which is the current situation.

PL summarized that Mark will go back to Justin and Adam and advise Mark will work with MSV. PI referred to a the Strategic Plan statement to “ grow the sport and be safe and enjoyable”

Justin and Adam left meeting at 8-10 pm

Discussion Regarding Lifejacket exemption and Board’s opinion

PL talked on the process of achieving exemption should be transparent and not onerous also needs to be manageable ongoing. PV office is resource poor.

PL asked for board members’s responses-

WS In principle Support Yes



VL Support in principle, felt it was going to be a challenge to be consistent with clubs and questioned are clubs annually reviewed by PV for compliance ? How would it work ?

LC would like to support, he is comfortable Mercantile can comply, even within clubs there will only be small groups who will want to have exemptions.

GW fully supports proposal, Safety officers will take the responsibility in clubs. Feels it will make many paddlers happy.

The proposal is unanimously supported for Mark to go on developing the proposal, and work with MSV .

PL Thanked Mark for his work and engaging with Justin and Adam to present to Board , Strategic plan policy is to engage with members . Good to enable members to talk directly to Board.

Ordinary Board meeting commenced-

Apologies KL

Resignation of Paul Grant

PL formally advised board of Paul Grant standing down as an interested director.

PL spoke on PG's time with the Board as President and Chair, he came on in a particularly tough time when there was the rebrand process with PA , persistent vandalism of slalom facilities , and the appointment of a new EO Mark Heggie.

Paul Grant also navigated PV in to an improved relationship with PA and the PA Chair Andrea Mc Quitty. Mark to recognize Paul Grant's contributions.

Minutes approved

Minutes From Special Meeting Wildwater 7 th May 2020

Minutes PV Board Meeting 14 th April

Minutes PV Board 19 th May 2020

Accepted by GW LC VL WS

Matters Arising

PIL asked MH to invite Roy F and on other form Wildwater committee to attend next Board meeting for update discussions.



MH spoke on COVID restrictions and reactivating competition, Bendigo Cup for October was planning to run and had achieved permits.

PL spoke on his meeting with the Sports Minister where they discussed membership , participation and the way forward from the shutdown. Paul put in requests for funding, received no commitment.

MH spoke on working with clubs and SRV to assist clubs receive small grants that could be used for cleaning or hygiene supplies.

VL congratulated the Board and MH on navigating these extraordinary times.

WS Agreed

GW expressed gratitude for the guidance and chair leadership PL has shown.

LC congratulated Board and Mark

Next meeting 21 st July 2020