



# Minutes

Annual General Meeting of Tamarama Surf Life Saving Club Inc.

Sunday 16 July 2017, 2pm, Club House, 1a Pacific Avenue, Tamarama

Attendees: Danny Adams, Philippa Ardlie, Steven Bell, Bruce Bouchard, Phil Capps, Warwick Clout, Michael Dixon, Peter Gallagher, John Hall, Rex Hatton, Henry Hourihan, Sue Jackson, John Lackey, Alice Lang, David Lee, Troy Longworth, Holly Love, Andres Mafla Salgado, Aymeric Maudos, Dick Sheldon, Rob Page, Clive Owens, Tim Murray, Bill Shires, Tom Veit, Isabella Veals, Marilee Tamasy, Paul Murphy, John Proctor, Alan Sheldon, Bob Wormleaton, Mieka White, Guy Waddell, Ellie Pietsch, David Murphy, Aryan Shahabi-Sirjani, Ben McMullin, Alex Michelet, Jo Miller. Keith Grima (SLS Sydney)

**1. Acknowledgement of Country**

The President acknowledged the Gadigal and Bediagal people traditionally occupied the Sydney Coast including the land on which the clubhouse sits. The President paid our respects to the Elders both past and present and extended the respect to Indigenous Australian present today.

**2. Welcome by the President**

Thank you for coming, great to see so many people here

**3. Attendance and guests**

The President welcomed Keith Grima, Director of Admin at SLS Sydney and welcomed other present including Henry Hourihan, Patron TSLSC, Life Members & Members

**4. Apologies**

John Hancock, Mark Larmour, Greg Bell, John Bell, Greg Broome, John Shand, Ken Eastment,, Hugh French, Max Martin

**5. Lifesavers prayer**

Read and acknowledged. 1 minute silence for all those who have passed away during the past year.

**6. Minutes of the 110<sup>th</sup> AGM 17 July 2017**

Moved Sandra Fox

Second Steven Bell

Accepted

**7. Adoption of the 11<sup>th</sup> Annual Report**



Addendum – Doug MacDonald Life member 23 June

Corrections - John Lackey listed twice

Dick Sheldon noted Heather Jex missing from report (Associate)

Moved Tim Murray

Second James Gray

Accepted

**8. Adoption of the financial statements for year ended 30 April and appointment of the auditor for financial statements for year ended 30 April 2018**

A letter was presented by the Auditor advising that the audit was underway. Draft financials were available for members to review on the day. When audit complete, report will be circulated to members via website

Discussion re an SGM to review accounts when audited

Steven Bell – motion to hold an SGM

Seconded John Lackey

Accepted

**9. Reports of club office bearers**

**10. Elections of Club officers**

- a. Club President – Tim Murray (unopposed)
- b. Deputy Club President – Troy Longworth (unopposed)
- c. Club Captain – Danny Adams (unopposed)
- d. Secretary – Alice Lang (unopposed)
- e. Treasurer – Matt Napier (unopposed)
- f. Chief Instructor – Ellie Pietsch (unopposed)
- g. Junior Activity Director – Guy Waddell (unopposed)

**11. Confirm life membership for Richard Simpson**

Congratulated R Simpson on his 50 year service

**12. Presentation of the life member pins and service pins**

Life Member pins have been created following feedback received by MC



Those Life Members in attendance were presented with their pins  
Warwick Clout was presented with his 25 year service pin.

### 13. Consideration of the proposed rule changes

Membership fees as proposed

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| Against | What is the justification? Nothing to offer new members<br>Other clubs do this when the building is started<br>Other clubs are already charging this price and have more to offer<br>Could there be a financial hardship consideration by the committee<br>Building is not being maintained, money should be spent on maintenance<br>This increase will increase income by \$15k, but this isn't very much in comparison to high overheads<br>Club is not watertight |
| Support | Committee prioritises safety for essential repairs<br>Proposal retains Taramama at or below other clubs with similar facilities<br>Very reasonable fee for joining a sports club   |

Move Guy Waddell

Second Ellie Pietsch

Carried

Proposed rule changes

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| For | Important to change things that don't marry up – rules about membership timing and annual membership form need to be simplified<br><br>Differentiating cadet and bronze medallion member in terms of years of service to attain Reserve Active (current rules imply year count from when you receive your SRC)<br><br>Person under 18 cannot hold office<br><br>Does not affect structure<br><br>It is fixing up things that are discriminatory |
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Tightening up life membership

