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PADDLE VICTORIA BOARD MEETING MINUTES

14 th April 2020

Venue: Zoom Meeting

Meeting: The meeting opened at 7.35

Present

Paul Loughran [PL] Chair person , Interested Director on line

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

Kate Leverett Interested Director

Apologies

Paul Grant Interested Director [PG]

No conflicts declared

No Child protection updates

Minutes accepted for March meeting VL proposed and WS seconded



Finance discussion

MH spoke on his discussions with PA regarding their plans to develop a finance package to support the paddling community through COVID crisis.

MH informed PV was successful in attaining The State Government \$10000 which brings the June 2020 loss down from \$12000 to \$2000 projected.

PL spoke on his discussions with Phil Jones and Andrea McQuitty and felt confident they were understanding of the potential impact to the paddling community.

PL and The Board congratulated the staff on filling the requirements for the \$10000 successfully.

Paddle Vic position regarding the Stay at Home Message from State Gov

PL spoke on the message MH put out " Stay at Home do not paddle " needed context. At the time Recreational boating was not allowed and , despite the inconsistency, kayaks and Canoes are classified as vessels same as motorboats.

Messaging was clear coming from the Chief Medical Officer " Do not look for loopholes"

KL Felt we should have done more to advocate to allow paddling, , she felt paddling was safe. She felt the term recreational was demeaning to paddlers who trained regularly and competed at a high level.

PL Said he has asked for a meeting with the Sports Minister to raise the issue.

KL Said, we needed to lobby and not just accept what has been passed down.

WS Spoke on the shutdown and the wide reaching implications.

VL Said we have a duty to challenge the directions to not paddle, it will be too greater impact on the organization . said we did not fight for our membership base.

GW Supports KL and VL sentiments, wanted to know if we had lobbied DHHS and the Sports Minister wants to seek an exemption from DHHS.

LC Spoke on the discussion being around lobbying for competition paddlers rights when the vast majority of PV members are recreational paddlers .

PL Asked does the Board wish to seek an exemption and if so How do we do that ?
What should the application say ? H

How would the whole proposal look?

It was decided KL, VL and GW will work on the proposal..

Meeting finished at 9.30 pm