

# Minutes

Ivanhoe Northcote Canoe Club Committee  
Meeting held  
**Thursday 20 March, 2014 at 7.30 p.m.**

<b>Meeting opened</b>	7:30pm Minutes taken by: Gill					
<b>Members Present:</b>	<b>Committee Member</b>	<b>Present</b>	<b>Apology</b>	<b>Committee Member</b>	<b>Present</b>	<b>Apology</b>
	Laurie Chenoweth	✓		Greg Kerr	✓	
	Candice Charles	✓		Vic Langley	✓	
	Daniel Tencic		x	Olivia Myers	✓	
	Ken Guthrie	✓		Geoff Baird	✓	
	Gill Hilton	✓		Rob Godwin	✓	
<b>Minutes of Previous Meeting</b>	Accepted as a true and correct record of proceedings.					
<b>Business Arising</b>	•					

## Special discussion – Clubhouse improvements

Brian Smith (project manager) attended from council. Under Disability Discrimination Act, Council is required to bring all buildings to 'specification' which includes providing access for people with a disability. Brian presented preliminary 'spec' plans which included ramped access to existing main entry, extension of front of clubhouse path south to join existing 'road', proposed accessible toilet facilities in old Caretakers area, and renewal of drainage system at front of clubhouse. Council is concerned with the building only, surrounding land is Parks and apparently Parks are not concerned about meeting access regulations.

Committee raised several immediate issues:

- Proposed ramp blocks access to double doors and renders majority of outdoor space difficult and unsafe to use (ie if navigating with boats)
- Making building accessible does not bring into consideration the users of the clubhouse nor the surrounding environment– and the purpose of the club being canoeing – and therefore illogical and a poor use of funds.
- Proposed use of caretakers would negate clubs plan to review boat storage – with the preferred option of using this area to increase capacity

Therefore the Committee took the opportunity to raise profile of the clubs aims to improve facilities – including increase of storage. Described preferred options to Brian, also raised options such as open slab – roof of bunker.

Action: Brian to continue to work with his team at council to revise plans and meet again with committee in a month. (Brian then left)

Significant discussion followed. Committee frustrated by lack of consultation, lack of apparent disregard to the purpose of the club and disrespect to community members (who may have a disability – be able to get in the clubhouse but not be able to get to the water). Frustrations aside, the committee recognised that this was an opportunity to lobby council for the changes that would improve our facility. Candice and Lawrie to consider meeting with Stuart from Council to discuss.

### **President's report**

- Marathon has instructed clubs to have two 'stand up banners' to erect at race meets. John Young has presented a design. CC offered to assist with design particularly around fonts, also to suggest double sided – will contact John.
- Raised several boat related issues – see Boat Captain report

### **Treasurer Report**

- GB sought clarification on budget structure. (query was PDF related)
- CC has reviewed budget against previous year. Less income from coaching courses but more coaching cost (related to support of junior program and increase of coaches fees). Need to make sure that courses have enough people to make them worthwhile. Balancing out cost of running course and how much income they bring in, CC suggested that ideally to aim for a minimum of 8 people per course. Also raised that equivalent programs (such as CV come and try) are cheaper. Possible to consider an increase of coaching costs in the next financial year. LC also raised possibility of tapping into small grants to help offset costs. KG suggested if to raise fees need appropriate number of coaches (for quality experience). GK reinforced challenges of managing the beginners courses to make sure attendance rates consistent.

### **Coaching**

- **Come N Try**
  - Thanks to everyone who assisted on Come n Try days. Very successful. 20-25 people attended the second day including a couple of councillors. Had BBQ.
- Upcoming beginner's course 29<sup>th</sup> March will be the last course for the season. Vic/Liv to post note on website alerting people to this.

### **Uniform**

- No report

### **Boat Captain**

- Three K2s have recently been repaired
- 2<sup>nd</sup> hand Vajda K2 up for sale – LC had a look but may not suit as a club boat. \$3800. Might be worth purchasing and spending \$ on redoing rigging so more user friendly
- Discussed again the need for 'skinny' K1s for members (particularly younger) who are looking to move out of rebel but not sure what kind of boat to use – LC still looking
- Rob G suggested a second hand TK2 kevlar that is up for sale at Patterson Lakes
- TK2 supertourer is on order – discussed if hasn't started being made the second hand Kevlar would be a better option. Rob G to follow up. Peter Mc to convert seats to marathon and send CC invoice.
- LC mentioned has 2<sup>nd</sup> hand double minke for sale if club were interested.
- GK requesting purchase of longer paddles. Increasing number of new paddlers/members who are taller. GH offered to donate 2 x 2<sup>nd</sup> hand paddles (approx. 118).
- Lawrie suggested again adding a super wide TK1 to fleet for heavier, taller, wider paddlers. All agreed. Greg to follow up with Capacity Sports.

### **Clubhouse coordinator**

- 29<sup>th</sup> March working bee – Candice to email, Vic/Liv to post on website
  - Fix racks down near landing
  - Temporary racks to be installed
  - Carpet racks (internal)
  - Boat auction (old boats)
  - Remove glass cabinets
  - ?carpet racks in shed of shame
  - Council supposed to do gutters

Drainage works will be carried out over next month, this will be a significant disruption for members. Vic/Liv to post notice on website informing members same.

#### **Website/Communications report**

- No new details to report

#### **Enrolment Officer**

- Orientations:
  - March Rob Godwin – 11.30 16<sup>th</sup> and 30<sup>th</sup>
  - April Lawrie – 1pm
  - May Vic
  - June Liv
- Current enrolment 376 members.
- MLC have now paid both instalments of agreed fee plus CV component. CC will communicate with MLC that next year's fee will be \$4000 and the kids to be registered on time.
- KG to bring proposed 2014/15 fee structure to next meeting. Brief discussion about fees in relation to own boat versus club boat. Discussion noting history and current pressures/expectations of membership.

#### **General business**

- Issue over summer following Yarra Council programs in Ampitheatre where Bunker toilet facilities have been open to public. On several occasions facilities have been left in poor state. Rob G suggested possible problem with sewerage. CC suggested she and LC meet with council about this and a range of other issues as mentioned earlier.

#### **Meeting Closed 9.30 pm**

Next committee meeting Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> April 7.30pm