

# Minutes

## Ivanhoe Northcote Canoe Club Committee

Meeting held  
Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> September 2016 at 7.30pm

<b>Meeting opened</b>	7:39 pm Minutes taken by: Vic					
<b>Members Present</b>		<b>Present</b>	<b>Apology</b>		<b>Present</b>	<b>Apology</b>
	Lawrie Chenoweth		☐	Greg Kerr	☐	
	Candice Charles	☐		Vic Langley	☐	
	Rob Godwin	☐		Olivia Myers		☐
	Ken Guthrie	☐		Geoff Baird	☐	
	Gill Hilton		☐	Sally Miller	☐	
<b>Minutes of Previous Meeting</b>	August 2016 minutes accepted as true and correct representation of the meeting by Sally Miller, seconded by Rob Godwin					

### President's report/clubhouse (Laurie)

- No report

### Treasurer's Report (Candice)

- Report circulated prior to meeting
- CC explained breakdown of costs in relation to use of facilities, rising club costs etc., focussing on organisational membership for Camberwell and MLC in addition to school fees paid

**Previous Action: LC to get official response from boathouse by next meeting.**

**Previous Action: Committee to decide on model and boat size pending boathouse response.**

#### **ACTIONS HELD OVER UNTIL NEXT MEETING**

- RE: actions from previous meeting regarding Clubhouse Development
  - Canoeing Victoria have written a letter of support for INCC, Lawrie has meeting next week and will see if anything else can be done
  - Rob queried why funding keeps being rejected – Lawrie to quiz council as to why the submission was declined so we can make improvements to increase approval chances

**Action: LC to quiz council on why our submission keeps being dropped**

**Action: All to consider possible high profile person for 'recreational paddling media story'**

### Coaching (Greg)

- Need to get something up on website about the upcoming coaching courses for summer – don't want to plan courses for weekends where races will be on and lots of boats taken

- Greg will block out programs until April next year and start organising coaches to commit to these
- A particular individual wishes to become a member with a FOB and has demonstrated paddle competency but is not able to empty a boat safely. Greg has advised them to contact an INCC coach to observe this skill and sign off – she has yet to pay membership fees so this will need to be checked prior to handing out a FOB
- Geoff mentioned an enquiry from a 15 year old that is keen to join but is a beginner. Since there are no courses on at this time of year Greg suggested he can pay the fees for the Beginner's Course but is absorbed into the Sunday morning sessions (9-11am). This is not in preference to running a Beginner's Course, but is to meet the demand over the cooler months

**Action: GK to send CC course dates to put on website**

#### **Boat Captain (Rob)**

- Two boats with Lawrie being repaired
- Letters for Carol have been written but are not being sent until the boat stickers have been put on the boats and 'promo pics' have been taken

**From previous: LC to get INCC boat stickers**

#### **Clubhouse Coordinator (Rob)**

- Rob brought up existing issue of knocking walls out of back room and re-doing electrical wiring – Candice suggested it is not wise for INCC to pay for action ourselves but there is the question of how many years will we have to wait until the council change the building to make it more useful for us. Council have obligations for "necessary maintenance" which isn't really wall-knocking. It might be worth INCC pushing for a partial payment (at least) by council to keep their attention drawn to the old club facilities. Rob estimates after-wall-knocking repairs and patches would be around \$5,500
- Rob is happy to do the strengthening work in the roof which doesn't require a lot of money spent. Difficult to know what to do here because the roof definitely needs to be done when the renovation happens, but they may not happen for a long time. Geoff suggests if we do things to improve storage then it's good, but if it's improving the building Ken suggests to leave it as a strategic method, though he objects to the principle of sitting around doing nothing when it needs doing. Rob suggests a vote as to whether to proceed or not proceed. Suggestion to get rid of the couch, move the ergo from the main room into the back room. Rob says there is no asbestos in the back room (despite stickers which say otherwise) so removal of rooms should be fine. Greg suggests the issue of the wiring really needs to come from the council, it is their maintenance and safety issue. Need to be careful any pushing doesn't make the council shut that end of the building entirely. Geoff suggests we need to work out what to do with the space before we start whacking walls. Rob to look at what we would do if we got the space, draw up some ideas and talk to the council again, Geoff to assist. Will revisit next meeting