Shouldn't be allowed that committee only needs 15 people to call an SGM

Life membership should be about service in the club, not in the community

Associates shouldn't be allowed to run the club, should be bronze medallion members

Judiciary committee should be independent, it is a conflict of interest if an active member is on the committee, ie not natural justice

Should be a limit on the number of associate members, ie 50%

Bring the club in line with the SLSA rules

Need to know who the members are before the start of the season

Members should know what the current rules are

Document was circulated 21 days ago, so no excuse for anyone not to be informed. All member should know the rules backwards.

Nothing under handed going on in terms of the proposal

Against amendments as written make changes to rules difficult to understand and interpret

2014 rules are current after a long consultation

Process to changes was not inclusive or consultative

No opportunity put forward feedback or suggestion

Should go through a process with members to provide feedback

Proposed changes are not necessarily legal, allowing under 18s to vote

It looks very complicated and it seems like we are proposing that life membership can only happen after 10 years service at MC

We need to know & understand what we're putting through

A lot of changes proposed without explanation

Hard to make an opinion because hard to compare

Move Clive Owens

Second Paul Cooper

Secret ballot

FOR 13

AGAINST 24



Good points raised during discussion and before next AGM and will look into issues

Keith Grima was the returning officer

The ballot papers were destroyed immediately

#### **14. Other business**

##### **1) Paul Murphy**

December 2014 purchase of boat and related equipment.

\$14,000 was paid by his company – Paul maintains that a receipt was not provided at the time from the club

Personal impact – with fraud investigation

In February 2017 Paul asked for a receipt and asserted / asked

1. money was paid to club
2. where did the money go
3. has not received information from management committee

President (Tim Murray) will provide information within a week to Paul with a view to resolving.

2) Heather Jex missing in the annual report for 3 years, has been Financial – request that this not be missed again.

##### **3) Water Proofing of Building**

Point made that we need to maintain what we've got, repair and replace and make it look decent

Point made that the committee authorises spend on essential items in priority order taking into account the numerous items that come up and limited funds especially while we are fundraising. Report back at next SGM on costs.

Moved Sandra Fox

Second Phil Capps

Carried

##### **4) Breakdown administration expenses**

Question asked re more detail in admin costs

Answer is that the cost of the Fundraiser equates to this cost. Subject to privacy considerations more information can be provided.

##### **5) Deceased life members**



Request from the floor that when the club is advised of the passing of Life Members that the membership be advised.

#### 8) Audit Fees

Why are there significant costs for Audit? Audit was done for free previously, accredited auditor is > \$4000. If anyone is or knows an accredited auditor who will do this for free then please let the committee know.

Mail costs observed to be high. Question re could members please opt of postal mail out to be discussed at SGM as a rule change.

#### 9) Club Records to be stored at Waverley Council Archives

Request to investigate whether the committee minutes, AGM minutes and annual reports are lodged at Waverley council.

Move Clive Owens

Second Steven Bell

Not carried

Minutes are on Google Drive maintained by the Committee.

#### 10) Vote of Thanks to Bill Shires

Acknowledgement of 12 years of incredible commitment and service. Bill noted that he will be remaining within club and devoting time and effort on capital campaign

Proposed Troy Longworth

Second Mieka white

Carried

Keith Grima spoke at the conclusion of the meeting

Congratulations extended to Tim Murray. Congratulations to Bill

Thank you to all Tamarama Lifesavers from SLS Sydney. 86 rescues in 2016-17. If we were not on patrol, lives would have been lost. Thank you for that work. Congratulate committee on producing the annual report. Trends at Tamarama are positive. Presentation night and community migrant water safety day fantastic events. impressed most of all by commitment from a lot of young keen members enthusiastic about job doing, totally committed. Future is looking bright for club. SLS Sydney stands ready to assist wherever we can/ Thank you and congratulations.

Meeting concluded.

At the conclusion of the meeting, a detailed update on progression of the Capital Fundraising campaign was conducted for those members who chose to stay and be informed of the status. The session was run by Andrew Farley and supported by the Management Committee.



