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# **PADDLE VICTORIA BOARD MEETING MINUTES**

**17 th March 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]

Minutes to be accepted at a later date.

No conflicts declared

No Child protection updates



**Polo negotiations** re financial issues , PL and MH met with chair Dale Tomlinson.

PL reported Dale was receptive to assistance and recognized there was a cultural issue. Bringing together all elements of the community was essential to successfully move forward. It was agreed that Sharon should formulate a plan and budget to commence facilitation work with the Polo Committee.

Mark spoke on the emerging factions in the polo community and how it was important that all come to the table and become part of the solution.

**Marine Safety** negotiations regarding Life Jacket exemptions for Australian Canoe Marathon Champs Geelong April 2020. MH reported MSV had granted all exemptions and alterations to rules including exclusion zones .

MH felt it was a positive outcome that MSV felt the PV Marathon Committee would host a well run event and confirmed the protocol requested by MH for all case by case life jacket exemptions to go through the Paddle Vic Office.

### **Strategic Plan**

PL spoke on the Board members individual contributions to the purpose of the strategic plan and to support the office .

PL spoke on his offer to clubs to host branding workshops.

WS spoke on his interest to assist in the participation and all access PARA paddling.

### **Corona Virus impacts**

KL spoke on the disaster of cancelled events , how do we maintain activity in difficult times.

WS and LC spoke on schools canoeing and cancellations of programs.

VL spoke on the opportunity to take a lead in the communications area.

PL spoke on promoting online training, VL and GW spoke on taking action asap.

PL spoke on PA messaging and statements.

MH spoke on upcoming events that were scheduled for the 22<sup>nd</sup> March, Yarra slalom and Bendigo short course racing. MH asked if the Board felt events should be cancelled ?

PL spoke on the duty of PV to assure the safety of all events, GW and LC said they were surprised the events were still scheduled, they supported training but not formal events.

PL spoke on the lack of formulated guidance from PA and PV in a fast changing environment. Reaffirmed if it is our event we need to assure safety.



General discussion regarding messaging and running events ,VL summarized discussion the risk of cancelling events is less than progressing an event. Unanimous agreement.

**Action** MH to contact Slalom and Marathon to cancel upcoming events.

**Financial report to PV Board reporting \$12000** predicted loss June 30 2020, maintaining current staff hours .  
Loss does not take in to account the proposed \$10000 grant from federal government.  
Board asked to consider and vote- board voted unanimously to accept.

Board was asked to endorse the change of signatories to Comm Banking replacing Paul Grant with Paul Loughran, Passed unanimously.

Discussion on interim meeting of Board , decided to meet 7 th April for a catch up meeting.

Meeting closed 9.30 pm