**Action: RG and GB to draw up some ideas for use of space at end of club and present at next meeting**

- Cleared the blockage in ladies showers and new shower heads have been put in most cubicles. They are wonderful. Thank you Rob for getting on to this so promptly
- More sealing of ingress by the possums has been completed (doorway with fridge, bbq old storage area in corners and other side on that wall) – one more hole in ladies bathroom to be done next time
- Emptied old hot water service in prep for doing the work in the ceiling
- Tidy up of committee room is needed, Rob will create some shelves and hopefully we can get everything off the floors

### **Enrolment Officer/rack report (Geoff)**

- Report circulated prior to meeting
- Geoff organised a hoist to get boats into high racks
- Double boat belonging to non-financial member was removed, the member has since renewed but as per the boat rules, they are now at the bottom of the waiting list to store this double
- Carried over from last meeting re: Canadian paddler membership refund after December, decision postponed to next meeting.  
background: A Canadian paddler has joined INCC but is only here until December – Geoff proposes to refund her less than 25% Of her membership once her visa expires in December.

**Action: Follow up refund decision at next meeting**

### **Website/Communications report (Candice)**

- No report.

### **General business**

- INCC Spring Picnic Paddle: Sally and Geoff reconnoitred along Wilson Reserve (up the rapids, around the corner to where the big wide left corner is and get out there, on the left bank is Wilson Reserve). If the river is not an appropriate height there are options for a quick portage around the rapids. Seems to be support from MLC from casual chats, they think it is a good idea. Sally suggests perhaps Saturday November 5<sup>th</sup> at a time a bit later in the morning and have a spring racing theme to wear your fascinators! WSilson Reserve has relatively easy access for cars (e.g to put food in which meets us at the park)
- John Young's Goulburn race (mini marathon in preparation for marathon) – looks like it may be a social paddle. Sally to check with John to see if there is anything the committee can support and we can do our best to fill what's needed

**Action: SM to follow up Goulburn Race status with John Young**

- Ken will be an apology for the next 2 meetings

### **Annual General Meeting**

- Vic spoke with Alphington Bowls Club about venue hire for Friday 28 or Sat 29 October, Friday nights are no go but we can book the 29<sup>th</sup>. Candice suggested that Saturday night might be difficult and Thursday night last year didn't seem to be a popular hit so we should stick with a Friday night
- Candice suggested mixing up the format of the AGM so we have almost casual BBQ style first and then AGM meeting afterwards to entice more people to come
- Geoff suggested approaching the council about where to hold our AGM – possibly even the football pavilion across the park from INCC
- VL to contact Yarra Council regarding booking of pavilion for Friday 4<sup>th</sup> due to Melbourne cup weekend. Notice for AGM is 1 month. VL to check with Candice and Lawrie to see if this date suits.
- Candice to send out promo and communications with club
- Reka confirmed that she is happy to coordinate INCC members competing at Marathon World Champs to speak at AGM. CC suggested mixing up the format this year so it isn't a straight repeat of last year.
- Vic should check with Lawrie this week to see what progress has made regarding speakers (e.g. AJ Reynolds) and awards with John Young
- Local councillors to be invited (maybe even get some press there?). Candice to talk to

councillors

- Other things to do: Committee re-nomination forms, call for new committee nominations
- Current committee members to approach one INCC member each who would be good committee candidates, would be great to have some younger people

**Action: VL to contact Yarra Council regarding booking for pavillion on Friday 4th November.Action:**

**Action (pending date confirmation): CC to send out AGM save the date**

**Action (pending date confirmation): CC to send invitations to councillors**

**Action (pending date confirmation): VL follow up speaker status with LC**

**Action: All to approach an INCC members to float the idea of joining the committee**

**Action: VL to have discussion with Reka regarding presentation format**

### **Meeting Close**

The meeting closed at 9.09pm

Next committee meeting Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> October 7.30pm