

## Minutes of the Pāpāmoa SLSC AGM For the meeting held on 30<sup>th</sup> July 2023

Meeting opened at 2.00pm

**Present:** Jim Pearson, Mason Bollee, Ailsa Cowdrey, Matthew Billett, David Cowdrey, Sandra Boubee, Jo Miller, James Keer-Keer, Micheal Leach, Matthew Davoren, Mathew Bowling, Radleigh Cairns, Andrew King, Amanda King, Stephen Law, Rebecca Silvester, Clare Pearson, Maramara Mateparae, Jamie Mardon, Stephanie Mardon, Sue Matthews, Steve Matthews, Naomi Davoren, Jack Bullock, Matthew Strange, Marg Cosgriff, Georgia Davoren, Bella Davoren, Ian Lee, Phil Gillbanks, Stu Stevensen  
*Minute Taker - Rebecca Silvester*

**Apologies:** Jake Cowdrey, Nikki Heatley, Keith Miller, Ross Merrett, John Wooley, Lynda Hitchfield, Andrew Hitchfield, Shaun Smith

In opening Jim acknowledged the passing of Chad Wheeler. Jim noted that Chad had lived a full life and it was amazing what he had achieved in his 31 years. He was a member of the Papamoia IRB team, raced all over the world and was a world champion. Chad also did a lot of IRB development work. Jim extended his and the wider club's condolences to the family. Jim highlighted our peer support team – Ailsa Cowdrey, Kathryn Stewart and Shaun Smith – and encouraged anyone to reach out if they need help. He also encouraged people to ask each other if they are ok.

### **Last Year's Minutes**

Acceptance of last year's AGM minutes to be true and correct.

*Moved: Radleigh Cairns*

*Seconded: Andrew King*

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### **2022 / 2023 Financial Report Director of Finance - Mat Bowling**

Overall 2022/2023 has been a pleasing year and the Club continues to remain in strong financial position. Mat noted that we are in a privileged position to have received a number of grants this year including TECT, Lion Foundation, Bay Trust and NZC and that we need to ensure we continue to utilise these funds for the upkeep of the club's equipment.

We are equally well supported from our sponsors which is reflected in a well stocked surf sports gear shed. We have seen a few sponsors leave as the economy went through a low patch following Covid but we are fortunate that additional sponsors have now come on board.

Looking ahead we are in a favourable position. The further we get away from Covid, the busier the function side of things has become which gives us good revenue through the club bar and enables us to stay on top of equipment upgrades.

The Board are keen to ensure the balance is right in terms of ensuring the upkeep of the venue is at a high standard but also passing income returns to members, for example providing discount event entry fees. Committees can request discounts from the Board. Mat is also working hard to ensure that funds are continually set aside for the future upkeep of the property.

Mat passed on thanks from the Board to the office staff who do a fantastic job of the venue hire management.

Jim noted that we are very fortunate to have Mat on the Board giving a pragmatic view to our finances.

Acceptance of Financial Report as true and correct.

*Moved – Matthew Billet*

*Carried forward - members*

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## **2022 / 2023 Annual Report**

### **Chairpersons Report**

#### **Board Chair – Jim Pearson**

It was very pleasing to have a full season of both Junior Surf and Surf Sports coming out of the post Covid world. We continued to deliver on our mission and there were no drownings between the flags.

Thank you to our sponsors. Jim would like to encourage everyone to support those who support us – we can't do it without our sponsors. With new sponsors coming on board it's a credit to all members and the staff who keep the message out there.

Thank you to the office staff – Nikki, Steph, Rebecca, Jake and Jack. No two weeks are the same so it's a credit to the team who continue to adapt in the constantly changing world.

Jim thanked the other Board members as well as Andrew Hitchfield as President and noted that we are very fortunate to have the depth of experience and knowledge in the team.

Jim encouraged all members to feedback on how things are going so we can keep evolving and growing as a club. "The biggest gift you can give is your time - don't underestimate the impact it has. Take the time to thank the people around you."

Jim noted that it's not just lifeguarding volunteer hours that count, we input well over 10,000 volunteer hours as an organization if you include coaches, managers, officials etc.

### **Lifeguarding**

#### **Director of Lifeguarding – Matt Davoren**

There are some big numbers in the report and Matt said they are very proud. "Thank you to all lifeguards and patrol support – the club appreciates all that you do."

Matt highlighted that we are Club of the Year and everyone can pat themselves on the back. Matt thanked Marama for writing the Lifeguarding report and the committee for their ongoing commitment, as well as the sponsors for their ongoing support.

The Western Bay SAR squad has started really well with lots of buy in from all the local clubs and they are offering training throughout the winter which our people are involved in.

### **Surf Sports**

#### **Committee Chair – Radleigh Cairns**

We've had a great season with a full calendar of carnivals and good numbers in juniors and seniors. Radleigh noted that we are really building something exciting. Thank you to the sponsors – "it's great to have all the new equipment."

Thank you to Jack and Jake who continue to do a fantastic job and build a very positive culture in the team. The team is also well supported by the office staff, parents and volunteers.

Thank you to all the committee members.

Radleigh congratulated those who got awards this season and especially Natalie Peat who continues to be our international flag bearer.

Our Masters team is continuing to grow and it was great to see Naomi and Sandy doing so well in Christchurch.

## **Junior Surf**

### **Director of Junior Surf – Matthew Billett**

Thank you to the committee co-Chairs Nikki Heatley and Anna McFadden. Thank you also to Matthew Strange who coordinates the Sunday sessions.

Thank you to our JS sponsors.

It's great to see new committee members coming on board and thank you to all the volunteer coaches and parent lifeguards. This season we had a number of parents upskill and become lifeguards and we now have 14 parent lifeguards which is awesome.

We had some weather issues throughout the season but in our end of year survey 90% of people said would be returning so that's really positive.

We had over 300 athletes at our Papamoa Carnival and the Club Champs also went really well. Jack continues to work hard on our development programmes as well so thank you to Jack.

## **Health and Safety**

### **Director of Health and Safety – Michael Leach**

Jim asked Michael to say a few words around Health and Safety as it has come a long way this year.

Michael said H&S is at the core of everything we do. He acknowledged Jack & Jake who have stepped up with year and added H&S to all training. Michael noted that it is everyone's task to look after H&S and that the club was in a good position.

## **Awards**

Jim noted that the recent Eastern Region Awards had been a big success, not only with Club of the Year but with the variety of people who won awards – we have a lot to be proud of.

Acceptance of Annual Report as true and correct.

*Moved – Matthew Billett*

*Carried forward - members*

## **Confirmation of New Life Members**

Dave Cowdrey

Matt Davoren

Ross Merrett

Jim thanked that Life Members who were there and noted that it takes a huge amount of giving to become a life member and so thanked them for their ongoing service to the club.

## **Election of Board and President**

Six nominations for Board received:

Jim Pearson

Mathew Bowling

Matthew Davoren

Matthew Billett

Michael Leach

Jo Miller

One nomination for President received:

Andrew Hitchfield

No objections to these nominations so these were accepted as the Board members and President for the period 1/08/2023 - 31/07/2024.

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### **General Business**

Matthew Billet thanked Jim as Chair on behalf of the Board and wider club members. "Jim does a great job of leading the club along with Andrew. A hell of a lot of work goes on behind the scenes that no one sees, so thank you for all your efforts."

In closing Jim noted that everyone should be very proud to be part of a volunteer organisation that spans 5 year olds to 75 year olds.

Meeting closed at 2.30pm