



Vision: To grow the Victorian paddling community
April Board Meeting Minutes

Date: Tuesday 26th April 2022
Time: 7:45pm
Venue: Westerfolds Park Templestowe

1. Welcome

Welcome

2. Present

Will Silcox, Mark Heggie, Lawrie Chenoweth, Vic Langley, Roz Manester
Brigit Doyle and Georgina Wakim via Mobile phone

3. Apologies

4. Acceptance of Previous Minutes

5. Conflict of Interest

None

6. Child Protection

MH and RM attended the new Child Safety Standards

Now 11 standards not 7 anymore and driven by National Standards rather than just Victoria
Child Protection – New rules and diff levels of responsibilities and reporting

RM – read out new rules to be implemented by July 2022.

MH mentioned Marathons desire to have all volunteers and members having WWCC.

BD – Commented that there should be more disability awareness.

MH to discuss disability later on in the meeting.

7. Matters Arising from Previous Meeting

PFD exemptions

for events if a Discipline wants them.

State Sprints and Marathon. Marathon don't want a blanket exemption.

Training on Club side. If a club wants it they will need to pick it up and run with it.

It would be very hard for Paddle Vic to police this.

ACTION : MH to advise Mercantile for eg that they should apply for it themselves in their own right as a club.

Risk mitigation is too high for PV.

PV aren't happy to sign off on this. Advise Mercantile to go straight to Marine Safety.

This will only be applicable to certain clubs, therefore not appropriate for PV to apply for a blanket exemption.

Marine Safety are more concerned about non paddlers being at a risk.

Such a small amount of people that it would apply to.

This agenda item can be closed off after months of discussion and a lot of time and energy devoted to it by MH.

Canoe Polo equipment - Not discussed

Canoe Polo comps are not that popular at the moment – recreational paddling is more popular..

Not much happening in the senior/ open area (BD)

Nationals are being organized for next year and try to involve the Uni paddlers.

MH raised the concern of Canoe Polo players not being members.

At this years Summer series – Interstate series. 15-20 of the paddlers were not members and didn't take out membership or Triallist forms for the event. High level of non compliance which has gone on for a long time and this can no longer be tolerated.

MH recommends that the Board withdraw their compliance for Canoe Polo comps and not endorse their comps

Series risk issue as we can't name who is at the event. Non members and people are not documented.

Canoe Polo committee don't enforce membership and it opens PV up to too many risks.

VL commented that she feels the Board all agree that if you are not a member you shouldn't be allowed to enter a competition.

BD raised the concern that its not an easy solution on Just Go/ Go Membership.

All agreed that this has to have a consequence. Its been happening for too long!

ACTION : Needs to be sorted out in 6 months – with Nationals on the horizon

Direct Membership – MH will be raised with PA at the Paddling forum

Bad message to our clubs. WS / MH will raise Paddle Vic not supporting Direct membership.

Endorsing new club request MP Paddlers – Jon Ford

PA looking at what constitutes a club and are looking at small clubs that cost the same and are not attracting new members.

PV in the future will have stricter rules surrounding new clubs forming .

Jon Ford wanting to form a new club to encourage juniors to sprint racing

Approved MP paddlers (Mornington Peninsula)

ACTION : RM to let Jon Ford know and send a letter of welcome to him.

Disabled Paddling Funding

MH has been running with this funding and has run a forum at Bendigo CC.

They took equipment and coaches up to Bendigo and spoke to local coaches.

MH will be going to Yarrowonga and Patterson Lakes and spreading the capacity to all the clubs to encourage the ability to support disabled/ all ability paddlers at all the clubs.

Being supported by Paddle Vic and funding is for recreational paddling and not high performance.

MH initiated discussions with PA to allow families with disabled adult children to be part of family membership. (Shepparton CC)

PA willing to refund families who have been charged the full price.

8. Financials – Loaded into Sharepoint.

To be discussed next meeting.

Membership financials need to be looked at along with Membership numbers.

WS closed the Board Business part of the meeting.

MH left.

9. Other Business

Discussion surrounding the issue on a Board Members misconduct allegations

The Membership Protection Policy was highlighted, outlining the points covering the decision the Board had taken.

All agreed to this

All in agreement that the processes have been followed and the Board member will be removed from the Board

This action will need to be reported at the AGM.

Meeting closed at **9.40pm**

10. Next Meeting

Tuesday 17th May 2022